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Post-Brexit: the port of Calais is ready!

Calais - 2 April 2019: As part of post-Brexit, the port of Calais has invested 6 million euros in facilities to meet the new requirements for customs and/or sanitary and phytosanitary checks and inspections for goods passing through the port. The facilities for the SIVEP (Veterinary and Phytosanitary Inspection Service) and customs services were officially handed over this morning to the State services.

A platform in the heart of the cross-Channel terminal

Consisting of 6 loading bays for the VAPIS intended for the sanitary inspection of food products and plant checks, and 4 bays for customs controls and inspections, the platform is located as close as possible to the ship docking berths. As such, trucks to undergo checks or inspections will be directed directly to this platform as soon as they leave the ferries. The platform also has a parking area that can accommodate 50 HGVs.

This arrangement also features a livestock station for live animals (horses) and a refrigerated storage area, at the Paul Devot dock in the immediate vicinity of the port.

Given the importance of the Capecure market in Boulogne-sur-Mer - remember that it is the leading European centre for processing seafood products - trucks carrying goods from fishing (wild or farmed) from the United Kingdom can go to the SIVEP in Boulogne-sur-Mer as close as possible to the delivery and processing areas.

All these developments have been decided in consultation over many months between the port of Calais, the shipping companies and the State services.

Waiting areas for customs checks and inspections

Two zones have been created at the terminal to accommodate trucks waiting for customs clearance. The first, which will take heavy goods vehicles from landing berths 5, 6 and 7, will be able to accommodate up to 140 units simultaneously, while the second, with 50 parking spaces, is intended for heavy goods vehicles arriving at berths 8 and 9. Areas accommodating the customs services will be adjacent to these two zones. An office for the customs clerk will be located in these same premises and will offer its services for carriers to complete their formalities.

On the export side, customs clerks will also be available for carriers who have not completed their customs formalities. The offices and parking for nearly 180 trucks are located on the current "East port" near the intermodal terminal.

Jean-Marc Puissesseau, Chief Executive Officer of Port Boulogne Calais, comments: *"We announced in early 2019 that our port would be ready to face the challenges of a Brexit with no agreement, and we are indeed ready! All these facilities, coupled with the "dematerialised" border developed in full cooperation with the French customs services and the shipping companies, will help keep trucks flowing smoothly and best support our customers."*

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About Port Boulogne Calais

On 22 July 2015, the Port of Boulogne-sur-Mer and the Port of Calais became, under the Delegation of Public Service granted by the Hauts-de-France Region, the owner of these two ports, the single port "Port Boulogne Calais".

Operated by the Société d'Exploitation des Ports du Déroit (SEPD - Strait Ports Operation Company) whose head office is located in Calais, Port Boulogne Calais is a port platform covering the sites of Boulogne-sur-Mer and Calais. It is France's leading fishing port and leading passenger port, the second largest European port for ro-ro traffic (roll on-roll off) and leading European centre for the processing and marketing of seafood, and the third largest port in France for goods.

Under the public service delegation, the SEPD was entrusted with implementing the "Calais Port 2015" development project, which is expected to be commissioned in January 2021. Calais Port 2015 is one of the major French projects of the decade and 1st maritime project of the Juncker plan for priority infrastructure in the European Union.

The SEPD has entrusted the completion of this project to the Société des Ports du Déroit company.