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Public Consultation Exercise on non-inventory linked ports and airports

Who should read:	All operators involved in the international trade of goods, particularly importers, exporters, shipping agents, freight forwarders, airport or port operators, wharf operators, temporary storage operators and software suppliers.
What is it about:	Announcement of a public consultation exercise to determine the impacts on industry of the introduction of electronic communications for the presentation and customs clearance of goods at UK airports and ports.
When effective:	29 December 2014
Extant until/ Expires	31 March 2015

1. Introduction.

This information is to publicise the launch of a public consultation exercise regarding non-inventory linked airports and ports.

The consultation exercise aims to assess the impact on industry of the introduction of electronic communications for presentation and customs clearance of goods at all UK airports and ports.

The main driver for this change is the introduction of the Union Customs Code (UCC), EU Regulation 952/2013 on 1 June 2016 which requires all communication between customs authorities and economic operators, other than in exceptional circumstances, to be made using electronic data processing systems.

The changes will also support the Government's Digital Strategy.

2. How to get involved in the consultation exercise.

The consultation exercise commences on the 29 December 2014 and will end 31 March 2015.

The consultation exercise will be largely paper based but there will be opportunities for interested parties to contribute their views through the Joint Customs Consultative Committee (JCCC) Customs Product and Process Sub-group.

The public consultation exercise will be discussed at the next meeting of the JCCC Customs Product and Process sub-group on 30 January 2015. Members of a trade body may wish to feed their views on the consultation topic to their representative prior to the meeting.

There will be a face to face consultation Question and Answer session held on the 30 January 2015 in Alexander House, Southend from 2.30pm to 4.30pm.

For those unable to attend the January meeting a follow-up event will be held in London on 20 February at Euston Tower between 10am and midday.

Spaces at both events are limited so please contact Caroline Wilkins by the 12 January 2015 if you would like to attend either event (caroline.wilkins@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk).

A summary of the questions in this consultation is included at chapter 4 of the consultation document.

A copy of the [consultation document](#) may also be accessed from the GOV.UK website.

3. Responses to the Consultation Document.

Responses to the consultation should be sent by 31 March 2015.

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