eCustoms Helpdesk Notification

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Subject:	**Upgrade to AIS (Automated Import System) to introduce** • **New data set and messages (Revised Annex B)** • **Centralised Clearance for Import (CCI)**
Who should read:	**All those involved in Import procedures**
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1. Introduction

As part of the Union Customs Code (UCC) Work Programme, Revenue will be upgrading our existing Automated Import System (AIS) to implement a new data set and messages (Revised Annex B) and will introduce Centralised Clearance for Import Phase 1 and Phase 2 simultaneously.   Our plan is to deploy the new system into live in June 2024. All software providers were advised via email of the publication of the technical specifications in June 2023.

Upgrade of Revenue's Import System
Revenue is upgrading AIS to align with the latest data set and messages - Revised Annex B. This will mean that there will be extensive changes to the current message structure for all messages submitted into AIS.

Introduction of Centralised Clearance Phase 1 and Phase 2
Centralised Clearance for Import (CCI) allows authorised economic operators to declare goods in one Member State (Supervising Member State). These goods can be physically imported into a different Member State (Participating Member State). The economic operator communicates only with the supervising customs office as single point of contact. CCI streamlines electronic communication between the different Customs Offices in different Member States reducing the administrative burden on trade.

Public Interface Testing (PIT) will be open to software developers by January 2024. This upgrade of AIS and the introduction of CCI means that all players engaged in electronic messaging for customs import procedures will be impacted. You must have the capacity to interact with the upgraded import system. We will notify you of the availability of PIT closer to the time.

2.Trader Specifications

The following trader specifications are published on the Revenue website at UCC – Automated Import System (AIS)

- AIS and CCI Trader Guide
- AIS and CCI Message Exchange
- AIS and CCI Business Rules and Conditions
- AIS and CCI Message Exchange
- AIS and CCI Message Structure
- AIS and CCI Business Rules and Conditions
- AIS and CCI Schemas

3. Further Information

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