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Why has the EU mandated Paper-Free processes for cross-border trade?

In late 2001, and prompted to a major degree by the terrorist attacks in New York, the EU recognised that paper-based trade processes were becoming unable to meet the requirements of the twenty-first century international trading environment, both in terms of efficiency and security. The EU commenced the move from paper-based cross-border trade processes to a paper-free electronic trade data model.

It is now accepted that EU trade data exchanged electronically and based on open and agreed standards has significantly enhanced EU trade competitiveness. It has also ensured a higher level of compliance with both trade and customs procedures and has allowed customs to perform more efficient risk analysis on goods. In particular, the advance exchange of information since January 2011 and the associated automated analysis of trade data will enable customs authorities to react faster to events and to take appropriate measures to reduce risks.

For customs, the move to paper-free trade processes will optimise revenue and enforcement, connect trade facilitation and security and generate overall cost reductions related to customs work.

What are the new EU Customs pro-trade regulations for Irish Traders?

From 1 January 2011, Irish traders have had to make paper-free or electronic declarations containing security data in advance to customs before goods enter or leave the EU. This allows customs to carry out better and earlier risk assessments on goods, thereby minimising any delays in connection with controls.

The EU had already moved to paper-free customs processes in relation to exports in July 2009. These were extended to imports in January 2011. The legislation underpinning all of these moves was passed in 2005 and 2006 providing EU member states customs authorities and their economic operators with up to five years to prepare for these changes. January 1 2011 onwards sees all EU economic operators engaged in EU imports and exports cohesively engaged in paper-free transactions with customs.

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What does this mean for Irish Traders?

EU Paper-based customs pre Jan 2011

EU paper-free customs post Jan 2011



The result of this is that the EU has simplified trading processes and eliminated the inefficiencies and costs economic operators incurred in connection with paper-based cross-border trade.

The EU has introduced the Import Control System and the Export Control System, which in simple terms means that accurate trade data must now be submitted to the EU customs authorities in advance to allow for goods to be loaded and sent to or from the EU. Irish traders are now responsible for providing this data. **If quality trade data is not provided in advance then there will be no load approval and definitely no goods shipped.**



What does ChamberTrade.ie do for Irish Traders?

From September 1st all Irish importers, exporters and freight forwarders will be able to access Chambers Ireland online paper free trader system. www.chambertrade.ie

This will allow Irish traders, using only an invoice, to create and manage all their relevant trade, transport and customs activities. It allows traders to link their physical and financial supply chain relationships and trade data requirements seamlessly. Importantly, this allows for very significant savings in terms of both time and costs.

This paperfree service is designed for enterprises engaged in cross border trade, both importing and exporting to and from the EU and who need to be able to send trade data 24 hours in advance of any planned trade activity. If this is not done as required since Jan 1 2011 under EU law you will get no permission from EU customs to load and send product either in or out of the EU. The 27 EU customs authorities have implemented local administration penalties to support the pan EU law.

ChamberTrade Advance Quality Trade Data Notification (AQTDN) benefits service enables Economic Operators to engage in seamless cross-border trade. ChamberTrade not only allows Economic Operators to meet the EU's **Advance Quality Trade Data Notification**, but also satisfies requirements with trading partners in the USA, Canada, China, India, and Mexico, all of whom have mandated replica no data in advance no load policies in line with the EU.





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What are the savings ChamberTrade.ie offer Irish importers?

	Documents to export (number)	Time to export (days)	Cost to export (per -container)	Documents to import (number)	Time to import (days)	Cost to import (per container)
Ireland	4	7	€768.49	4	12	€1,121

- UNCEFACT has already confirmed that a single transaction, based on dated paper-based cross-border trade customs models, can involve 27 parties, more than 40 documents and more than 300 copies of documents.
- UNCTAD has confirmed that more than 5 billion trade and transport documents are issued annually and the average customs transaction involves 20 to 30 parties, 40 documents, 200 data elements (30 of which are repeated at least 30 times) and the re-keying of 60-70% of all data at least once.
- International Air Transport Association (IATA) confirmed that 20 to 30 documents accompany each master airway bill.

The costs associated with these transactions, together with the complexity of international trade documents and procedures, places a huge burden on EU businesses and are a major disincentive for many small businesses to participating in cross-border trade. The future is clearly paper-free if EU businesses are to have any chance of competing in the current global trading environment.



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What are the features and Benefits of ChamberTrade.ie?

- ✓ Expedited processing and release of shipments
- ✓ Increased transparency between customs administrations
- ✓ Improvement in access of data, automated handling of goods, customs formalities and delivery time.
- ✓ Reduction of transaction costs due to global single import and export customs declaration.
- ✓ Reduces administrative burden by minimising duplicate entries (no more re-keying of data), simplified procedures and eliminates problem of missing documentation with total visibility provided on the trade execution.
- ✓ Based on United Nations and World Customs Organisation harmonised global standards **Order – Invoice** matching.
- ✓ Based on global harmonised standards in line with **the UN/CEFACT Cross-Industry Invoice (CII) allowing EU and any global trader to trade paper free**
- ✓ **ChamberTrade in line with EU and global customs requirements: The ChamberTrade invoice service is based on the World Customs Organisation and UN/ECE international standards and recommendations competencies that will fast track global cross-border trade.**
- ✓ **Collaborative Workflow:** From an initial purchase order to delivery: Key scheduling, tasks, notifications and reminders enabling the collaborative processing of a cross-border shipment EU approval to load, EU approval to send ; what has been packed by the trader importing or exporting ; when did it leave the port of origin; when did it arrive in the EU. The service creates and processes all relevant trade, transport and customs documentation from the Economic Operator invoice which is built on the global standards from the UN,
- ✓ **Complements the EU Authorised Economic Operator programme** in reduced data by enabling the cross-border and EU Economic Operator to meet certain criteria of standard #1 and #2 for the management and storage of transport records for customs control.
- ✓ **Reduction** in thefts and losses
- ✓ **Localised** – language, commodity codes, certificates and licences, and packaging templates are customised based on your local requirements
- ✓ Service delivered on **Microsoft's Azure cloud** capability which ensures data security integrity and eliminates data failure or loss. Uses XML messaging.

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- **From Purchase order to packing list online:** The Tradefacilitate service creates and processes online all the key relevant quality trade transport and customs documentation which is built from the data captured and presented from Economic Operators global standardised invoices.
- **Meets global customs requirements on electronic documents covering:** Pro Forma Invoice, Commercial Invoice, Packaging documents, Single Administrative Documents (SAD), EDE, Freight Forwarders instruction, Packing List, Pallet label, instant notifications World Customs Organisations Unique Consignment Reference (UCR) number.

- **Benefits of AQTDN for Economic Operators and their freight forwarders (FF) or carriers:**
Reduced cost savings as the historic paper-based customs time consuming administration costs are eliminated. The FF has a reduced workload as the Economic Operator under his EU obligations has completed all AQTDN collation, preparation and presentation for the carrier on the Chambers Trade service.
- **Benefits of AQTDN for Irish Traders and their Irish finance service providers**
 - ✓ Reduced joint and individual administration processing costs.
 - ✓ Increased visibility access in the cross border trade.
 - ✓ Receipt of the packing list of goods loaded online before shipment instead of the historic dated process of waiting for the data after the goods are received.
 - ✓ The finance provider partner can now access securely online a transparent process from PO to delivery. The Economic Operator is compliant and is regarded as a secure Economic Operator within EU guidelines.

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- **Benefits for Irish Traders of outsourcing AQTDN to the Tradefacilitate EU validated service.**
- ✓ No initial investment costs, no installation costs
- ✓ No hardware or software maintenance
- ✓ Speedy and non-disruptive process implementation
- ✓ Less resource intensive than paper based procedures
- ✓ Increased visibility and tighter integration of Trader supply chain partners and providers to EU paper free E customs requirements
- ✓ Immediate and measurable ROI
- ✓ Long term ROI and sustained savings
- ✓ Clear pattern emergence of Trader and Shipper Communities on the cloud.
- ✓ Data protection in line with EU guidelines
- ✓ Global technology security and scalability to individual Traders requirements are provided by the Microsoft Corporation, a proven global technology leader.
- ✓ Service is delivered on Microsoft's Azure cloud capability hosted in Dublin and Amsterdam thus ensuring data security and integrity and also eliminates any possibility of data failure or loss.

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Schedule of Fees

Price Plan Detail (per trade)	Charge (Ex VAT)	Currency
Export (EU To EU)	2.50	EUR
Export (EU To Non EU)	25.00	EUR
Import (Non EU To EU)	50.00	EUR
Import (Non EU To Non EU)	20.00	EUR
Import (EU To EU)	2.50	EUR
EAD Created Transaction	5.00	EUR
EAD Received Transaction	5.00	EUR
EDE Transaction	5.00	EUR
SAD Import Transaction	5.00	EUR
Order/Invoice Transaction	0	EUR
SAD Export Transaction	5.00	EUR

Price Plan Detail	Charge (Ex VAT)	Currency
Freight Forwarder Monthly Subscription	150.00	EUR
ICSEntrySummaryDeclarationAcknowledgement (per message)	5.00	EUR
ICSEntrySummaryDeclarationAmendmentAccepted (per message)	5.00	EUR
ICSDiversionRequestAcknowledgement (per message)	5.00	EUR
EAD Received Transaction (per message)	5.00	EUR
EDE Transaction (per message)	5.00	EUR

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How to access ChamberTrade.ie and avail of our paperfree service;

- ✓ Register as a trader on www.ChamberTrade.ie
- ✓ Register/ invite your cross-border trading partners and service providers.

All you require to use our service is an internet connection and a web browser. For more information contact: customersupport@tradefacilitate.ie

Many Irish companies are already benefiting from the ChamberTrade system:

"We have been using the trade facilitate system since June 2010 for processing our alcohol orders with our suppliers from around the world and we are very pleased with the system to date.

We have seen clear and obvious time and cost savings from being able to communicate with our suppliers and receive their order acceptance and invoices in a standard format. The fact we can then notify our freight forwarders of the order without re-typing and sending the order information again greatly increases the advantages of using the service."

BWG Wines & Spirits
Ashbourne
Co Meath

"Paper drives costs up in terms of additional staff time to manage paper, additional phone/fax/courier expenses to move paper, and additional time delays from having the wrong paper. Celtic Forwarding will help traders to use the paper-free system to cut their costs, as well as passing on the savings we achieve ourselves to our clients."

"The time to act is now, new EU Customs rules in support of paper-free trade now requires advance electronic notification of exports out of Ireland, and for imports into Ireland from 1st January 2010, depending on the first port of landing in the EU."

Finbarr Cleary
Director
Celtic Forwarding

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