

Meeting topic	
Customs Consultative Committee	
Attendees	<p>Florance Carey, Chair – Customs Division, Revenue Lynda Slattery – International Policy and Brexit – Customs Division, Revenue Declan O’Dalaigh – National Policy and Operations – Customs Division, Revenue Sean O’ Seaghdha – Legislation – Customs Division, Revenue Celine O’Neill – Brexit – Customs Division, Revenue Paul Hearty – National Policy and Operations – Customs Division, Revenue Breda Kennedy – National Policy and Operations – Customs Division, Revenue Donal Flannery – eCustoms & Risk Management – Customs Division, Revenue Niamh Corby – ICT&L Division, Revenue Pat Ivory – Irish Business & Employers Confederation Stephen Tracey – ICT Ireland Declan Ivory – ICT Ireland Lorraine Lavelle, PwC Nicky Duggan – Intel Seamus Kavanagh – Irish International Freight Association Tom Thornton – Irish International Freight Association Howard Knott – Irish Exporters Association Pascal Konig – Irish Exporters Association Eamonn Cahill – Dept. Business, Enterprise & Innovation Helen Pyke – Dept. Business, Enterprise & Innovation Paul Lynam – British Irish Chamber of Commerce Derek Dunne – Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers John Nolan – Irish Road Hauliers Association Verona Murphy – Irish Road Hauliers Association Tony Goodwin – Irish Road Hauliers Association David Putt – Irish Shipping Agent Association David Brown – Customs - IT</p>
Apologies	<p>Brian Cotter – American Chamber of Commerce Ireland John O’Leary – eCustoms & Risk Management – Customs Division, Revenue</p>
Secretary	Karen Doyle – Brexit – Customs Division, Revenue
Date of meeting	20/09/2018
Venue	Dublin Castle
Item 1: Adoption of minutes of meeting 21/12/2017	Adopted and published on the Revenue website.

<p>Item 2: Update on Brexit and related matters</p> <p>EU developments</p> <p>National developments</p>	<p>Celine O'Neill gave a brief update on the ongoing EU/UK negotiations and noted that the next key decision date is the October EU Council meeting. National developments include the Government Decisions of July and September 2018 giving the go ahead to Revenue to begin the recruitment process for additional trade facilitation staff.</p> <p>Planning has intensified in recent months for the Central Case Scenario – this is the term used to describe the scenario where the UK leaves the EU in March 2019 but where there is a transition period until the end of 2020.</p> <p>A further two Government decisions in relation to the Central Case Scenario and a Getting Ireland Brexit Ready communications campaign were also noted. A brief overview of Revenue preparations in relation to staffing, IT enhancements and communications initiatives was provided.</p>
<p>Item 3: UCC IT Update – Donal Flannery</p>	<p>A presentation was provided by Revenue on the plans for the implementation of the Union Customs Code (UCC) and the associated IT Work Programme. Given the extent of the changes required under UCC, Revenue has decided to replace the existing Customs IT systems with a new suite of UCC compliant systems. Revenue have engaged and started to work with a new supplier in relation to this system. Revenue provided indicative timelines for the deployment of the new Import system. Information was also provided on the planned deployment dates for other UCC projects per the current Multi Annual Strategic Plan (MASP), highlighting in particular that it had been agreed at EU level that six projects were to be deferred beyond 2020, including export and transit systems.</p> <p>eCustoms</p>
<p>Item 4: Easing the Customs Burden - Paul Hearty</p>	<p>The presentation by Paul Hearty on the Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) programme provided an outline of the AEO concept along with details of the criteria for an AEO Authorisation. AEO is an authorisation that is granted to a trader when certain criteria are satisfied. There is continuous monitoring of AEOs to ensure their continued adherence to the AEO principles. It establishes a relationship between customs and the AEO trader based on the principles of mutual transparency, correctness, fairness and responsibility. Revenue expects the AEO to act in line with customs legislation and to inform Revenue about any difficulties to comply with the legislation. There is no charge by Revenue for applying for the status. Specific sectors, for example the agri-food sector may</p>

<p>Special Procedures - Breda Kennedy</p>	<p>have other licensing requirements and restrictions on foot of agricultural legislation which may impact on the benefits of an AEO.</p> <p>Authorised Economic Operator</p> <p>Paul Hearty also gave a presentation on the simplifications available under UCC. These simplifications can be applied for by compliant traders who satisfy specific criteria. They offer an alternative to the standard procedures and may reduce administrative costs on trade. In addition, they speed up the clearance process. The main simplifications utilised at present are the Simplified Declaration Procedure and Entry in the Declarants Records.</p> <p>Simplifications</p> <p>Breda Kennedy made a presentation on a number of special procedures and transit simplifications which are available and which may be beneficial to traders. These include special procedures which can be used by operators for processing, storage, temporary admission and specific use. The special procedures are beneficial to operators as they normally involve duty suspension or a preferential duty rate. These procedures are authorised subject to the applicant meeting certain criteria and conditions.</p> <p>The committee were asked to make their members aware of these procedures/simplifications. Revenue also advised that all operators with deferred payment authorisation require a comprehensive guarantee authorisation. Trade representatives were asked to urge these operators to initiate the application process without delay.</p> <p>Special Procedures</p>
<p>Item 5: Briefing by members on recent developments and current concerns</p>	<p>IRHA relayed concerns that many drivers have had no experience dealing with Customs up to now and that Revenue should make their officers aware of this during Trade Facilitation training. This was noted by Revenue.</p> <p>A number of members raised concerns regarding the flow of traffic through Dublin and Rosslare Ports post-Brexit. Revenue noted that it is working with other government departments and agencies including the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and the Marine and Health / HSE to plan an integrated solution.</p>
<p>Item 6: AOB</p>	<p>None.</p>

Item 7: Date of next meeting	Chair thanked all members for their participation. The next meeting will be scheduled before Christmas but will depend on the outcome of the negotiations.
Action 1:	Revenue to contact IRHA to discuss issues raised under Item 5.
Action 2:	Revenue to prepare material for the trade on Simplifications in a Post-Brexit scenario.