

Meeting topic	
<b>Customs Consultative Committee</b>	
<b>Attendees</b>	Revenue Commissioners American Chamber of Commerce Ireland BIM Bord Bia Chambers Ireland Customs-IT Dept of Agriculture, Food and the Marine Dept of Finance Dept of Foreign Affairs Dept of Taoiseach Dept of Transport Dept. of Enterprise, Trade and Employment Enterprise Ireland Freight Transport Association Hardware Association Ireland. Ibec ICT Ireland Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers Ireland (ICS) Intel IRHA Irish Road Haulage Association Irish Exporters Association (IEA) Irish Grain & Feed Association (IGFA) Irish International Freight Association Irish Ship Agents Assoc. Primark
<b>Secretary</b>	David O Mahony – Brexit – Customs Division, Revenue
<b>Date of meeting</b>	09 July 2021
<b>Venue</b>	Virtual Meeting via Skype for Business Dublin Castle – Conference Room 2
<b>Item 1: Introduction</b>	<p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the 3rd CCC of 2021.  Brexit and resulting customs formalities now business as usual. Stable traffic volumes through ports and airports. In first six months 84% of traffic through the ports was Green routed, 12% Orange and 4% Red. Will always be a certain percentage checked - this is normal for goods coming into EU from 3<sup>rd</sup> countries. Continue to work to remove unnecessary delays and improve our IT systems.  Link to HMRC material re: upcoming changes sent out to group.</p> <p><b>Helping businesses to prepare for full Customs Control in January 2022</b>  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/news/helping-businesses-to-prepare-for-full-customs-control-in-january-2022">https://www.gov.uk/government/news/helping-businesses-to-prepare-for-full-customs-control-in-january-2022</a></p> <p>Ready for Customs grant is still available.</p>

	<p><b>Funding support</b>  <a href="https://enterprise-ireland.com">Ready for Customs - Enterprise Ireland (enterprise-ireland.com)</a></p>
<p><b>Item 2: Adoption of minutes</b></p>	<p>The previous minutes were adopted.  Update on Comprehensive Guarantee action from previous meeting – due to a lack of demand the original support scheme developed is no longer available. Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland (SBCI) are keeping it under review and if there is a demand in the future, they will work with banks to develop a solution.</p>
<p><b>Item 3: Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) Update</b></p>	<p>Import Controls – normalised. Still directly engaging with operators where challenges.  Next phase of UK import requirements – 1<sup>st</sup> Oct 2021.  These will mean significant changes and cost burden on businesses who are exporting agri-food products to UK.  DAFM still working to understand the detail of what will be required. Lack of clarity about the implementation of controls from 1<sup>st</sup> Oct.  Revised Border Model expected - now available here:  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-border-operating-model">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-border-operating-model</a></p> <p>Positive engagement with UK authorities – Joint Webinar on 23<sup>rd</sup> of July.  Supply Chain Working Group have met a number of times.  Series of trials in IE and planned for UK – will share outcome of the trials as case studies. Series of webinars over the summer.  Plan in place re: increased staffing to allow for increase in export certification.  Landbridge webinar –most likely Sept. Still awaiting response from FR re: clarification of issues.</p>
<p><b>Item 4: AIS / AEP Update (John O’Leary)</b></p>	<p>AIS is stable, issues re performance have been resolved and there has been very little unscheduled downtime in last number of months.  Volumes very high and system is handling these with no issues. There is capacity for volumes to increase.  H7 functionality in place and system can handle large volumes with no issues.</p> <p>Priorities for the rest of the year –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some peripheral H7 functionality to deliver in August.</li> <li>• Bug fixes for second half of the year.</li> <li>• Single Window project expanding – digitalisation of certificates and validation with partner agencies.</li> <li>• Closing AEP for imports.</li> </ul> <p>Next significant development is AES – Export System and new modules for Transit. We will provide trade with functional specs in 2022.</p> <p><b>AIS Rejections</b>  The level of rejections can be high.  Would be useful for trade to look at issues – what can be done to improve the processes as rejections cause issues for the business and Revenue.</p>

	<p><b>Questions:</b></p> <p><b>Ibec</b> Initial feedback 50-70% rejection on H7. People are reverting to H1 because they don't have confidence in H7. AEO operators are not seeing any real benefit. Is AEO status visible/identifiable on declarations?</p> <p><b>Revenue</b> If there are prohibitions or restrictions on a consignment code then you can't use H7 Declaration. Revenue will create a document showing which CN Codes are suited to the H7 and which are not.</p> <p>Re: AEO -Revenue systems know if AEO status from EORI number and give benefits where possible – routing, reduced controls but only for Revenue controls not other Agencies. If called for a check then AEO allowance is already made by the system.</p> <p><b>DHL</b> Highlighted similar H7 issues and has sent on examples to Revenue</p> <p><b>ICT Ireland</b> IOSS entry issues with H1 – rejection (Revenue to look at)</p> <p><b>Revenue</b> We are aware of high rejection on H7. Will engage with CION regarding the rules and Revenue will support changes.</p>
<p><b>5. RORO Update (Carol-Ann O'Keeffe)</b></p>	<p>Update on functionality updated and in progress. Mid-June two sets of API.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trade – link systems to PBN Service</li> <li>• Ferry Operators – Information on channels for screens</li> </ul> <p>API usage low at this early stage.</p> <p>Makes it easier for drivers – PBN – can use email and 2x mobile numbers – for channel info at 30 mins out. Recommended that one of these numbers is the driver.</p> <p>Work ongoing with DAFM and HSE to improve procedures and technical issues which are having negative consequences. Have implemented some interim solutions and working towards long-term solutions. Currently mapping out processes in place for all 3 Agencies for different goods flows – investigating single portal for lodging documents.</p>
<p><b>6. Trader Outreach Update (Ray Ryan)</b></p>	<p>Along with DAFM and HSE colleagues we presented a webinar – 'Brexit: Six months on' 550 attended online on the day and the video is available through the link below.</p> <p><a href="#">Brexit-six-months-on-presentation-July-2021</a></p>

	<p>In relation to the questions asked we will review them to see if there are particular topics that need inclusion or updating on the website. We also requested any outstanding queries to be sent to <a href="mailto:Brexitqueries@revenue.ie">Brexitqueries@revenue.ie</a></p> <p>Imports and exports through NI: clearance options presentation. This has now taken place and a link to the video is below.</p> <p><a href="#">Brexit-seminars/imports-exports-through-ni-clearance-options-July-2021</a></p> <p>Landbridge session due to be held in September but no confirmed dates yet.</p>
<b>Item 7: Briefing by members on recent developments and current concerns</b>	<p><b>Irish International Freight Association (IIFA)</b>  Issues where cars coming in from NI and purchaser is lodging customs declarations in IE. Revenue asking for the cars to be brought to Dublin to be checked.  Revenue looking at the issue regarding presenting at Dublin Port.  Issues contacting Dublin Port regarding import issue resolution.</p> <p><b>Irish Exporters Association (IEA)</b>  Highlighted regulatory divergence – for example exporting chemicals – UK REACH and EU REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals) in NI.</p>
<b>Item 8: AOB</b>	<p>The Chair thanked John O Leary for all his work and contributions to the group over the years and wished him the best in his retirement.  Many members also wished John O’ Leary the best in his retirement.</p>
<b>Item 9: Date of next meeting</b>	TBA
<b>Action 1</b>	Revenue will issue a list of commodity codes which are not suitable for the H7
<b>Action 2</b>	Look at IOSS entry issues on H1 – rejections