

Irish Exporters Association Supply Chain Ireland Seminar 2016

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Important regulatory changes that will affect Irish exporters and importers this year were outlined at the Irish Exporters Association (IEA) Supply Chain Ireland seminar, at the Woodlands Hotel, Waterford.

Expert speakers from the Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport, Revenue, and global exporting companies Bausch Lomb and Connolly's RED MILLS briefed over 80 Logistics and Supply Chain professionals in attendance, on the incoming Customs regulations and SOLAS VI Container Weight Verification rules. The event sponsored by Crowe Horwath, Irish Rail and Aer Lingus Cargo also addressed methods to increase efficiencies in the Supply Chain Network.

Major changes in EU Customs, coming into effect on 1 May and SOLAS VI Container Weight Verification rules legislated from 1 July this year, will both have significant implications for all parties along the Supply Chain.

Supply Chain Ireland was created to support exporters from all sectors and to overcome the challenges that arise with multi-modal supply chain, logistics and customs issues.

Simon McKeever, Chief Executive, Irish Exporters Association commented: “The Irish Exporters Association is working with Revenue to inform our members of these changes and how they will impact companies. Irish exporters will need to begin making preparations immediately for both regulatory changes. Failing to prepare for EU Customs changes arising from the new Union Customs Code could result in serious delays clearing goods through customs. And from 1st July a container carrying cargo will not be loaded on a ship without the gross mass of the container being verified. If members are concerned about either of these changes they should contact us immediately. We are committed to supporting our members through these changes that could potentially have major implications to their overseas trade.”

Howard Knott, Trade Facilitation Director, Irish Exporters Association added: “Critical to the success of manufacturing exporters in developing and expanding their business is not just an efficient Supply Chain, but also a mutual understanding with the suppliers of freight transport services of what is needed to make the Supply Chain work. The event gave a unique opportunity for those players to meet and to focus on the opportunities and problems faced by exporters in the South East. The IEA is also a participant in The South Eastern Regional Freight Forum and will bring the learnings from the meeting to that group.”