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## // EU COMMISSION RENEWS CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION FOR THE MCA PROGRAMME

Master's programme in trade and customs continues to meet the standards of the EU Customs Competency Framework

The Certificate of Recognition is awarded by the European Union as a seal of quality for high-quality and modern degree programmes in the customs sector for a period of three years. Having first been recognised in 2022, the „Master of Customs, Taxation and International Trade Law“ (MCA) offered by the University of Münster and the AWA AUSSENWIRTSCHAFTS-AKADEMIE in cooperation with the Institute of Customs and International Trade Law (ICTL) has successfully re-applied for recognition. The new certificate is valid for a further three years. This means that the MCA programme continues to comply with the EU Customs Competence Framework (CustCompEU) and provides the knowledge and skills required by strategic customs managers in the private sector.

In order to reapply for the Certificate of Recognition, applicants have to document the development of the degree programme in the years since the first recognition and justify any significant changes in accordance with the requirements of the EU Competency Framework. „Since 2022, the MCA programme has kept pace with the rapid developments in international customs and trade without having to significantly change its tried and tested curriculum,“ says Head of Studies Dr Christopher Dallimore.

„With the Certificate of Recognition, we also want to document the high academic quality of the MCA programme to the outside world,“ says Prof. Dr Hans-Michael Wolfgang, Director of the ICTL. „The programme covers world trade, European customs legislation and customs-related aspects of international and European taxation. The extension of the European Union Certificate of Recognition also shows that the MCA programme is continuously adapted to the dynamic developments in the global economy.“

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