

# Final Report of 61<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Customs Consultative Committee 03<sup>rd</sup> May 2016

## Conference Room 2, Cross Blocks, Dublin Castle, Dublin 2

### Attendance:

Tony Buckley	Revenue Commissioners (Chair of CCC)
Joe Cleary	Revenue Commissioners
Carol Ann O'Keeffe	Revenue Commissioners
Caroline Kennedy	Revenue Commissioners
John O'Leary	Revenue Commissioners
Michael Colgan	Revenue Commissioners
Owen Ryan	Revenue Commissioners
Susan Evans	Revenue Commissioners
Sean O Seaghadha	Revenue Commissioners
Tom McGrath	Revenue Commissioners
Declan O'Hora	Revenue Commissioners
Gerry Flaherty	Revenue Commissioners
Claire Pyke	Dept. Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation
Erik O'Donovan	IBEC
John Dawson	Irish International Freight Association
Anne Williams	IBEC
Declan Ivory	ICT Ireland
Dave Browne	Customs-IT
Malcolm Kirkby	Logistics and Freight Association of Ireland
Carol Lynch	Chambers Ireland
Nicky Duggan	Intel Ireland
Stephen Treacy	Customs Matters

### Apologies:

Brian Cotter	American Chambers of Commerce Ireland
Bridget Canavan	Customs Matters
Colin Dunne	Dept. Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation
Derek Dunne	Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers
Stephen Cummins	Irish Association of International Express Carriers
Caoimhe Delaney	Irish Exporters Association
Niall Stobie	Irish Exporters Association
David Putt	Irish Shipping Agents Association

### Opening Remarks:

Mr Buckley welcomed everyone to the meeting which was timed to occur as soon as possible after the launch of Union Customs Code. He said that there had been no serious problems reported in relation to Revenue systems following the introduction and congratulated those who worked to implement the changes.

There were no issues arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

### Item 1: Union Customs Code

Revenue gave a presentation on the updated position in relation to the Union Customs Code. The presentation outlined the systems changes that were implemented in anticipation of 01/05/2016. Revenue thanked the members of CCC for their interaction and support over the past 12 months. Revenue gave details of an information page published by the Commission that provides news, upcoming changes, quicklinks, eLearning etc. and undertook to circulate a link to the page in the coming days. Revenue also clarified the definition of an Exporter as per Article 1(19) of the Delegated Act. The presentation was followed by a brief discussion of some of the issues covered in the presentation.

### Item 2: Comprehensive Guarantee

Revenue gave a presentation on the impact the introduction of the Union Customs Code has had on Comprehensive Guarantees including:

- explanation of what a comprehensive guarantee is and what it covers
- outlined the legal basis for the comprehensive guarantee
- outlined procedures where comprehensive guarantee can be used
- outlined waivers and reductions allowed

### **Item 3: eManifest**

Revenue gave a presentation on the up to date position of the eManifest system that was launched in October 2014. The presentation focussed on matching data from the Single Administrative Document to the eManifest, it outlined trade responsibilities to submit accurate data and the consequences of non-matching. Union Customs Code electronic system requirements were also outlined. There will be an IT transitional period until 2020 with specification documents for changes that will have a significant impact on trade being provided to trade 24 months in advance of changes to the live system. Revenue requested that trade interact with them in a timely manner in relation to any such changes.

A brief discussion of this item and possible challenges ensued. Revenue invited trade to send specific examples of issues arising to them to be addressed on an issue by issue basis.

### **Item 4: Customs Act 2015**

Mr Buckley cautioned that this item was for informational purposes only and that the issues addressed in the presentation were ongoing and subject to change.

Revenue gave a brief presentation on the current position of the Customs Act 2015. To date a commencement order has not been signed and the law remains as it is. Revenue has conducted internal consultation as to what reporting requirements we would like to introduce once the Act comes in to effect. The next step will be a public consultation, including direct correspondence with members of the CCC and other major traders. The general direction being considered by Revenue at this point was outlined but it was reiterated that no final decisions have been made. Revenue also briefly outlined the public consultation process that will be implemented once a commencement order is issued and welcomed any comments or observations from interested parties.

### **Item 5: Customs Division Re-structuring**

Mr Buckley gave a brief overview of the recent reorganisation of the Customs function within Revenue that was introduced to address the perceived decline in Customs expertise. It was noted that this update was for informational purposes only and that the final structure within Revenue has yet to be finalised.

### **Item 6: AOB**

Claire Pyke gave a short update on Regulation 2016/670 that was issued by the Commission last Friday. Ms Pyke informed the group that the Regulation was introduced as matter of urgency and that it imposes a licensing requirement on the import of certain steel and iron products from outside the EU with effect from 31/05/2016. A link to the legislation has been circulated with these minutes.

There was also a brief discussion on the potential impact on Customs procedures should the UK vote to leave the EU. Revenue is confident that any changes would be manageable from an administrative point of view.

### **Item 7: Next Meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting should take place in September 2016 – date to be confirmed nearer to the time.

Celine O'Neill  
Secretary  
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