

Report of
64th Meeting of the Customs Consultative Committee
31 March 2017

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

Attendance:

Tony Buckley	Revenue Commissioners (Chair of CCC)
Patrea Campion	Revenue Commissioners (Secretary)
John O’Leary	Revenue Commissioners
Michael Colgan	Revenue Commissioners
Brian Cotter	American Chamber of Commerce Ireland
Carol Lynch	Irish and British Chambers of Commerce
Dave Browne	Customs –IT
Pat Ivory	Irish Business & Employers Confederation (IBEC)
Damien McCarthy	Irish Business & Employers Confederation (IBEC)
Kathryn O’Donovan	Irish Business & Employers Confederation (IBEC)
Simon McKeever	Irish Exporters Association
Fiona Luciani	Irish Exporters Association
Howard Knott	Irish Exporters Association
John Dawson	Irish International Freight Association
David Putt	Irish Shipping Agents Association
Malcolm Kirkby	Logistics and Freight Association of Ireland
Peter O’Reilly	Logistics and Freight Association of Ireland
Paul Lynam	British Chamber of Commerce

Verona Murphy Irish Road Haulage Association

John Nolan Irish Road Haulage Association

Opening Remarks:

Chair welcomed the group and opened the first meeting of 2017.

The Irish Road Haulage Association was introduced as a new member and welcomed to the group.

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

Item 1: Triggering of Article 50

On 29 March 2017, the United Kingdom notified the European Council of its intention to leave the European Union, in accordance with Article 50 of the Treaty on European Union. On 29 April 2017, the European Council – made up of the heads of state or government of the 28 EU countries – adopted a set of political guidelines, which define the framework for the negotiations and set out the EU's overall positions and principles. The Chair gave a brief overview of the process behind triggering Article 50 and opened up discussions to the members.

A round table discussion of the Article 50 process ensued, with trade having an opportunity to raise their concerns in relation to this and on Brexit in general. Chair thanked members for sharing their initial reaction and noted the issues raised.

Item 2: AOB

No items were tabled under AOB.

Item 3: Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting should take place in June 2017 – date to be confirmed.

Patrea Campion

Secretary

April 2017.