

CeBIT 2008 trade fair innovation: export without risk

itelligence presents it.x-atlas – the fully-integrated electronic customs link

Bielefeld (Germany) February 12, 2008 – At the CeBIT 2008 trade fair in Hanover, Germany, itelligence AG will present its it.x-atlas solution. With this, the full-service IT provider for SAP will introduce its SAP-integrated electronic customs link for the first time to the general public in Hall 4, D 38. With this new solution, itelligence offers its customs link with complete integration under SAP – without the need for any additional external systems that are otherwise required. A significant simplification of the electronic reporting to customs authorities. it.x-atlas fulfills all of the requirements specified by the German Customs Administration, as the solution was already certified by the “*Koordinierende Stelle ATLAS*” (ATLAS Coordinating Office) of the *Oberfinanzdirektion Karlsruhe* (Karlsruhe Regional Tax Office) in November 2007.

Germany’s economy “thrives” on exports. However, companies must comply with extensive customs provisions when exporting their products to non-EU countries. Violations – particularly regarding the export of goods to countries that have been blacklisted – are severely punished. Up to now, the exchange of information between companies and the German Customs Administration was often still accomplished in hardcopy form. With the it.x-atlas solution from itelligence this can now be done electronically and hence with significantly greater speed and certainty.

itelligence expects a ‘run’ on solutions concerning the electronic linkage to customs authorities, as starting July 1, 2009 the electronic exchange of data with the German Customs Administration will be mandatory for all exporters. That means: all exporters must then utilize a link to the ATLAS digital customs system.

Markus Kellermeyer, Head of Technology Consulting at itelligence AG, adds: “Electronic customs processing is one of the major topics for 2008. Companies already using SAP GRC Global Trade Services can take advantage of this by establishing their own direct link to ATLAS export without any detours and also implement additional interfaces in their SAP system. No third-party systems are necessary any more with it.x-atlas.”

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it.x-atlas at a glance

The it.x-atlas solution from itelligence enhances the export trade solution SAP GRC Global Trade Services. it.x-atlas is responsible for the export communication process between the SAP software and the ATLAS export software of the German Customs Administration. The technology platform SAP NetWeaver provides the basis for it.x-atlas. it.x-atlas enables the flexibilization of electronic customs processing by means of SAP NetWeaver XI and SAP NetWeaver PI functionality. In the first quarter of 2008, itelligence will extend it.x-atlas with File Transfer, Access and Management, the so-called FTAM protocol. FTAM is a standardized data communication protocol with a substantially greater scope of functions than, for example, the classic File Transfer Protocol (FTP).

About itelligence

itelligence is one of the leading international full-service provider for SAP employing more than 1,200 highly qualified employees in 16 countries and in 5 regions (America, Asia, Western Europe, Eastern Europe and Germany/Austria). As a mySAP Business, Service and Support Alliance as well as Global Partner Hosting and Global Services Partner, itelligence realizes complex projects in the SAP environment for over 2,500 customers worldwide. In 2006, itelligence obtained the status as Gold Partner SAP in Germany, Switzerland, UK and U.S. followed in 2007. The company's services range from SAP consulting and licensing to outsourcing and services to proprietary industry-specific SAP solutions. In 2006, itelligence generated total sales of EUR 163.8 million, preliminary figures for fiscal year 2007 show 190.9 million Euros.

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