

NORFRIGO SETS UP IN DUNKERQUE

NORFRIGO, the alliance between the seafood specialist, the Boulogne-based family group Le Garrec and European leader in cold logistics, the STEF group, has decided to set up a new cold storage unit in the logistics zone on the west port of Dunkerque. A location close to the Container Terminal and the Border Inspection Post.

Specializing in seafood logistics, the Le Garrec group has always opted to establish its premises in the port area, as in Le Havre with CAP GEL or Boulogne-sur-Mer with NORFRIGO in order to optimize its position with respect to the import / export flows of the sector.

NORFRIGO has always been highly attentive to the development of the Port of Dunkerque and took part in 2014 in the "States General of local employment in Dunkerque" and more specifically in its Working Group dedicated to Logistics.

Their new warehouse will have a superb capacity of 48,000 m³, or 10,400 pallets, and eventually will be extensible. It will absorb part of the flow of imports for NORFRIGO's trading / importer customers and thus offer a complementary service to that already provided in Boulogne-sur-Mer. It will Create 10 to 15 jobs.

According to **Antoine Le Garrec - President of the "fishing and service" branch of the Le Garrec et Cie Group:**

"There is a real interest for our import customers:

- ✓ *for economic reasons, especially in terms of operating costs,*
- ✓ *to benefit from the administrative facilities enabled by optimal cooperation with the Veterinary Services and the Customs authorities,*
- ✓ *for reasons of fluidity and reliability.*

In addition, BREXIT and the modification of the French tax rules on the imports of sea products with the abolition of the parafiscal charge at 0.27% (2019 finance law) are all opportunities. That abolition should create an in-draught for imports to the domestic market, and the port of Dunkerque, due to its position near Boulogne-sur-Mer (# 1 marketplace for European seafood processing) will become the ideal entry point for EU importers-traders-industrialists (reduction of forwarding costs). The flexibility of the Port of Dunkerque in its overall operation, as well as its reliability are also assets that make our presence in logistics relevant. This development of NORFRIGO will allow us to secure our business in Boulogne-sur-Mer and diversify our service offering while expanding the geographical scope of our business thanks to the new site in Dunkerque."

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Stéphane Raison, President of the Executive Board of Dunkerque-Port is delighted: "*Dunkerque-Port, for some years, has been recognized for the processing of products under controlled temperature. The fruit and vegetable sector was the first to really become so important that Dunkerque became the first port in France to import these products in containers. In recent years, the shipping services have developed, a new Veterinary and Phytosanitary Inspection Service has been set up, enabling a larger number of consignments. In terms of taxation, the reverse charge procedure for VAT on imports and, more recently, the abolition of the tax on imported seafood highlights the competitiveness of our port all the more. As a result of these changes and developments, we have seen stronger interest from importers of meat and seafood products. We are clearly focusing on logistics for all of these temperature-controlled product lines, since we need the resources and facilities to welcome them. As such, we are very pleased with the forthcoming set-up of a company such as NORFRIGO to underpin that growth and offer additional floorspace to the stakeholders who have been here for many years.*"

About Dunkerque-Port:

The largest French port complex (Calais-Dunkerque); the ninth largest port on the Channel and North Sea Range and France's third-largest port, Dunkerque-Port has built a reputation in many sectors: it is the largest passenger port in Europe (Calais-Dunkerque hub); France's largest energy hub; the country's largest LNG terminal; the leading French port for containerised fruit and vegetable imports; the largest French port for ore and coal imports; France's largest rail port; the region's largest waterway port; and the third-ranking French port for grain traffic. Dunkerque-Port is also a sustainable port. It is the trading port of the new Hauts-de-France Region, the largest agricultural region of France, the leading region for the rail industry, and the leading region for the car industry. 2018 Traffic: 51.6 Mt

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