

Meeting Topic	
Customs Consultative Committee	
Attendees – In Person	Revenue Commissioners – Florance Carey (Chairperson), Declan O’Dalaigh, Carol Ann O’Keeffe, Siobhan Gerrard, Justin McNally (Secretary) Brian Murphy - Charter Institute of Logistics & Transport Pat Ivory - IBEC Paul Whelan – Dept. of Agriculture, Food and the Marine Cathal Sweeney – Dept. of Foreign Affairs Stephen Treacy - ICT Ireland Arthur O’Connor - Dept. of Agriculture, Food and the Marine Seamus Kavanagh - Irish International Freight Association Klaudia Dudzinska - IBEC
Attendees - Virtual	Revenue – Celine O’Neill, Keith Hannon, Ronan Gill, Robert Keegan, Maureen Dalton David O’Neill (DETE) Shane Hughes (Chambers IRL), John O’Loughlin (IBEC), Karl Picard (Irish Exporters Assoc), Dave Browne (Customs IT), John Nolan (Irish Road Hauliers Association) Zandra Horgan (HFS Customs), John Stanley (FedEx), Dave Field (Coll-8) Alan Cleary (Primark)
Secretary	Justin McNally – Customs Division – Revenue
Date of Meeting	17 th June 2024
Venue	Bishop Square Dublin – Conference Room
Introduction	<p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting in person and also online.</p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting of CCC held on 27th of March were adopted.</p> <p>Chair reminded members that tariffs on EV’s coming from China will take effect on the 4th of July.</p> <p>Introduction of a new member has been postponed as membership rules need to be amended to cover the entry of new member given that there are now observer members. The application on hand will be dealt through email procedure to full members.</p> <p>On foot of questions that were raised at the last meeting, Arthur O’Connor (DAFM) is in attendance to give a brief on how the INIS system works. He outlined that repeat of password is a security measure. He outlined how the software system is a bespoke software package that was developed to enable DAFM collect data efficiently.</p> <p>Zandra Horgan brought up an issue where there was an error on one MRN. The solution is to lodge a new declaration and obtain a new MRN. However, unless the new MRN is linked to the first MRN, DAFM staff would not notice that it was connected to initial MRN and hence would not contact the business. Zandra will dela directly with DAFM on this issue to agree the procedure.</p>
Customs IT Developments – Presentation by Carol Ann	<p>Carol Ann updated on the IT systems which are running well at present.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AES – older open items to be cleared on the system. This work is nearly complete. • There are some issues with the release of NCTS P5 so live release is delayed. When system goes live, trade will be offered a 3-month transition period.

O’Keeffe (Revenue)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post code for EORI registrations is now mandatory. Communication will issue shortly to trade and business, and records will need to be updated before September or declarations may be rejected. • New data set for the AIS System was due to go live in Feb’25. This date is being changed and will likely be in January 2026. As soon as the new date is agreed, we will advise trade. • NCTS-P6. Ireland will not go live with a combined declaration. It may be added at a later date if other MS also implement this option.
Update on UK Developments from Department of Agriculture, Food, and the Marine (Paul Whelan)	<p>No major issues at the moment. 26,139 Health Certs were issued since the January 31st date.</p> <p>One aspect in dealing with the UK authorities is that since the 30th of April, fees are now part of the process of those transiting the UK Landbridge. The common user charge applies to commercial movements of animal products, plants and plant products through the Port of Dover and Eurotunnel. This is charged for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • imports entering Great Britain • transits entering and leaving Great Britain <p>the charge is £10 and applies to each commodity line in a CHED. The maximum charge for one CHED is limited to 5 commodity lines, even if there are more than 5 commodity lines present in the CHED. At the moment the UK authorities have delayed the issuing of the first bills for a 3-month period. The first invoices for April will begin to be issued at the end of July 2024.</p> <p>The common user charge is in addition to any inspection fees applied by the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • port health authority (for animal products and HRFNAO) • Animal and Plant Health Agency (for plants and plant products) <p>There will be additional charges for failing to comply with paying the common user charge.</p>
UK Developments Celine O’Neill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revenue is not aware of any difficulties experienced by trade since new UK requirements in April were implement. Queries to the Brexit Mailbox are significantly reduced. • Reminder for Landbridge users that a GMR is Required. • SPS Requirement – from October Landbridge movements will need to be pre-notified on IPAFFS by an agent in the UK. • West Coast BCPs will not be in place before spring 2025. <p>John Nolan raised the issue with GMR’s as trucker can’t amend if any issues when transporting. Revenue will raise again with HMRC. Zandra Horgan informed the CCC that the UK authorities are aware of this issue with GMR amendments.</p> <p>John Nolan looked for information on the billing system that the UK are operating – noting there is a 3-month gap before payment will be requested. In response, Zandra Horgan noted that each UK port has different procedures in place and separate accounts per Port are required.</p> <p>Zandra Horgan recalled a recent case where a consignment was called for a control by UK authorities, but when the goods were presented, no control was carried out. John Nolan noted that this is mainly occurring on exports from the UK via West Coast ports.</p>
Customs Reform Package	<p>Little change or update in the Customs Reform Proposal as first reading in Council is still ongoing. It is hoped this will be complete by mid-July. A first amended document, based on any comments raised during the first reading, will then be discussed.</p>

Celine O'Neill	<p>The Hungarian Presidency are planning two High Level Seminars on Reform with the aim of identifying areas of agreement and divergence among MS. An update will be presented to ECOFIN in December.</p> <p>Revenue is committed to doing a detailed presentation of the Reform and will consider doing so in late Autumn but cautioned that it may still not be possible to answer all questions at this stage.</p>
Returned Goods Relief Declan O'Dalaigh	<p>Declan outlined the proofs required to meet the requirement of Returned Goods Relief (RGR). He said RGR queries generally relate to three areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Second-hand cars – Engagement with SIMI to make it easier for importers to show that the car was originally exported from the EU. This is done through the 11th digit of the VIN which shows the plant where the car was manufactured. 2. Food businesses – Customs Division have agreed acceptable proofs with 13 food companies to show that the product which left the EU and is returning to the EU within 3 years was originally exported and is unaltered. Customs is in discussions with a further 10 businesses in this regard. 3. Personal Items left behind while abroad – When items have been left behind and need to be returned, RGR can be claimed where the proofs are available that the goods were taken out of the country by the person in the previous 3 years, that they own the goods and that they are being returned unaltered. <p>Further details on RGR are available on the Revenue website at RGR Information. Any queries can be addressed to customsreliefs@revenue.ie</p> <p>John Nolan said that when dealing with UK authorities they look for a Certified Declaration. Declan will contact John regarding this provision and also ensure material on the website is updated.</p>
Customs Operational Forum (Robert Keegan - IPFMD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helpline messaging bypass is now in place and currently being used on a pilot basis. • A dedicated mailbox is in place for forum members to submit operational queries/issues /agenda items. • The forum received a request for a checklist for documentation. Following review, the only documentation that is common to a declaration is an invoice. We have focused staff training on areas that require specific documentation such as RGR, Origin and Japanese imports which will assist trade. • Couple of events took place in April following requests from the IIFA with Revenue/DAFM: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 17 April - Presentations and Tour of Dublin Port - DAFM/Revenue ▪ 24 April - CBAM webinar - EPA/ Revenue • The operational forum is still open to any members who would like to join the next meeting is July.
Concerns / issues of members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Nolan raised issues with the agriculture system and communication with DAFM staff. • Klaudia Dudzinska enquired about the CBAM system and the deadline of July, issue with Default Values and how the UK are to implement the system in NI.
AOB	<p>Members requested that the association name as well as the attendee name be included in the minutes.</p>
Close and Next Meeting	<p>Meeting was finished and all were thanked for attending.</p> <p>Next meeting – End of Quarter 3 of 2024.</p>