

eCustoms Helpdesk Notification

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| Subject: | Update on enhancements made to customs IT systems to handle implications of Brexit |
| Who should read: | Software developers and all those involved in lodging electronic customs declarations |
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Over the past few months, we have been working on the implementation of new functionality in our customs IT systems to handle the implications of Brexit.

Enhancements made to date are as follows:

- **ECS:** new Exit Summary Declaration covering safety and security for goods being brought out of the EU customs territory.
- **NCTS:** facility for traders to provide a combined transit/safety and security declaration.
- **ICS:** minor changes to import safety and security declarations.

Further changes will be made in the coming weeks and you will be advised of these as they arise.

Revised trader guides and technical specifications covering the above are available in the Brexit area of our website ([Brexit information for software developers](#)).

We can also now offer software developers a Public Interface Testing environment (PIT2) in which to test your software.

Any customs web service request that either returns confidential information or accepts a submission of information must be digitally signed. This must be done using a digital certificate that has been previously retrieved from ROS. The digital signature must be applied to the message in accordance with the WS-Security specification.

A PIT digital certificate is only required when testing online or using the web service test facility. You should not apply for a digital certificate unless you wish to begin PIT testing. To apply, please email ICTLPITSupport@revenue.ie with the following information:

- company name
- VAT number
- contact name and number
- contact email address
- web services to be tested
- PIT environment requested (PIT 1 or PIT 2)

Note: A separate digital certificate is required for each of the above-mentioned PIT levels.

A PIT Trader Support Guide is available in [Public Interface Testing \(PIT\) Trader Support Guide](#)

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