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**Good practice in the Port of Nantes Saint-Nazaire :
the one-sto-shop facility for the regulatory require-
ments in Montoir de Bretagne**

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The one-stop facility for the regulatory requirements in Montoir de Bretagne

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(3) Good practice general information

The Port is located in Western France which is the heart of the french "food factory". The agri-foodstuffs volume of the Port of Nantes Saint-Nazaire amounts to 4.5 Mt in 2019. The one-stop-shop facility for regulatory requirements is therefore necessary for meeting the sustainable performance of the agri-food industry. It facilitates health checks and customs inspections of cargo inspections of cargo consignments arriving from non EU countries and to carry out import checks on organic products. It officially opened in October 2019.



(4) Good practice detailed information

- **Short summary of the practice**

The new one-stop-shop facility was designed with all the stakeholders in order to both improve the regulatory procedures and ease the operating process of the container terminal. The challenge was to design a facility suited to future, both in terms of container volumes increase and of regulatory evolution.

- **Short description of the local situation**

The one-stop-shop facility is located in the largest container terminal of the Pays de la Loire and, by large, on the French Atlantic Seaboard. With a total of about 200,000 teus a year, the terminal is a gate for both import and export flows of the Western France economy, with a great share of agri-food industry.

- **Detailed information on the practice**

The one-stop-shop facility in Montoir replace a former one which was progressively outdated. The building was built in 1988; extended as PIF-PEC in 1994 and 2003, the previous facility was step by step no more suited to the EU regulatory requirements. The SIVEP (Service d'Inspection Vétérinaire et Phytosanitaire aux frontières) concept was set up in 2008 and lead to map on the national territory a limited number of one-stop-shop facilities in order to better protect european citizens and companies, without hampering the free trade principles the UE follows.

A SIVEP had then to be set up in the Port and the operational project started really in 2016 and the first decision was to keep the location of the SIVEP inside the container terminal due to the fact that the main checks are dealing with import containerized goods. It was agreed too that the Customs could use the premises for their missions. Thanks to this location, the goods have not to be cleared before being checked and the forwarders backed this measure.



Location of the one-stop-facility in Montoir de Bretagne



Source : GPMNSN

The second issue was the operational design of the facility in order to take into account increasing volumes and/or new regulations. This design led to a 825 m² modifiable building, including 200 m² of administrative space, with 3 berths for trucks (or terminal tugs) delivering the import containers to be checked. The current volume is about 2.000 containers checked per year.

View of the 2.6 M€ one-stop-shop facility in Montoir (Terminal du Grand Ouest)



Source : GPMNSN



- **Resources needed**

The practice needs time to be completed : the project started really in 2016 with a funding agreement between Central Government, the Pays de la Loire Regional Authority, Saint-Nazaire Urban Area District Authority and Saint-Nazaire Port Authority. It was covered by the 2015-2020 Central Government – Regional Government planning agreement.

The practice needs a convenient location in the terminal, which land is owned by the Port Authority. It needed to select an operator for the handling of the containers to be checked. This was awarded to the container terminal operator, TGO (Terminal du Grand Ouest).

- **Timescale**

Start : March 2016 : decision to build the new one-stop-facility in Montoir

End : October 2019 : official opening of the building

- **Evidence of success (results achieved)**

The one-stop-facility is now one year old and the Port Authority and the other stakeholders decide to conduct a first satisfaction survey, through meetings and operational data analysis.

The facility contributes directly to the reduction of CO₂ emissions, as the import containers have not to leave the terminal in order to be checked.

- **Potential for learning or transfer**

The practice learnings are various : the main one is that this issue implies both administrations and business companies, and that regulations are the rules. It implies therefore a good understanding of the physical flows, of trucks or terminal tugs, in order to ease the process and not to hinder the terminal performance.



- **Recommendations for implementation in other ports**

The main recommendation for ports is to take into account both a good design, a good location in order to decrease CO₂ emissions due these procedures. The participation to all the stakeholders, administrations and port industry companies from the beginning is necessary.

- **Further information**

<http://www.nantes.port.fr/actualites/?a=1331&L=1>

- **Keywords related to your practice**

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