

eCustoms Helpdesk Notification

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Subject:	Transition arrangements from AEP Import to AIS
Who should read?	Customs software providers and all those involved with lodging Import SADs and eManifests
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This notification outlines the **transitional arrangements** for the lodging of Import related declarations as we move from the current Automated Entry Processing system (AEP) to the new Automated Import System (AIS).

Our current planning is aimed at releasing AIS into production around 01 November 2020, replacing AEP for both Import eManifest and Import customs declarations (SADs). We will confirm this deployment date in the coming while as we develop greater visibility on issues such as general readiness of trade, particularly software developers. Although AEP will continue to be used for exports, in the main it will **cease to process import declarations for movements arriving in Ireland after AIS deployment in early November 2020.**

Both AIS and AEP will run in parallel for a period of time in order to finalise movements started in AEP and to allow for amendments.

[Movements started in AEP or goods which are in temporary storage or a special procedure in the country prior to AIS deployment in November 2020 will be processed as follows:](#)

1. Pre-lodged SAD submitted prior to AIS deployment and goods arrive after AIS go-live then clearance process will be completed in AEP;
2. Supplementary declarations submitted after AIS deployment for simplified declarations previously submitted through eManifest will be processed in AEP;

3. Post lodged declarations for goods coming out of temporary storage up to 90 days after they arrived in the country where the goods arrived prior to AIS deployment will have specific rules to allow their acceptance in AIS;
4. Goods entered into a special procedure in AEP, but which are coming out of Inward Processing, Warehousing or Temporary Admission after AIS deployment will have specific rules to allow their acceptance in AIS.

Amendments to AEP declarations

Any amendments made to declarations previously processed by AEP (SADs or eManifests) will be submitted in the old format to AEP and handled in AEP according to the current rules. Any such amendments made within 6 months of the AIS deployment date will be processed as today without the need to send in additional information unless requested by Revenue.

The implications of the above is that **traders will receive responses in the current format** from Revenue's AEP system and will need to retain access to the software used to connect to AEP to both process the responses and to send in amendments or supplementary declarations for a period of time.

Further Information

If you need further information, please contact either of the following:

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Brexit Reminder

Please note that Brexit will be a reality from 01 Jan 2021 and any trader sourcing goods from UK will need to have AIS solution in place. Early preparation by trade is vital.