

Implementation of the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme

Import / Export of rough diamonds

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Kimberley Process Certification Scheme

1. Introduction

Council Regulation (EC) No 2368/2002 provides for controls by competent authorities in the implementation of the Kimberley Process Certification (KPC) Scheme within the EU. In Ireland the competent authority with responsibility for this Regulation is the Department of Communications, Energy & Natural Resources (DCENR). Revenue's Customs Service acts in an agency capacity at points of import and export in ensuring compliance with the KPC Scheme.

2. Legislation

EU level [Council Regulation \(EC\)2368/2002](#)

National Legislation [SI 878/2005](#)

3. Prohibitions/Restrictions

The import / export of rough diamonds are subject to conditions of the KPC Scheme.

Profiles have been set in the AEP system to flag all import and export SADs where the following CN codes have been declared.

- 7102 10
- 7102 21
- 7102 31

4. Action by Customs

Where a SAD is presented for the import or export of goods under the above referenced CN codes the following procedures apply:

1. Check that the UK Government Diamond Office (GDO) has approved the import or export of the consignment(s) in question. This notification will arrive by email from the UK GDO to generic Customs email addresses at Shannon and Dublin Airports, the details of which have been provided to the UK GDO.
2. The KPC Scheme requires that at either import or export the diamonds be presented in tamper resistant containers with unbroken seals. Check that this is the case.
3. The Kimberley Certificate as approved by the GDO must be physically presented to Customs at the time of declaration of the consignment for importation or exportation.

Where the consignment meets all of the above conditions the goods can be cleared. Where it is found that any of the above conditions have not been met the consignment should be detained and Prohibitions & Restrictions Unit contacted.

5. Risk Information Form (RIF)

The RIF should be used by staff to inform Customs authorities of other Member States of any significant irregularities which have come to light in respect of the importation of products covered by these regulations. For further information staff should contact:

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6 Enquiries

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