



RE: Customs Paper 57 TOR pre import online application process

Dear Overseas Group Member,

Further to a recent meeting of the JCCC meeting (Joint Customs Consultative Committee) we have been notified that the new iform will be deployed this week. An apology has been received for the length of time that this has taken and our frustration about this situation noted. The notification goes on to say that this situation has been equally as unacceptable to HMRC as it has been to BAR. However, the points that we have made (and continue to make) about testing the new portal and of course the impact on goods already on the high seas, has also been noted and HMRC have confirmed that they will operate a period of dual running of the iform and C3 until 31/03/2017. With effect from 01/04/2017, they will move the process entirely over to the new iform. They will be writing formally to the industry this week to confirm this latest news but have agreed that BAR can disseminate this message to its Members without further delay.

They have also agreed to host a face to face meeting with BAR representatives to discuss this matter in more detail and any other relevant business although a meeting before the New Year is unlikely.

Yours Sincerely

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