

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      John O'Leary – eCustoms &amp; Risk Management – Customs Division, Revenue      Helen Brennan – UCC Change Management – Customs Division, Revenue      Celine O'Neill – Brexit – Customs Division, Revenue      Ray Ryan – Customs Division, Revenue      Tom Talbot – Frontier Management Dublin - Customs Division, Revenue      Aidan Flynn - Freight Transport Association Ireland      Ailbhe Brioscú - Dept. of Employment Affairs and Social Protection      Aisling Carney - American Chamber of Commerce Ireland      Alan Cleary - Primark      Alan Hall - Dept of Finance      Anne Barry-Reidy - Dept of Finance      AnnMarie O'Brien - Irish Exporters Association (IEA)      Brad Quinn - Irish Exporters Association (IEA)      Carol Lynch - BDO Customs &amp; International Trade Services      Claire O'Brien - Dept of Finance      Dave Browne - Customs-IT      David McArdle - Irish Road Hauliers Association      David Putt - Irish Ship Agents Assoc. c/o Conway Shipping Ltd. (agents)      Derek Dunne - Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers Ireland (ICS)      Emma Kerins - Chambers Ireland      Gerard Keown - Dept of Finance      Jim Copeland - Hardware Association Ireland.      John Dawson - Bell Transport &amp; Logistics      John Nolan - Irish Road Hauliers Association      John P O'Loughlin - PwC (Partner Global Trade &amp; Customs)      John Stanley - Irish Assoc. of International Express Carriers (IAIEC)      Jonathan English - Bord Bia      Kathryn O'Donovan - Ibex      Kevin Foley Friel - Dept. of Agriculture, Food and the Marine      Liz Thomas - Skillnet Ireland      Malcolm Kirkby - Logistics &amp; Freight Assoc of Ireland      Manus Rooney - Enterprise Ireland      Niamh O'Brien - Department of Transport Tourism &amp; Sport      Nick Barwise - Dept. of Agriculture, Food and the Marine      Nicky Duggan - Intel/Ibex      Nigel Clarke - Dept of the Taoiseach      Pat Ivory - Ibex      Paul Lynam - British Irish Chamber of Commerce      Paul McMahon - Dept. of Business, Enterprise and Innovation      Peter O'Reilly - Logistics &amp; Freight Assoc of Ireland      Ronnie Bennett - Primark      Seamus Kavanagh - Irish International Freight Association      Simon McKeever - Irish Exporters Association (IEA)      Stephen Cummins - Irish Assoc. of International Express Carriers (IAIEC)</p>

	Stephen Tracey - CustomsMatters Tom Thornton - Irish International Freight Association Tony Goodwin - Irish Road Haulage Association Tony Hunt - Dept of Finance Wendy Gray - Dept. of Business, Enterprise and Innovation
<b>Apologies</b>	Noel Hand - Dept. of Employment Affairs and Social Protection Nick Ashmore – Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland (SBCI) Fiona Luciani - Irish Exporters Association (IEA) Colm Walsh - Freight Fox Eddie Burke - Dept of Transport Tourism & Sport
<b>Secretary</b>	David O Mahony – Brexit – Customs Division, Revenue
<b>Date of meeting</b>	11 Feb 2020
<b>Venue</b>	Dublin Castle – Conference Room 2
<b>Introduction</b>	Chair welcomed the group and noted that the intention of the meeting was to give an update on the latest Brexit developments, the Clear Customs Initiative and also Revenue's new Customs Automated Import System (AIS). AIS will go live Nov 2020 and the Chair highlighted that all actors in the supply chain will need to prepare for this.
<b>Item 1: Adoption of minutes</b>	The previous minutes were adopted.
<b>Item 2: Brexit – Latest Developments</b>	Celine O Neill gave an overview of the latest Brexit developments. The Withdrawal Agreement has been ratified by the EU and UK and is now in force. During the transition period there will be no real change except the UK will no longer participate in the EU institutions. Revenue is working towards a full range of customs formalities (declarations and risk analysis) coming into force from 1 Jan 2021.  Revenue's advice is still to get prepared - EORI numbers, talk to your agent, know the origin and commodity code of your goods or products and to look at simplifications that could be of benefit. Get started as soon as possible and Revenue will assist wherever they can.  On the HMRC side if people are considering applying for an authorisation they should commence the process as soon as possible.  The EU is clear that the Protocol on Ireland and Northern Ireland is a fully legally operational solution. Declarations will be required for goods coming from GB to NI but not between NI and IRL. She did note that other systems would still need to be used like VIES, EMCS and Intrastat.  Clarity on requirements for goods moving from NI to GB is still required. Chair added that Revenue will again have a preparedness campaign and trade engagement programme this year.
<b>Infrastructure</b>	Temporary infrastructure was provided in advance of the 'no deal' deadline in 2019. OPW are now delivering additional infrastructure in Dublin Port, Rosslare Europort and Dublin Airport. This infrastructure will assist goods to flow as freely as possible post-transition.

	<p>Revenue is developing IT solutions including an app which will provide routing information (20 mins out) and have a 'check in' facility to allow drivers to self check in. It can be used for RORO or unaccompanied trailer using the Trailer ID or Cab Registration Number.</p> <p>The Group had questions about connectivity on the ferries and Revenue reiterated that they had been assured connectivity 20 mins out should not be a problem. Ideally drivers should have smartphones but the declarant can also check the routing and contact the driver to advise them of same.</p> <p>Chair said the custom's world will change across the EU and UK and that businesses and drivers will also have to adapt.</p>
<b>Item 3: Clear Customs Initiative Update</b>	<p>Liz Thomas from Skillnet Ireland gave an update on the Clear Customs Initiative. The initiative has proved very popular. They are looking to scale up in the future – more locations to increase accessibility and flexible options including online to make it more cost efficient.</p> <p>Group agreed that customs awareness in the trade had increased. However more trained staff will be required for 1 Jan 2021 and that skillset is currently not there so training is vital.</p> <p>In response to queries on systems training John O Leary (Revenue) said that AIS is currently in test and that Public Interface Testing will be available later in the year.</p> <p>Group highlighted the need for more TRACES elements in the Clear Customs training as it is complex to use and there isn't a lot of publicly available expertise available. DAFM responded saying it was working towards more interactive events this year and open to putting videos of events online.</p> <p>The Group had concerns about funding the hiring of additional staff in advance of December 2020 and will forward submissions in relation to this to the Chair.</p> <p><a href="#">Clear customs overview - presentation</a></p>
<b>Item 4: New Customs Import System – AIS</b>	<p>Helen Brennan presented on the new AIS system which will be introduced in early Nov and will allow traders to implement UCC customs formalities. It is replacing AEP for imports and companies will need to update their software. Data elements in AIS are different to AEP but the information is basically the same even if the structure is different. The interface which the companies will use will depend on their software provider.</p> <p>Helen advised the Group to act now (update software and train staff) as it will not be possible to import without AIS. Trader testing will be available in May 2020 and Revenue will notify if this is to change.</p> <p>Software suppliers and software changes are the key and Revenue are engaging with them and other businesses in the Import supply chain.</p> <p>John O Leary added that the Software Developers Forum is launching Mar 2020 as an additional communication tool and Revenue will send out information on this Forum to CCC members.</p> <p>Group asked about UK staying in the Safety and Security Zone. This is not currently known but Revenue will update group on position as soon as information is available.</p> <p><a href="#">Change management programme for AIS - Presentation</a></p>
<b>Item 5: AOB</b>	<b>Customs Checks in Dublin Port including charges by third parties -</b> Tom Talbot gave a brief overview of 3rd party charges in Dublin Port.

	<p>He outlined Revenue's plans for using T9 - a Government facility for exams which is expected to reduce costs.</p> <p>In response to the group concerns about additional charges resulting from Brexit, Tom said that Revenue is currently reviewing costs and charges at a national level and he will update the group on the outcome of this when completed.</p> <p>The group asked about ECMT permit requirements for transiting the UK and cited the contingency measures which they believed expired in July 2020.</p> <p>DTTAS representative clarified that the contingency measures did not enter into force as they were only required in a 'no-deal' scenario and that during the transition period EU law continues to apply and there is no impact for operators.</p> <p>DTTAS representative stated that the issue of transiting the UK will be the subject of future relationship negotiations between the EU and the UK.</p>
<b>Item 6: Date of next meeting</b>	Chair proposed a meeting in 2 months.
<b>Action 1:</b>	Revenue to update members about impact of the Protocol on Ireland and Northern Ireland including at the ports as position becomes clearer.
<b>Action 2:</b>	Rules of Origin/Cumulation to be included as a future agenda item.
<b>Action 3:</b>	Submissions in relation to Clear Customs funding to be submitted to the Chair.
<b>Action 4:</b>	Revenue to notify Group when AIS Trader Testing system is available.
<b>Action 5:</b>	Revenue to send out information on the Software Developers Forum to CCC members.
<b>Action 6:</b>	Revenue to advise group on UK position re the Safety and Security zone when clearer.