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## International Business Forum Minutes

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – 9.00am – 10.30am

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### Minutes

#### Present

Tom Sutton	Sheffield Chamber of Commerce
Nick Patrick	SYITC
Mark Rowbotham	SYITC
Angela Reeve	Ancon
Richard Cowie	Cerex Limited
Garin Dart	Holiday Inn Royal Victoria Sheffield
Lee Bolsover	Transglobal Freight Management Limited
Martin Filleul	Tinsley Bridge
Claire Campbell	Tinsley Bridge
Helen Wareham	Tinsley Bridge
John Honeywood	T.C.Harrison Group Ltd
Paul Travers	Pneumatic Components Ltd
Steve Martin	Pneumatic Components Ltd
Nicola Swann	Pricecheck UK
Adrian Simpkin	A L Simpkin & Co Ltd
Michelle Thorpe	A L Simpkin & Co Ltd
Tom Caley	Swann-Morton Limited
Kathryn Cutler	Swann-Morton Limited
Cindy Thomson	Anpario Plc
Helen Pratt	Arkote Ltd
Andrew Hulse	UHY Hacker Young
Richard Joel	Vulcan Engineering Limited
Peter Dillingham	MCi Diventi Ltd
Mark Shaw	Biohitech Europe Limited
Nicola Spooner	Westbrook Resources Ltd
Andrea Sharp	Westbrook Resources Ltd
Kathleen O'Donnell	Fragomen Worldwide



## Apologies

Kiley Tan

Mosaic International Ltd

### Customs – An Uncertain Future, Presentation – Mark Rowbotham, Portcullis ISC

- Lack of understanding from Government on international trade controls
- Revised Kyoto convention – Did not include any provision for SME's. Only a few businesses were made aware of the changes
- Safe Framework of Standards – Set out a transition to an electronic portal
- Trader Self-Assessment – You are responsible for compliance and ensuring exporting staff are properly trained in compliance
- The Customs Computer – CHIEF will be replaced with Customs Declaration System (CDS) – Provides trader import and export transaction records – Purely based electronically
- Advanced Cargo Information (ACI) – Electronic Cargo Manifests
- ACI requirement for all exports to countries, including EU
- Approved Exporter Status (AES) will be the replacement for EUR1's
- Registered Exporter (REX) is an EU registration system that authorises exporters in GSP beneficiary countries to issue a self-certificate for eligible goods to be imported under import preference to the EU
- AES and REX have a similar methodology in terms of application process
- Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) status is an internationally recognised quality mark indicating that a business's international supply chain is secure, and that customs controls and procedures are efficient and compliant
- Need for freight forwarders to be AEO approved
- Approx. 600 businesses in the UK registered with AEO. In Germany the figure is approx. 7,500 businesses.
- Implementation of new systems will be phased in to allow time for businesses to move to and get used to working under the new regulations
- CDS will take approx. 2-3 years to be fully implemented – The timescale that has been provided by Government
- Customs Digital – Set out by revised Kyoto convention – Replaces the manual paperwork-based system to a digital system

