

Automated Import System (AIS)

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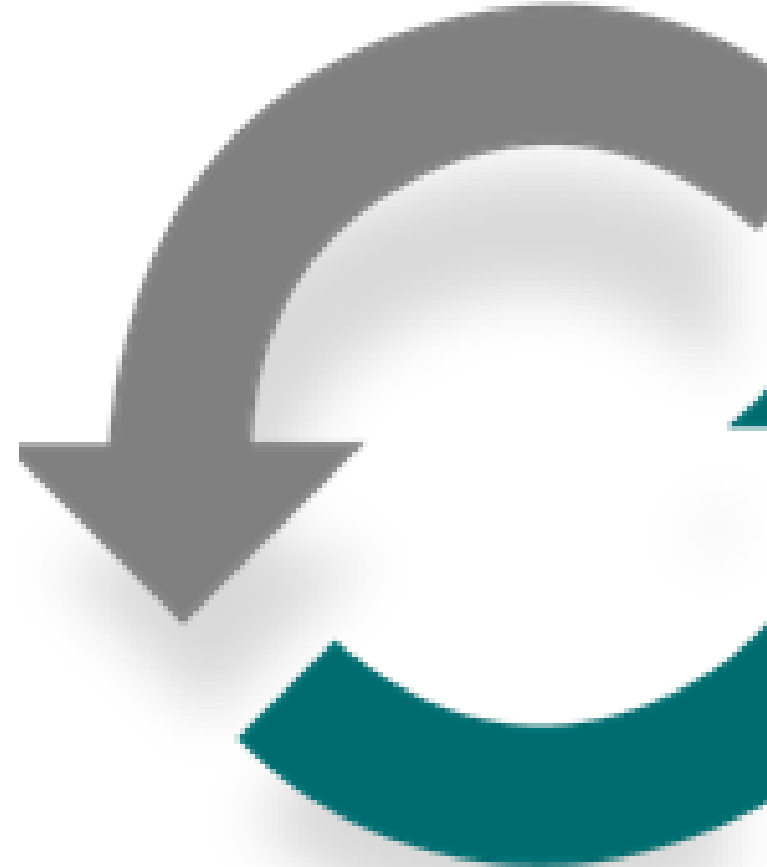
AIS is Revenue's new import declaration processing system

Without **AIS**, it will not be possible to complete customs import formalities in respect of third-country goods into Ireland from 2 November 2020

AIS will replace Automated Entry Processing (AEP) and e-Manifest for Imports

All customs import supply chain operators must be ready for **AIS**. Customs software needs to be updated NOW

AIS Go live date is 2 November 2020 at 09:00AM



AIS and UCC

Entry of goods into the customs territory of the European Union is a 5-step process, consisting of:

1. Lodgement of an Entry Summary Declaration (ENS) into ICS (Import Control System);
2. Notification of the arrival of the means of transport (Revenue receive this information from the Dublin Airport Authority and Safe Seas Ireland);
3. Presentation of goods (**Presentation Notification** into AIS);
4. Temporary storage of goods (**Temporary Storage Declaration** into AIS);
5. Placing the goods under a customs procedure (**Customs Import Declaration** into AIS).

These steps can be completed sequentially, however, a customs declaration can be lodged prior to the presentation of goods.

The introduction of AIS enables Revenue to implement the import formalities provided for in EU Customs legislation, the Union Customs Code (UCC).

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Getting to know the new AIS declaration names

Declaration Name	Declaration Description
D3	Electronic Transport Document (eTD)
G3	Presentation Notification
G4	Temporary Storage Declaration
G3/G4	Combined Presentation Notification & Temporary Storage Declaration
I2	Presentation of goods in the context of customs declarations lodged prior to the presentation of the goods at import.
I2	Presentation of goods to customs in case of entry in the declarant's records

I2 – can be used in respect of two types of declarations

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Getting to know the AIS declaration names

Declaration Name	Declaration Description
H1	Declaration for release for free circulation & for end-use
H2	Declaration for customs warehousing
H3	Special procedure declaration for temporary admission
H4	Declaration for inward processing
H5	Declaration for the introduction of goods in the context of trade with special fiscal territories
H6	Customs declaration in postal traffic for release for free circulation
H7	Low Value Consignments – Reduced Dataset (available on 01/07/21)
I1	Import Simplified Declaration
H1 – H5	Supplementary Declaration (Y/Z type declaration)

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Saying goodbye to the Import SAD

- Import SAD will no longer exist, it will be replaced with a new customs import declaration
- The box numbers on a SAD that you are familiar with, will be replaced with data elements
- The numbering of the data elements will be different
- AIS will introduce new message numbers and codes

For additional information, please look at the
[AIS Import Trader Guide](#)



**The new customs
import declarations
will look different BUT
the information in
general will be the
same**

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What is replacing e-Manifest?

- Import e-Manifest will be replaced with a Presentation Notification (**G3**) and a Temporary Storage Declaration (**G4**) in respect of non-union goods
- AIS will cater for a **combined G3/G4 message**
- On arrival of non-union goods at a Temporary Storage Facility (TSF), **AIS** requires a G3 and G4 to be lodged
- An e-Manifest declaration will **no longer** be used to lodge a simplified declaration, instead a simplified declaration (**I1**) will be lodged into AIS.

Where goods are moving under a 'simplified transit' in NCTS (New Computerised Transit System), there is no requirement for a G3/G4 at the point of importation

**What
declarations
will continue
to be lodged
into AEP?**

Export SADs and Export
E-manifests will
continue to be lodged
into AEP.

AIS and Brexit

- Brexit Transition period will end on 31st Dec 2020
- Customs formalities will apply to goods moving between Ireland and GB (Great Britain) when the transition period ends
- This means customs declarations will be required, when moving goods to GB, from GB or through GB
- Customs Import declarations will be submitted into **AIS**
- Customs Export Declarations will be submitted into **AEP**
- Where goods are moving through GB, a transit declaration will be lodged in NCTS
- Traders or their customs agents **must** have the facility/software to lodge electronic customs declarations to Revenue.

*For additional information go to www.revenue.ie/brexit
Brexit related queries can be sent to  brexitqueries@revenue.ie*

Sequence of events for Air & LoLo Movements

*IE is the office of first entry into the EU and the
Import declaration is lodged after the goods are
presented to Customs*

- ENS lodged into ICS
- Presentation Notification/Temporary Storage Declaration (G3/G4) lodged into AIS (should reference ENS MRN)
- Customs Import declaration (Hx/I1 - A type) lodged into AIS (must reference G3/G4 MRN)

An `A` type declaration is lodged into AIS in respect of a declaration lodged post presentation



Sequence of events for Air & LoLo Movements

IE is the office of first entry into the EU and the Import declaration is lodged prior to the presentation of the goods to Customs

- ENS lodged into ICS
- Customs Import declaration (H1/I1 - D type) lodged into AIS
- Presentation Notification/Temporary Storage Declaration (G3/G4) lodged into AIS (reference MRN of the all the pre-lodged declarations)
- Where the G3/G4 **does not** reference the pre-lodged MRNs then an I2 is required in respect of each pre- lodged declaration

A`D` type declaration is lodged into AIS in respect of a declaration lodged post presentation

Pre-Boarding Formalities In the UK RoRo Traffic

To facilitate the Just In Time supply chain
Revenue Message to Trade is :



- Pre-lodge your ENS, customs import declarations and transit declarations
- Create your PBN (Pre-Boarding Notification)
- Make sure the MRNs of all your pre-lodged declarations are in the PBN – One exception, see next slide

RoRo Movements

Goods coming into Ireland from GB

Pre-Boarding Formalities In the UK

Customs declarations submitted to Revenue to cover all of the goods on the vehicle/trailer.

- Safety and Security Declaration (ENS)
- Transit
- Import Declarations

All sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) requirements to be met if relevant (pre-notification on TRACES etc)

<https://www.agriculture.gov.ie/brexit/preparingforbrexit/>
<https://www.hse.ie/brexit/>

MRNs for all declarations should be supplied to the person completing the Pre-Boarding Notification (PBN).

Exception

- MRNs of pre-lodged declarations associated with goods coming out of an inland Temporary Storage Facility (TSF) should not be in the PBN

Pre-Boarding Formalities In the UK – RoRo Traffic

What is a PBN (Pre-Boarding Notification)?

- A PBN is a ‘virtual envelope’ into which details (MRNs) of all of the customs declarations for all of the goods being carried in the vehicle/trailer for a journey are placed
- The PBN will have a unique ID Reference - PBN ID

Only one PBN per vehicle/trailer per journey.

Within the PBN there can be multiple MRNs, depending on the movement type



Pre-Boarding Formalities In the UK – RoRo Traffic

What purpose does the PBN serve?

- The PBN data is re-used by Revenue to create the Presentation Notification
- It gathers together all of the declarations for a vehicle/trailer for a particular journey
- It enables a channel to be assigned to that vehicle/trailer based on all of these declarations



Pre-Boarding Formalities In the UK – RoRo Traffic

Who Can Create a PBN?

Anyone in the supply chain can create the PBN, including:

- Logistics Company
- Vehicle Driver
- Declarant
- Importer
- Customs agent

If you as the declarant are not creating the PBN, you will need to make sure you supply the MRNs of your customs declarations to the person completing the PBN



Pre-Boarding Formalities In the UK – RoRo Traffic

How is a PBN created?

- The PBN is created on the Revenue Website in the Customs Ro-Ro Service

What is needed to create a PBN?

- At least one MRN (depending on the movement type)

How do I get a ‘Good to Check-In’ Status?

- Depending on the movement type a minimum number of MRNs must be included in the PBN – you can check your ‘Good to Check-In’ status on the website

Who should the PBN ID be provided to?

- All parties in the supply chain, including:
 - The Driver of the vehicle; and
 - The Ferry operator when booking in the vehicle/trailer



Sequence of events for RoRo traffic

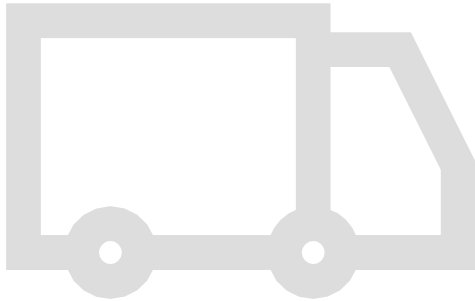
Message for RoRo Trade remains consistent –
pre-lodge declarations

- **Pre-lodged** Hx /I1 acts as G4 (UCC Art 171) -
no G4 to be lodged by trade
- At arrival - Pre Boarding Notification (**PBN**)
fulfils presentation requirements - **No I2
needs to be lodged**

If Hx/I1 MRN is not added to PBN, before cut-off
point, an I2 must be lodged by trade

If Hx/I1 MRN is not pre-lodged then G3/G4 must
be lodged by trade

RoRo Traffic Goods Moving under a Simplified Transit direct to a TSF



- Where goods are moving under a simplified transit the customs declaration may or may not be pre-lodged.
- Where the declaration is pre-lodged, the MRN **should not** be included in the PBN.
- Where a truck is moving under a simplified transit, the transit MRN and the ENS MRN must be in the PBN
- When the truck arrives at the TSF, a G3/G4 should be lodged into AIS and the transit should be arrived in NCTS

Transit movements to an approved Temporary Storage Facility (TSF)

- Non-union goods arriving into Ireland by air or sea (LoLo) may move under a national transit to a TSF located away from the port or airport
- As a trade facilitative measure, goods arriving into Ireland on a RoRo ferry will never move under a national transit, instead they may move under a simplified transit to a TSF
- On arrival of goods at the TSF, a presentation notification (G3) and a temporary storage declaration (G4) is required in respect of these non-union goods
- Goods should be arrived on the transit system (NCTS), as is the case today



Removing Non-Union goods from a Temporary Storage Facility (TSF)

- To remove goods from a TSF and place them into a customs procedure, a customs import declaration should be lodged into AIS (within 90 days)
- Where a declaration is lodged post presentation at the TSF, then this Hx/ I1 declaration should reference the MRN of the G3/G4 in the previous document field
- Where a Hx/I1 declaration is pre-lodged, then the G3/G4 should reference the MRN of the pre-lodged declaration/s



Transit movements to an approved Temporary Storage Facility (TSF)

- A customs authorisation can be obtained to move goods between temporary storage facilities. For further information, please contact Revenue's Authorisations & Relief Unit at customsreliefs@revenue.ie
- If goods are moving between TSFs, a second G3/G4 is not required into AIS, where a customs authorisation is in place.



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New Features that AIS Offers

Refunds – Two step Process

1. Amend/invalidate the declaration in AIS
2. Submit a refund application in AIS

Simplified Declaration (I1)

- AIS caters for an I1 declaration

Correspondence and Documents

- Documents should be uploaded into AIS
- MyEnquires should not be used to lodge supporting documents

Trader Portal

- Traders can lodge Import declaration into AIS through their ROS account without having AIS software
- A good Customs knowledge is required
- Traders can use the portal to look at previously lodged declarations

Supply Chain Communication

- For Customs import declarations to progress in the system they must reference the correct MRN in the previous document field

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What other new features are coming your way, next year?

Bill of Discharge

- Can be submitted electronically into AIS from **March 2021**

Low Value Consignment Declaration (H7)

- Super Reduced Dataset for goods with an intrinsic value of less than €150 can be lodged from **1st July 2021**
- No authorisation required
- Not allowed in respect of prohibited or restricted goods

Time to Get Ready For AIS is **NOW**

- If you currently lodge import declarations, or if you intend to do so because of Brexit,
 - ✓ you must be able to lodge electronic customs import declarations into AIS and customs export declarations into AEP (Automated Entry Processing)
 - ✓ You should also become familiar with the changes (procedural and technical) to the customs import declaration
 - Content and structure changes of the new declarations
 - New message types and codes
 - New formats for existing messages

[AIS trader guide](#) provides information on the new declaration types, including the structure and format of the data elements

Trader Support

- **IT Support**
 - Technical guides on website
 - eCustoms email address UCCITDev@revenue.ie
- **Policy Support**
 - Updated Trader guides
 - National Policy & Operations Branch email importpolicy@revenue.ie
- **Trader Engagement**
 - Website www.revenue.ie/ais
 - Letters
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