eCustoms Helpdesk Notification

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Revenue is making some system changes to our import declaration system Automated Import System (AIS). The changes will be implemented in a release which will go live during the week commencing Monday 11 September. The functionality will be available to you to test in our test environment (PIT) from Friday 1 September. We will give five days' advance notification of the go-live date.

This release will introduce technical changes only. The technical changes will not require you to provide any additional or new data but will result in the stricter application of some business rules. The changes may cause some declarations to be rejected. It is important that you understand the impact of the changes on your supply chain and are ready for these changes.

The following declaration types are impacted H1, H2, H3, H4, H5, H6, H7 and I1. Therefore, if you are a stakeholder linked to any of these declaration types, you are advised to make yourself fully aware of all the changes. Full technical details are contained in the Annex.

The main changes are:

Postponed VAT Accounting

Traders may only apply to postpone the payment of VAT at the time of importation of the goods. It will not be possible to include the code 1A05 claiming postponed VAT accounting on an amendment request in AIS. See detailed information in the Annex.

Vehicle Identification Number (1D97) can be included in additional declaration types
The code 1D97 can now be declared in data element 2/3 for declaration types D3, G4, G3/G4, H1, H3 and H5. Before, it was only possible to declare this code on a H1 declaration.

Correction for use of error message N103

The functionality surrounding the net mass on a H2 is now working correctly. Net mass is not a mandatory data element on a H2 so AIS will no longer generate an error message where the net mass is not included on a H2 declaration.

Improved refund functionality

- Where IOSS and C07 are declared on a H7 declaration, AIS will no longer incorrectly generate an IM099 refund application message.
- Where an application for a refund is rejected, AIS will now advise the trader of the correct reason for the rejection.

Annex

Please find below link to updated Trader Specifications in relation to the coming release.   The following changes will be reflected in Version 1.16 of the Trader Specifications.

https://www.revenue.ie/en/customs-traders-and-agents/customs-electronic-systems/ais/trader-guides/index.aspx.

(1) Enhancements and Fixes
The following updates will be deployed as part of this release:

Postponed VAT Accounting:
- The application for Postponed VAT account is only applicable at the point of import. Retrospective granting of postponed VAT is not allowed. Where Postponed Vat is being claimed this can be only input as follows:

  - ➢ 1A05 – this can only be input at header level
  - ➢ 1A05 – this cannot be input on an import declaration that is being amended where the original declaration did not contain the code 1A05
  - ➢ Where goods have been released into free circulation 1A05 Postponed VAT cannot be applied.
  - ➢ Where 1A05 Postponed VAT has been removed via amendment, 1A05 Postponed VAT cannot be reapplied.
  - ➢ New Business Rules associated BR2030 & BR2031

  Please see eCustoms Helpdeks Notification Ref: 44/2022 which gives additional information and guidance for claiming postponed VAT on the Import Declarations

BR8083 – Change of Applicability.

- The code 1D97 (**Vehicle Identification Number)** is now allowed to be declared in D3, G4, G3G4, H1, H2, H3, H5.

H7 MRN with IOSS/C07 Receiving IM099 Refund Application

- Where IOSS / C07 are declared on a H7, the system will no longer generate an IM099 refund application incorrectly.

Goods On H2 Declaration Blocked by Net Mass with rejection with N103

- Net Mass is not mandatory data element on a H2. The system has now been updated so that N103 is no longer applicable to H2 declarations.

Rejection of refund applications – All declaration Types

- Where the RF409 message informs trade of a Customs decision to reject a refund application, the message will now include the correct reason for the rejection of the refund application.

(2) Business Rules:

New Business Rules:

Business Rule	Description	Error Message
BR2030	1A05 (postponed VAT Payment) can only be declared in DE '2/3 Document Identifier' at "Goods Shipment" level	'1A05 (postponed VAT Payment)' is not allowed at this level
BR2031	If MRN status is RELEASED and the released version of the declaration does not contain '1A05 (postponed VAT Payment)' in DE '2/3 Document Type' at 'Goods Shipment' level THEN '1A05' cannot be declared in amendment.	Amendment modifies restricted data elements

Updated Business Rules:

Business Rule	Description	Update
BR20329	PCA Document Type and reference number specified in DE 2/3. IF DE '2/3 Document Type' contains one of the following: Document Type: For COI certificate the value is equal to C644. For ODS licence the value is equal to L100 (Regulated substances' (ozone) import licence issued by the Commission). For CHED-PP certificate the value is equal to C085. For CHED-D certificate the value is equal to C678. For CHED-P certificate the value is equal to N853. For CHED-A certificate the value is equal to C640. For F-Gas the values can be: Y123, Y120, Y124, Y121, C057, C082, C079, Y125, Y951, Y986. The format of the declared in DE '2/3 Document Identifier' must be as follows: Document Reference: 1. The format is of COI certificate number is: COI.XX.YYYY.nnnnnnn/mm, where XX is the country of issuance, YYYY is the year, nnnnnnnn is the number (7 digits), and in case of an Extract there is a slash and the extract number. 2. The format of ODS licence number is: ZZZ-XXXX-KKKK-YYYY-NNNNNNNN, where, ZZZ - EXP or IMP, XXXX - an ID composed of 2 letters followed by a 2-digit number, which is assigned to the concerned undertaking, KKKK – licence type, YYYY – licence year, NNNNNNNN – 8-digit number. 3. The format of CHED certificate number is:	This has been reworded there is no change to the functionality of this Business Rule

Business Rule	Description	Update
	CHED_TYPE.XX.YYYY.nnnnnnn, and it can end with R or V, where: CHED is type of certificate: CHEDPP and CHEDD, CHED A or CHED P, XX is the country of issuance, YYYY is the year, nnnnnnnn is the number (7 digits), 'R' - partially Rejected, 'V' - partially Validated. 4. For F-Gas the DE is not used to carry certificate ID as there are no certificates in the F-Gas Portal and Licensing System. In cases where TARIC Document Type Code is Y121 (voluntary CO2e reporting) the DE 'Document Identifier' is Required and shall carry amount of CO2 equivalent. For the other F-Gas relevant TARIC Document Type Codes the DE is Optional.	

Deleted Business Rule:

Business Rule	Description	Update
BR8083	The value '1D97' in DE '2/3 Document Type (12 03 002 000)' can only be declared when the dataset is H1	This can now be declared in D3, G4, G3/G4, H1, H3 and H5.

(3) Update to XSD's:
Please be advised that there are no structural changes in the XSDs. The only changes are the references to the business rules. These are annotations, to be read by the developers. They do not affect the XMLs exchanged between AIS and the Traders.