

## **Keynote: William Engelen**

### ***“Real Customs Modernization: A Challenge for the Future”***

Mr. William Engelen, EU Customs & International Trade Compliance Manager, Momentive Specialty Chemicals B.V. will – as a member of the International Trade Council of Dutch Shippers’ Council EVO – reflect on the present state of reform of the European Customs legislation. He will speak more in detail of two trade facilitation issues included in the present legal proposal (Centralized Clearance and Single Window).

Looking at the time line and how the present legislative process is now unfolding and with the relative disappointing level of modernization included in the present proposals, Mr. Engelen will conclude with a firm plea for a business driven initiative (OptiChain) aiming at 25% reduction of transaction costs in international trade in 2020.

### ***About the author:***

William Engelen (MCTA) brings a wide spread experience from the shippers and forwarding industries. Starting on a brokerage department of a forwarding company, moving to border customs clearance the interest in logistics drove the carrier to export management in broader aspects. After being a Transport Planner Manager this lead to the position of ‘super-user’ for implementations of Enterprise Replenishment Systems, specialized in Sales and Distribution. This included all transportation documentation and automation of Customs related processes and procedures.

The last challenge has been the implementation of a Duty Management System which included a wide variety of economic customs procedures like Preferential Origin, Inward Processing Relief, Processing under Customs Control, Excises and all communication to the authorities and customers.

Currently William Engelen is working for Momentive Specialty Chemicals B.V. in the position of EU Customs and Int. Trade Compliance Manager also being the Business Process Owner for EU Trade Compliance.