

## eCustoms Helpdesk Notification

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### 1. Background

The EU Commission is currently working in a project group with Member State customs experts. The purpose of this group is to develop a legal framework for the future expansion of the current customs Single Window. As well as participating in the project group, Irish customs has been participating in the common veterinary entry document (CVED) Single Window pilot for a number of years and plans to expand that participation to other import licences or certificates during 2019. Further information on the background to the Single Window project is contained on the [EU Single Window environment for customs page](#) on the European Commission website.

## 2. Launch of a public consultation on the Single Window initiative

Through the project group, the EU Commission has recently launched a public consultation. The main purpose of the consultation is to gather feedback from businesses, individuals, and other interested parties on this EU initiative. It focuses on:

- problems with the current processes related to regulatory requirements from customs and other authorities (health, agriculture, environment, fisheries and so on) that require to be fulfilled for the clearance of goods crossing the EU borders and
- possible EU action to address these problems.

The results of this consultation process will feed into the impact assessment for a potential future initiative on an EU Single Window environment for customs. This consultation covers the period **9 October 2018 to 16 January 2019** and is addressed to the following groups of stakeholders:

- National customs administrations in European Member States and other national authorities that rely on customs to control or implement their policies at the border.
- Economic operators dealing with cross-border movement of goods.
- National, European and, or international trade and business associations.
- IT experts.
- Data protection authorities and officers.
- Academia, research institutes and think tanks.
- International organisations related to international trade and customs.
- Professional consultancies.
- Non-governmental organisations.
- Citizens.

## 3. How to participate

To feed into this process, we would like to invite all stakeholders to participate in a survey which can be accessed on the [EU consultation website](#). The questionnaire takes about 30

minutes to complete. Some questions require expert knowledge and you are welcome to answer only some of the questions included. At the end of the questionnaire, you will have the possibility to upload a document or position paper if you so wish.

#### **4. Further information:**

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