

# The Union Customs Code, Becoming an AEO and Verification of Container Weights



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## Speaker Profiles



**Bill Williamson**  
**Director Customs**  
**HM Revenue & Customs**

Bill was appointed Director Customs in April 2013 and is responsible for Customs policy, systems, procedures and legislation, compilation and dissemination of the UK's trade statistics and international relations. Customs Directorate collects over £34 billion a year; keeps around £700 billion of imports and exports moving, and has around 190,000 business customers.

In his previous role as Deputy Director Customs, Bill's specific responsibilities included supply chain security; international relations and co-ordination, tariff classification and Customs duty liability, enforcement policy for strategic exports and intellectual property rights and HMRC's relationship with the Border Force.

Bill leads the UK's relationship with the World Customs Organisation (WCO) and is Chairperson of the WCO's Finance Committee.

Bill joined HM Customs & Excise as an administrative officer in the Customs Directorate in 1986. As well as Customs, his career has seen him work extensively in VAT, business change, strategy and planning, legal services, finance and intelligence. Prior to his most recent Customs role, he was Director of a large IT programme which delivered HMRC's current integrated suite of law enforcement and border IT systems. Bill has also twice worked as a Private Secretary to HMRC Board members.

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**Tim Cornell**  
**HM Revenue and Customs**

Tim has been with HMRC (previously Customs & Excise) for 40 years. Most of his work has been in International Trade.

Tim heads the International Trade Development Liaison Officer (ITDLO) team covering the UK. This team specialise in internal and external education and business support regarding all future EU Customs developments. His team developed and delivers training for UK Customs regarding Assurance of Applicants for AEO status.

Tim acted as an EU Commission monitor in other member states to assure consistency of approach in application of AEO law. He speaks at UK and International forums on behalf of HMRC, F&CO and the World Customs Organisation and additionally has acted in a capacity building role with other WCO signatory countries.

Tim sits on the UCC Implementation Programme Board with particular interests in development of training for UK Customs Staff and the UCC Publicity Strategy.

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### **Jane Sewell** **HM Revenue and Customs**

Jane is an International Trade Development Liaison Officer (ITDLO) working for HMRC. The main role of an ITDLO is to inform outside business and internal staff of forthcoming changes and developments within the area of European law. This is achieved by working with other Government Departments, trade associations and commercial business.

Jane's extensive expertise with HMRC has covered design and delivery of AEO training along with campaigning to Business on AEO & the UCC. Jane is also a qualified member of the HMRC AEO Safety & Security Expert Group

Jane has recently worked with European colleagues in Sweden, Brazil, Jamaica and Ethiopia on behalf of HMRC and the WCO

Jane is currently working up training products regarding Audit Standards for HMRC Customs staff and targeted UCC training for HMRC Customs Regime Application site staff.

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**Peregrine Storrs-Fox**  
The TT Club

Following legal training, Peregrine has been with TT Club for over three decades, firstly handling claims and providing advice to all types of transport and logistics operators, including ports and terminals, until the late 1990s when he was directing claims operations worldwide for the Club.

Since 2002, Peregrine has led TT Club's risk management and loss prevention services and has actively participated in many of the transport and logistics industry issues over the last decade. This has included the development of the CTU Code and the passage of the container loss debate at the IMO leading to the revision to SOLAS relating to verified gross mass.

Peregrine enjoys collaborating with diverse interest groups in order to seek out optimum ways of working through the international supply chain. As a result, he has developed links with like-minded trade organisations and NGOs with a view to promote good practice in health and safety matters as well as general operations.

TT Club publishes loss prevention newsletters, briefings and handbooks on many operational issues.

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### **BIFA Staff at One Great George Street today**

#### **Robert Keen – BIFA Director General**

Robert joined BIFA in 1999 after working as a freight forwarder for thirty years. In his time at BIFA he has managed all of our Policy areas and became Director General in 2014

#### **Robert Windsor – Policy and Compliance Manager**

Robert joined BIFA six years ago from the forwarding industry and has established himself as our main resource on Customs Legislation and Road, Rail, Maritime and Dangerous Goods matters.

#### **Mike Jones – Policy and Compliance Advisor**

Working with Robert Windsor, Mike is mainly concerned with Air and Sustainable Logistics. He joined BIFA a year ago and was previously a freight forwarder working for a number of BIFA members.

#### **Jane Robinson – Membership Supervisor**

Jane is the backbone of the BIFA Membership Department and has clocked up over 22 years' service with the Secretariat. As well as membership Jane has worked in other areas of BIFA and worked for a freight forwarder before joining us.

#### **Sharon Hammond – Training & Media Co-ordinator**

Sharon joined BIFA in 1999, again from a freight forwarder, and like Jane has handled many differing roles within the Secretariat. Sharon currently ensures BIFAlink is published every month, looks after our qualification marking and administration plus many Training and Event related disciplines.

#### **Spencer Stevenson – Member Services Manager**

A true multi-tasker, Spencer's role takes him into every area of BIFA. He joined us five years ago and quickly established himself as the "go to" resource for almost any aspect of our role.