

The new European Union Customs Code: impacts on trade flows between Switzerland and the EU

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Speakers and Testimonial



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Before joining the Agency, he worked as a Transfer Pricing Advisor in the Tax Treaty and Transfer Pricing Unit of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development ("OECD"), where he was involved in the introduction of the new Chapter IX of the OECD Transfer Pricing Guidelines concerning business restructurings. He led or co-led more than 20 events for the OECD Outreach Unit in the area of transfer pricing for a number of tax administrations of non-OECD economies.

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