



**VACANCY NOTICE FOR A POST OF SECONDED NATIONAL EXPERT**

DG – Directorate – Unit	DG TAXUD - TAXUD.B.5 - Customs Tariff
Post number in sysper:	198923
Contact person:	Ms Lucia GRANELLI, Head of Unit
Provisional starting date:	1 <sup>st</sup> quarter 2025
Initial duration:	2 years
Place of secondment:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brussels <input type="checkbox"/> Luxemburg <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <a href="#">Click or tap here to enter text.</a>
Type of secondment	<input checked="" type="radio"/> With allowances <input type="radio"/> Cost-free
This vacancy notice is open to: <input checked="" type="radio"/> EU Member States as well as <input type="checkbox"/> The following EFTA countries: <input type="checkbox"/> Iceland <input type="checkbox"/> Liechtenstein <input type="checkbox"/> Norway <input type="checkbox"/> Switzerland <input type="checkbox"/> The following third countries: .... <input type="checkbox"/> The following intergovernmental organisations: ... <input type="radio"/> EFTA-EEA In-Kind agreement (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway)	
Deadline for applications	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 2 months <input type="radio"/> 1 month Latest application date: 27-01-2025

**Entity Presentation (We are)**

The Directorate General Customs and Taxation (DG TAXUD) mission is to promote fair and sustainable policies that generate revenue for the EU and its Member States and ensure that EU citizens and businesses benefit from global trade and a safe and secure Single Market protected at its borders.

The mission of Directorate B is to lead the strategy, planning and design of the digital agenda for EU customs and taxation policies, implement customs tariffs policies and contribute to launching the new Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) in the context of the Green Deal. The Directorate includes 130 staff with a good mix of officials, temporary and contract agents, national experts, all supported by 115 intra/extra muros and a very large number of contractors.

Within Directorate TAXUD.B, Unit B.5 "Customs Tariff" is a dynamic and motivated team of 45 people that coordinates an interesting and diverse set of activities: the management of the Common Customs Tariff - the cornerstone of the Customs Union - the implementation of tariff-related EU policy such as agricultural, industrial, or commercial policies, as well as the legislative action on autonomous tariff suspensions, quotas and duty reliefs. The Unit is also managing EU-wide databases related to the above, used by Member States and economic operators in their daily operations.

The unit applies a flexible approach with respect to work organisation, within the normal constraints of the work. The unit ensures integration of newcomers through mentoring and teamwork.

### **Job Presentation (We propose)**

We propose an interesting position as a seconded national expert for the Customs tariff classification of goods. The successful candidate will elaborate and contribute towards the definition of EU policies concerning customs classification in coordination with Member States, particularly via the Customs Code Committee. (S)he will represent the team, Unit, Directorate, Directorate General or the Commission in meetings, working groups, committees or other circles.

(S)he will advise and assist the Team Leader and the Head of Unit in their mission, and contribute to ensuring a uniform classification of goods, by following cases of divergent classification and under the supervision of the Commission official by preparing legislation such as Classification Regulations and Explanatory notes to the Combined Nomenclature. (S)he will prepare, conduct and respond to inter-service consultations on all relevant aspects of the team work and co-ordinate and monitor such activities with the units of the Directorate General, liaising with the relevant specialist Directorates General of the Commission (e.g. DG AGRI, GROW, TRADE, etc.), and undertaking, when necessary or useful, mediation or arbitration.

### **Jobholder Profile (We look for)**

We look for a proactive, well-organised and motivated colleague, with an experience in EU customs policy. The ideal candidate should be able to demonstrate good knowledge of the relevant legislation (including the Common Customs Tariff, Harmonised System Nomenclature, Combined Nomenclature). He/she should have good negotiation skills, high resilience and be ready to work and deliver expected quality outputs under pressure and tight deadlines. He/she should also have a very good oral and written communication skills, both for drafting documents (working documents, reports, but also minutes and similar) and for presenting oral contributions during meetings.

Very good knowledge of English is essential. Knowledge of French or German is an asset.

### **Eligibility criteria**

The secondment will be governed by the **Commission Decision C(2008) 6866** of 12/11/2008 laying down rules on the secondment to the Commission of national experts and national experts in professional training (SNE Decision).

Under the terms of the SNE Decision, you need to comply with the following eligibility criteria at **the starting date** of the secondment:

- **Professional experience:** at least three years of professional experience in administrative, legal, scientific, technical, advisory or supervisory functions which are equivalent to those of function group AD.
- **Seniority:** having worked for at least one full year (12 months) with your current employer on a permanent or contract basis.
- **Employer:** must be a national, regional or local administration or an intergovernmental public organisation (IGO); exceptionally and following a specific derogation, the Commission may accept applications where your employer is a public sector body (e.g., an agency or regulatory institute), university or independent research institute.
- **Linguistic skills:** thorough knowledge of one of the EU languages and a satisfactory knowledge of another EU language to the extent necessary for the performance of the duties. If you come from a third country, you must produce evidence of a thorough knowledge of the EU language necessary for the performance of his duties.

### **Conditions of secondment**

During the full duration of your secondment, you must remain employed and remunerated by your employer and covered by your (national) social security system.

You shall exercise your duties within the Commission under the conditions as set out by aforementioned SNE Decision and be subject to the rules on confidentiality, loyalty and absence of conflict of interest as defined therein.

In case the position is published with allowances, these can only be granted when you fulfil the conditions provided for in Article 17 of the SNE decision.

Staff posted in a European Union Delegation are required to have a security clearance (up to SECRET UE/EU SECRET level according to [Commission Decision \(EU, Euratom\) 2015/444 of 13 March 2015](#)). It is up to you to launch the vetting procedure before getting the secondment confirmation.

## **Submission of applications and selection procedure**

If you are interested, please follow the instructions given by your employer on how to apply.

The European Commission **only accepts applications which have been submitted through the Permanent Representation / Diplomatic Mission to the EU of your country, the EFTA Secretariat or through the channel(s) it has specifically agreed to.** Applications received directly from you or your employer will not be taken into consideration.

You should draft your CV in English, French or German using the **Europass CV format** ([Create your Europass CV | Europass](#)). It must mention your nationality.

Please do not add any other documents (such as copy of passport, copy of degrees or certificate of professional experience, etc.). If necessary, these will be requested at a later stage.

## **Processing of personal data**

The Commission will ensure that candidates' personal data are processed as required by Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council <sup>(1)</sup>. This applies in particular to the confidentiality and security of such data. Before applying, please read the attached privacy statement.

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<sup>(1)</sup> Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC (OJ L 295, 21.11.2018, p. 39)