

Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS)

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1. Introduction

Council Regulation (EC) 1005/2009 governs the importation and exportation of certain chemical substances known as ozone depleting substances (ODS). In general, the import and export of ODS is prohibited. However, some ODS may be imported or exported for critical use where the European Commission has granted a licence to the importer or exporter. In Ireland these licences mostly relate to imports/exports for use in aircraft fire suppression systems (including ones already installed on aircraft) and as reagents in laboratories.

In Ireland, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is the competent authority with responsibility for the enforcement of this legislation. Revenue assists the EPA by the application of controls at importation and exportation to identify shipments of ODS and to distinguish between legal and illegal shipments. ODS are still being traded, sometimes illegally through falsifying the name or mislabelling.

2. Legislation

[Council Regulation \(EC\) No. 1005/2009](#)
[Customs Act 2015](#)

3. Action to Be Taken

The EPA has requested that imports or exports of certain ODS be flagged on the Customs AEP system. For this purpose, profiles have been entered onto AEP. When a profile is activated the following steps should be taken:

- Consult the EU ODS database to validate the licence for the consignment in question. Details on **Accessing ODS Database** and the procedure for validation of the licence are outlined below.

Where there are no corresponding or valid licence details on the ODS database, detain the consignment and contact:

Prohibitions & Restrictions Unit
Customs Division
Treasury Building Dublin Castle
rcpr@revenue.ie
Tel: 01 – 6744342

If staff have a suspicion that ODS are being imported or exported in contravention of Regulation 1005/2009, the consignment should be detained and Prohibitions & Restrictions Unit should be contacted.

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4. Risk Information Form

The Risk Information Form (RIF), which is part of Customs Risk Management System (CRMS) should be used by staff to inform other EU Customs authorities of any irregularities which have come to light in respect of the import or export of goods in contravention of Council Regulation 1005/2009. For further information staff should contact:

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5. Contact Details

Queries on this manual can be directed to:

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