

eCustoms Helpdesk Notification

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Subject:	Customs Single Window/CERTEX
Who should read:	All those involved in export procedures, including Software Providers, and particularly those stakeholders involved in the exportation of goods that contain: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS) • Fluorinated Greenhouse Gases (F-gas)
Related Notification:	10-2024, 05-2025 & 05-2026
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1. Introduction

On 26 March 2026, Revenue introduced new business rules in AES in relation to Customs Single Window/CERTEX for ODS and F-gas consignments.

The next phase of CERTEX will incorporate additional business rules which will be switched on in AES on **15 July 2026**. The full list of AES CERTEX related business rules are detailed in Appendix 1. Non-compliance with these business rules will result in messages not progressing in AES and an MRN may not issue.

2. Implementation of CERTEX in AES

In addition to the business rules, a further phase introducing CERTEX validation will be implemented on **16 September 2026**. This will involve the electronic exchange of messages between AES, CERTEX, the ODS licensing system and the F-gas portal and HFC licensing system.

CERTEX will validate the data declared in AES with the data in the ODS/F-gas systems. If the data matches, the export declaration will proceed as normal. However, any mismatch will cause the declaration to move to a 'rejected' or "reservation pending" status. Where the declaration moves to a 'reservation pending' status the declarant will receive an EX099 message in AES (further details in 3 below).

In advance of the go live date, declarants are advised to verify that all data declared in AES complies with the rules and legislation for ODS and F-Gas exports. This will ensure seamless CERTEX processing and avoid unnecessary delays with export clearance of ODS/F-gas consignments.

3. Guidance on the new EX099 AES message for CERTEX

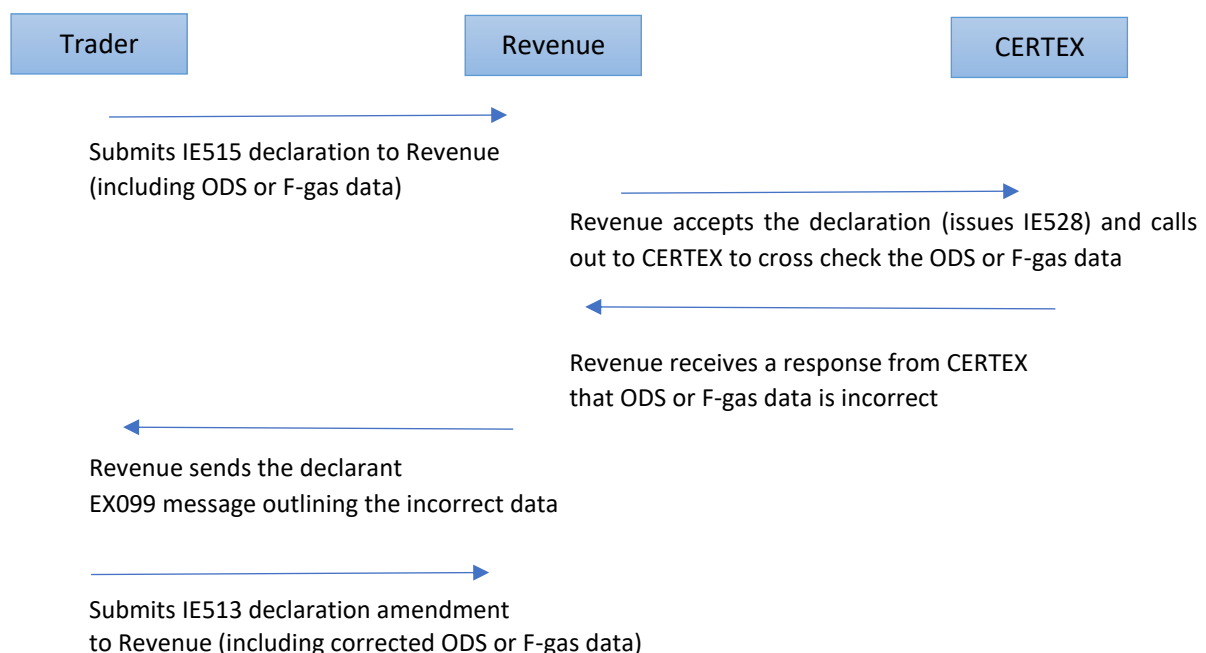
From 16 September Revenue will introduce a new AES message, the **EX099**, to notify declarants of validation failures from CERTEX. Updated AES XSDs can be found at the following link: [AES schemas](#). If your declaration contains CERTEX errors, you will receive an EX099 detailing the line item and the reason for the failure. The declaration will move to a status 'reservation pending'. Details of the failure reason can be found in Appendix 2.

Where an EX099 is received, the declarant can amend their AES declaration by submitting an IE513 to correct the relevant data.

An example of when an EX099 may be received is when there is a CN code mismatch. CERTEX responds to AES that the CN code on the declaration does not match the relevant registration/licence contained in the ODS licensing system/F-gas registration system. The following is an example of the failure reason on the EX099:

Reservation Failed: Line item 1, ZZZ-XXXXX-KKKK-YYYY-NNNNNNNN CN Code Mismatch.

The following outlines the process flow with the EX099 message:



4. Further Information

Further information regarding the Customs Single Window/CERTEX can be found at [EU Customs Single Window](#).

Please email eCustoms@revenue.ie with any queries in relation to this notification.

Appendix 1 - AES CERTEX Business Rules

Code	Description
CX1004	IF there is a supporting document (12 03 000 000) with type (12 03 002 000) 'E013', THEN the format of the ODS License number shall be ZZZ-XXXXX-KKKK-YYYY-NNNNNNNN, where ZZZ - EXP, XXXXX - 5 characters, KKKK - licence type, YYYY - licence year, NNNNNNNN - 8-digit number.
CX1011	IF there is an additional reference (12 04 000 000) with type (12 04 002 000) in {Y123}, THEN the reference number (12 04 001 000) shall be populated with 'Registration ID' registered in the Fgas-Portal AND the reference number shall be in the format N4..6.
CX1024	IF there is an additional reference with type (12 04 002 000) in {Y121, Y163, Y798, Y799}, THEN the reference number (12 04 001 000) shall have the format n..16,6
CX7002	IF at item level there is a supporting document (12 03 000 000) with type (12 03 002 000) one of the certificates ODS-Export (E013), THEN the pair [Measurement Unit and qualifier (12 03 005 000) and Quantity (12 03 006 000)] must be filled in for that supporting document.
CXOD70	IF there is a supporting document with type (DE 12 03 002 000) in {E013}, THEN it must be at item level, and it must be valid, and the requested procedure (DE 11 09 001 000) shall be in {10, 11, 21, 22, 23, 31}, ELSE is not allowed.
CXOD71	IF there is a supporting document at item level with type (DE 12 03 002 000) 'E013' and the requested procedure is in {10, 11, 21, 22, 23, 31}, THEN the declaration can be progressed only if the ODS Licence is valid for clearance with quantity management.
CXOD72	IF there is a supporting document at item level with type (DE 12 03 002 000) 'E013', THEN there must be also one occurrence of the additional references with type (DE 12 04 002 000) 'Y797' and 'Y799'.
CXOD73	Each item can have only one occurrence of a supporting document with type 'E013'
CXOD74	IF there is an additional reference (12 04 000 000) with type (12 04 002 000) in {Y797}, THEN the reference number (12 04 001 000) shall be populated with the Registration ID registered in the ODS system, in the format: ODS followed by 5 alphanumeric characters.
CXFG70	IF there is an additional reference with type (DE 12 04 002 000) in {Y123, Y154, Y161, Y168}, THEN it must be at item level and the requested procedure (DE 11 09 001 000) shall be in {10, 11, 21, 22, 23, 31}, ELSE is not allowed. In addition, where the additional reference type is Y123, its reference number (DE 12 04 001 000) must be a valid Registration ID registered in the F-gas Portal.
CXFG71	IF there is an additional reference at item level with type (DE 12 03 002 000) in {Y123, Y154, Y161} and the requested procedure (DE 11 09 001 000) is in {10, 21, 22, 23}, THEN the declaration can be progressed only if the F-gas registration/profile is valid for clearance with quantity management.
CXFG73	Each item can have only one occurrence of a additional reference with type 'Y123'.
CXFG74	IF at consignment item level there is an additional reference with type (DE 12 04 002 000) {Y123}, THEN at the same level there must be only one occurrence of the additional references with type (DE 12 04 002 000) 'Y121' and the reference number (DE 12 04 001 000) must be filled

Appendix 2 – Examples of CERTEX failure results on EX099 message

“Licence/registration not found or cannot be used for clearance – follow up with the EPA”

”Reservation Failed: Item line number ‘X’ ODS Licence or ODS registration ID or F-gas Registration ID & the reason for failure’ (The reason for failure detailed in the EX099 will be dependent on the sub codes below and should be altered accordingly.)

- CN Code Mismatch
- Inappropriate status of Licence/registration
- Licence/Registration Holder Mismatch
- Measurement Unit Mismatch
- Registration ID mismatch
- EORI Mismatch
- No account in the EU Registry matches this EORI