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Irish Tax and Customs

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Subject:	Important information for all importers arriving from outside of the EU who are: • Arriving by RoRo ferry • Arriving with Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Consignments.
Who should read:	All Importers, Customs Agents and Logistic Providers.
Related Notification:	None
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1. Introduction

The Revenue Commissioners wishes to remind all persons arriving in Ireland from outside the European Union (EU) that they are legally obliged to declare any goods they are importing to Customs. This obligation applies regardless of the method of travel or the manner in which you have booked your journey.

2. Arrival by Roll-on/Roll-off (RoRo) ferry

If you are arriving by RoRo ferry carrying goods from outside of the EU, it is recommended that you book your consignment with the ferry company as freight and submit a Pre-Boarding Notification (PBN) prior to departure.

Booking your vehicle or consignment as passenger does not remove your legal obligation to declare goods to Customs. **Regardless of how your journey is booked, all goods being imported from outside of the EU must be declared to Customs upon arrival**. This applies equally to vans, light commercial vehicles, and any other smaller vehicles carrying goods, whether for commercial or personal purposes.

Further information on your Customs obligations when arriving in Ireland on a ferry from outside of the EU can be found on our website here.

3. Arriving with Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Consignments.

If you are arriving from outside of the EU on any mode of transport and are carrying goods that are subject to SPS controls, such as animals, animal products, plants, or plant products you must comply with the following requirement:

All SPS consignments must receive official clearance from the designated Border Control Post (BCP) before goods are removed from the Port/Airport. Removing SPS goods from the port prior to receiving clearance is a breach of your legal obligations.

A Reminder to all Importers

Revenue is actively monitoring arrivals at all Ports/Airports of entry. Leaving the port without declaring goods and receiving Customs clearance is a serious offence which may result in seizure of goods, financial penalties and prosecution.

4. Further Information

Any queries on this notification may be forwarded to eCustoms@revenue.ie.