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Dunkerque-Port, the Customs Departments of Dunkirk and Lille, the Cité des Entreprises and the Nord-Pas de Calais Transport and Logistics Club have signed **an agreement for the setup of a unit to assist SMEs**. The unit will help SMEs benefit from **the measures for deferred payment of VAT at import and other measures to simplify customs**, and inform them of the service offers in sea and overland transport in the Port of Dunkirk and the Nord-Pas de Calais region ■



On 15 and 17 June, Dunkerque-Port welcomed the **National School of Customs Officers** led by its Director, Mr Venot. The 150 trainee inspectors who will shortly hold positions of responsibility within the Customs administration visited the Port of Dunkirk and observed the privileged relations between the port (both the port authority and the port community) and the Regional Customs Department ■



VISIT FROM THE PORT OF LIÈGE (BELGIUM)

On 16 June 2010 a delegation from the Port of Liège, led by its General Director Emile-Louis Bertrand, visited Dunkerque-Port and **met the leading players of the Dunkirk port community**. This visit strengthened the already close links enjoyed by the two ports for many years (waterborne trade of steel products and heavy bulk traffics) ■



DUNKERQUE-PORT ADOPTS A NEW SIGNING SYSTEM

Dunkerque-Port is planning **a complete change to its directional signing system to improve accessibility**. The numerical signing system used in other European countries and certain French ports, most recently Le Havre, seems to offer a solution to the problems encountered in road signing for industrial port areas like Dunkirk. **This new experimental system is based on the numbering of all the port sites**. The port's territory has been divided into **4 geographic sectors served by 4 motorway interchanges**, which have been allocated blocks of numbers:

- Port 2000 to 3000
- Port 3000 to 4000
- Port 4000 to 7000
- Port 7000 to 9000

To ensure the overall coherence of this road signing, the project has been conducted



in close cooperation with all highway managers (Interdepartmental Highway Directorate, General Council and Dunkirk Urban Community) and local partners – including Dunkirk Post Office – so that road signing and the address system are closely meshed. **The allocation of numbers to all the companies installed in the port area involves changing their addresses**, to make the new system operational. Work to dismantle and reinstall the signing is expected to **start in September 2010 and the system should be operational in early 2011** ■

The Commercial Division of Dunkerque-Port attended the **3rd Annual Forum of Importers and Shippers of Fruits and Vegetables**, which was held in Paris on 15 June. The day allowed participants to discuss many topics, including cooperation with Ports. It was an opportunity for Dunkerque-Port to **present the development of Short Sea Shipping, which is now seen as a real alternative to the road for the sector, especially for Morocco and Russia, and soon Spain** ■

A «HEAVY LOAD» 70m LONG
A 500-T RISER CAISSON arrived at Freycinet 12 in the Eastern Port on 24 June. Loading is planned in early July for shipment to Abu Dhabi ■

