

Meeting topic	Customs Consultative Committee
Attendees	<p>John O’Leary (Acting Chair) – eCustoms & Risk Mgt Customs Division, Revenue Sean O’ Seaghdha – Legislation – Customs Division, Revenue Celine O’Neill – Brexit – Customs Division, Revenue Anne Coleman Dunne – Dept. Business, Enterprise & Innovation Tommy Murray – Dept. Business, Enterprise & Innovation Alma Ní Choigligh – Dept. Foreign Affairs & Trade Noel Hand – Dept. of Employment Affairs & Social Protection Derek Tierney – Dept. of the Taoiseach Paul Hannon – Dept. of Transport, Tourism & Sport Richael Duffy – Dept. of Finance Jane Dempsey – Dept. of Agriculture, Food & the Marine Pat Ivory – Ibec Kathryn O’Donovan – Ibec Jonathan McMillan – Enterprise Ireland Manus Rooney – Enterprise Ireland David Savage – The Chambers of Commerce Ireland CLG Ian Talbot – The Chambers of Commerce Ireland CLG Paul Lynam – British Irish Chamber of Commerce David Lusby – Primark Alan Cleary – Primark Verona Murphy – Irish Road Hauliers Association John Nolan – Irish Road Hauliers Association Seamus Kavanagh – Irish International Freight Association Tom Thornton – Irish International Freight Association Pascal Koenig – Irish Exporters Association Brad Quinn – Irish Exporters Association Roisin Murry – Bord Bia John Dawson – Bell Transport & Logistics Adam Fitzsimons – Customs - IT Derek Dunne – Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers Aidan Flynn – Freight Transport Association Ireland</p>
Apologies	<p>Florance Carey (Chair) – Customs Division, Revenue Lynda Slattery – International Policy & Brexit Unit, Customs Division, Revenue Joe McBride – Dublin Airport & Trade Facilitation, Customs Division, Revenue Eddie Burke – Dept. of Transport, Tourism & Sport Susan Evans – Dept. of Finance Eilis Carroll – Dept. of Agriculture, Food & the Marine John Conlon – Dept. of Employment Affairs & Social Protection Malcolm Kirkby – Logistics & Freight Association of Ireland Peter O'Reilly – Logistics & Freight Association of Ireland Declan Ivory – ICT Ireland Aisling Carney – American Chamber of Commerce Ireland Brian Cotter – American Chamber of Commerce Ireland Tony Goodwin – Irish Road Hauliers Association Shane Hamill – Bord Bia Stephen Cummins – Irish Association of International Express Carriers Simon McKeever – Irish Exporters Association</p>

	<p>Carol Lynch – The Chambers of Commerce Ireland CLG David Brown – Customs - IT Emma Ormond – Primark John P O’Loughlin – PwC Lorraine Lavelle – PwC David Putt – Irish Shipping Agent Association Colm Walsh – Freight Fox</p>
Secretary	Rachel McKenna – Brexit – Customs Division, Revenue
Date of meeting	21/06/2019
Venue	Dublin Castle
Single Item Agenda	Capacity in the market to carry out Customs procedures – issues arising
Opening	<p>John O’Leary, (Acting) Chair, welcomed the group to today's CCC meeting, noting the single item agenda. John noted that today will focus solely on the difficulties customs clearance agents/services face in having declarations lodged post-Brexit. If the capacity to have declarations lodged is limited, this will disrupt the smooth flow of trade and is not in anyone's interest. The group present today includes representation from a number of Government bodies and agencies aimed at listening to the concerns and challenges being faced and considering potential, realistic and deliverable supports.</p>
Presentation	<p>John provided the group with a presentation covering Revenue’s view of the customs clearance sector, looking at the journey taken by the customs agent/s and the potential impacts and challenges Brexit may pose in this regard. It was acknowledged that the area is highly complex and requires knowledge and relevant software.</p> <p>Revenue have conducted analysis of preliminary data provided to them by express carriers and parcel operators in order to provide estimates of the potential impact of Brexit on the sector. However, while there are many predictions, there is very little certainty as to the exact scale of the challenge.</p> <p>Revenue data suggests up to 92,000 individual operators are currently trading with the UK but it’s unclear as to relevance of these numbers to the actual volume of customs transactions post-Brexit.</p> <p>Further information is available in the Presentation: Presentation – Customs Clearance Agents and Brexit</p>

	<p>but cautioned that a system originally designed to test messaging systems might be of limited actual value to trade.</p> <p>Education/Training – Existing customs agents providing and/or assisting with training of new customs agents.</p> <p>Financial support package – provided by the State/EU to enable recruitment and training of customs agents in time for 31 October.</p> <p>Re-instatement of Grants in the sector which were phased out in 1992.</p> <p>It was also noted that there was an announcement by the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation in April 2019, regarding the relaxation of the Employment Permit Scheme in the area of logistics/transport distribution sector which would allow for customs agents to be recruited from outside the EEA area in the event that the skills/personnel couldn't be recruited from within the EU and which could assist with mitigating skills shortages in this area.</p>
Item 4: AOB	None.
Item 5: Date of next meeting	The next meeting is scheduled for 08/07/19. Confirmation will issue shortly. Chair thanked all members for their participation.
Action 1:	Revenue have committed to reviewing the possibility of providing a simulated experience, live version of the PIT environment.
Action 2:	It was advised that potential financial assistance and training would be looked into by relevant bodies present today, it was unlikely that there would be any confirmation of same for the meeting of the group on 08/07/19.