

eCustoms Helpdesk Notification

Number:	Ref: 005/2020
Subject:	Requirement for submission of original documentation to import stations during the COVID-19 emergency
Who should read:	All those involved in the submission of import/export declarations or corrected customs declarations
Related Notification:	<u>eCustoms Notification Ref 008/2017</u>
Issued by:	eCustoms Helpdesk
Queries to:	<u>Local customs stations</u>
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As advised in [eCustoms Notification Ref 008/2017](#), all original documentation (for example forms EUR. 1) should be presented to the relevant import station.

However, in the circumstances of the current COVID-19 restrictions, a scanned copy of original documents submitted through MyEnquires will be accepted in the clearance of consignments. The original must be retained by all declarants and made available for inspection by Customs if requested or during a post-clearance check.

This concession does not extend to quota licences, the originals of which should still be presented, preferably by post, to the relevant import station.

The arrangement outlined in this notification is applicable only for the period of the COVID-19 emergency.