

Report of
65th Meeting of the Customs Consultative Committee
19th June, 2017

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

Attendance:

Tony Buckley	Revenue Commissioners (Chair)
Patrea Campion	Revenue Commissioners (Secretary)
Michael Colgan	Revenue Commissioners
Owen Ryan	Revenue Commissioners
Celine O'Neill	Revenue Commissioners
Patricia Reddan	Revenue Commissioners
Tom McGrath	Revenue Commissioners
Carol-Ann O'Keeffe	Revenue Commissioners
Dave Browne	Customs –IT
Pat Ivory	Irish Business & Employers Confederation (IBEC)
John O'Loughlin	Irish Business & Employers Confederation (IBEC)
Eric O'Donovan	Irish Business & Employers Confederation (IBEC)
Jonathan McDade	Irish Business & Employers Confederation (IBEC)
Stephen Tracey	Irish Business & Employers Confederation (IBEC)
Simon McKeever	Irish Exporters Association
Brian Murphy	Irish Exporters Association
Fiona Luciani	Irish Exporters Association
Howard Knott	Irish Exporters Association

John Dawson	Irish International Freight Association
Seamus Kavanagh	Irish International Freight Association
Paul Lynam	British Irish Chamber of Commerce
Verona Murphy	Irish Road Haulage Association
John Nolan	Irish Road Haulage Association
Derek Dunne	Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers
Aisling Carney	American Chamber of Commerce Ireland

Apologies:

David Putt	Irish Shipping Agents Association
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Opening Remarks:

Chair welcomed the group and opened the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted without any amendments.

Agenda issued by e-mail to all CCC members included the following documents; [The role of CCC in Brexit Preparation](#) and [EU Canada Trade Agreement \(CETA\) - Preferential Origin](#).

Item 1: Role of CCC in Brexit Preparations:

As a result of more frequent CCC meetings and the increased attendance of members and applications for membership, the Chair discussed a revised approach for membership to allow for continued interaction and discussion going forward.

Item 2: Brief outline on the EU-Canada Trade Agreement – CETA-Preferential Origin:

The European Parliament voted in favour of the EU-Canada Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement (CETA) on 15 February 2017. It is expected that CETA will be provisionally applied in the near future, possibly as early as September 2017.

CETA includes a Protocol on Rules of Origin and Origin Procedures. Members were informed that for all EU and Canadian exporters claiming origin preference under CETA, an origin declaration will be required.

Item 3: Registered Exporters System (REX):

There was a brief update on the REX system which is a new system of certification of origin of goods that has applied to the Generalised System of Preference (GSP) from 1 January 2017. As from 01 January 2018, all exporters of consignments of goods with a value greater than €6,000 to Canada will have to be registered in the REX system and use their REX number on the origin declaration to claim preference under CETA.

AOB: IIFA Training course on Customs Matters:

The IIFA gave an update on their Customs Training course which they intend to launch in September 2017. There will be two elements to this, an awareness module covering what Customs is, the function it services and how it operates. The second element will be a practical module with completion of Customs entries, via dummy software, and practical assignments. A discussion arose on the content of the course and feedback was given by members.

It was proposed that the next meeting would be held after the European Council on October 18th, 2017 with secretariat to provide an exact date nearer to the time.

Patrea Campion

Secretary

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