



### **What does the current Lockdown mean for moving operations in Ireland.**

Due to the rapidly increasing number of CoVid-19 Cases, The Government of Ireland as of midnight Wednesday 21st of October, will impose further restriction for work, general business activities personal movements, and social gatherings.

The Directive states that unless your physical presence in a work environment is essential to the completion of your work you should work from home.

**In the context of our services** - services can and will be delivered as we are permitted to deliver in home service provided Certain sanitizing/social distancing protocols in place, are adhered to.

While our operation may be working as close to “normal” as possible, other elements of the supply chain may or will be adversely affected. Therefore, expect delays.

#### **Operationally**

We operate Packing/Service Delivery “Pods” of employees to limit social interactions, with, both employees and clientele mitigating the possible transmission of CoVid. This means enhanced planning and possible cost impacts, resulting in extended schedules.

Additional to all the personal safety protocols in place to ensure the continuity of service, we are doing everything possible to work with our local supply chain elements who also must work/operate remotely per Level 5 Lockdown protocols, to minimize disruption.

#### **Customs Clearance. COVID and Brexit**

One major consideration for the foreseeable future is Customs Clearance. And the resulting delays being experienced Due to CoVid and Brexit.

Please note Shipments arriving at Cork and Dublin Sea Ports also road shipments under T1 arriving at Dublin, and Rosslare Wexford Ferry Ports are experiencing delays due to extensive Custom Clearance processing.

Dublin and Cork Airports have as yet not been impacted by any delays, however it is expected that there will be disruption in service norms as the Brexit deadline approaches.

Despite significant investment by Revenue.ie(Irish Customs authority) in infrastructure and training to mitigate any possible delays at ports, for Brexit issues, the added



pressure and impact of CoVid-19 on working procedures, have seen Customs enhanced their examination of documentation.

The required evidence supporting TOR entries are being examined in fine detail by Customs officers which is resulting in clearance time being protracted, a higher than previously noted number of full strip exams and Vat & Duty charges being levied. All directly relating to the examination of the paperwork and officers determination of the status of the goods being imported, under TOR's

At this time the delays are only impacting Import Shipments.

A more stringent lockdown will only impede the otherwise efficient processing of Clearances, and have further impacts on such direct costs as handling, demurrage, detention, revalidations, and quay rents.

**What to Do to mitigate additional costs** resulting from extended time required by customs to clear customs procedures.

Request extended free time at destination port from shipping line and have it noted on the B/L.

Ask your client to follow the steps outlined in the following youtube clip;

<https://youtu.be/FenE78Db72E>

this explains, how to fill in the Irish Customs forms, in detail, what is relevant and what is not, and what supporting documentation is required, the clip is only 8 min short.

Ensure All Paperwork required for clearance are collected prior to shipments departure, This is the responsibility of the origin agent.

Advise Client/EE of anticipated delays possible examination at destination and costs.

Advise Client/EE duties and taxes might arise, and note that the payment of same if not processed on time will result in further demurrage costs etc.,

Due to the higher number of exams anticipated take photos of condition of goods for insurance purposes.

Please feel free to ask any questions

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