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June 5-8, Barcelona, Spain

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### Dear Garvan,

Welcome to the May edition of Irish Freight & Logistics Monthly.

You have been included within our mailing list because we consider you to be a valuable contributor to the industry.

We are aware of the communities need for an electronic platform for company announcements and press releases. We invite you to forward details to us for consideration in the next edition.

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#### • AEP Go Live 1st June



The Revenue have issued a communication to confirm that the new AEP system will open for business at 9.30am on Friday 1st June 2007.

The existing AEP system will close down on 31st May 2007 at 6pm. According to Revenue, it is imperative that all SADs for the 31st May are input prior to 6pm. This will enable Revenue to facilitate the processing and clearance of goods arriving between 6pm and midnight. Revenue confirm that traders cannot pre-enter SADs where the Date of Report/Conveyance Date is after 31st May. All SADs and EDEs submitted (DTI or CI) on or after 1st June must be input in the new formats.

Local Customs Offices should be contacted where the clearance of goods is required between 6pm on Thursday 31st May and 9.30am on the 1st June. To contact the

June 12-15, Munich,  
Germany

**Aftermarket Chain  
2007 Conference**

June 27-28, Barcelona,  
Spain

**World Low Cost  
Airlines Congress  
Congress**

17-20 September 2007,  
Great Britain, London

**Transpotec-Logitec  
2007 Exhibition and  
Conference**

October 4-7, Milan, Italy

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• **European Commission wants to eliminate transport "cowboys"**



The European Commission says that its proposed package of reforms for the road haulage sector will eliminate what its calls transport "cowboys", who give the sector a negative image.

The draft Regulations make it compulsory for all companies wishing to operate in the sector to employ a certified transport manager to direct operations and ensure that drivers comply with social and safety legislation.

They will also forbid people with convictions for serious offences from entering the business and provide for transport managers' licences to be suspended for up to two years in case of serious infractions.

Monitoring of haulage and coach services by national administrations will be simplified, thanks to the introduction of a single Community licence and EU- wide electronic registers.

The proposals also aim to clarify in which cases hauliers established in one EU country are allowed to carry out freight transport within another member state (so-called cabotage).

Under the new rules, cabotage will be authorised as often as needed, so long as it is limited to a maximum of three trips, carried out within seven days directly after an international transport operation.

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• **Dublin flights to boost UAE-Ireland trade**



Etihad Airway will launch a four-times-a-week service between Abu Dhabi and Dublin on 2 July 2007, according to Etihad Airway.

The route will be operated with an Airbus A330-200, offering cargo capacity of 14 tonnes in each direction. Annual trade figures between the two countries for 2006 stood at more than US\$ 343 million (AED 1.25 billion), an increase of nearly 40 per cent from the previous year. The predictions are that this figure could double further for 2007.

The UAE's exports to Ireland increased by 38 per cent in 2006 which included a 44 per cent rise in manufactured metals and a 22 per cent increase in electrical machinery.

Among the many commodities imported by the UAE from Ireland are pharmaceuticals, which increased by more than 200 per cent last year, as well as computers and telecommunications equipment.

#### • **New intermodal company established by ex-Geest executives**



Geest

Three former Geest North Sea Line executives have established a new intermodal container logistics company - Ge-eX Logistics.

Ge-eX Logistics has established its head office in the Port of Rotterdam, and agreements are in place with shortsea shipping companies, rail operators and road hauliers to provide transport services.

Ge-eX Logistics will operate with its own 45ft palletwide containers throughout mainland Europe, the UK and Ireland. The company plans to concentrate initially on developing Eastern Europe.

Ge-eX Logistics will also develop forwarding activities, and will be active in new trades within the EU that require types of equipment not currently available in the marketplace. The company has already built some prototypes, including 20ft palletwide containers, which will be further developed during the year.

#### • **Ceva hooks EGL**



Ceva is to acquire forwarding group EGL for about £1 billion (\$2bn). The combination will create the world's fourth largest integrated supply chain management company, with global capabilities in freight forwarding and contract logistics.

Ceva expects all existing operations at EGL to remain unchanged following the merger and will be managed under a new freight management division, headquartered at EGL's existing location in Houston. EGL and Ceva anticipate the transaction will be completed in the third quarter of 2007.

Ziegler has an annual tEGL had previously agreed a deal with affiliates of James R. Crane, EGL's largest shareholder, chief executive officer and chairman of the board, together with investment funds affiliated with Centerbridge Partners, L.P. and The Woodbridge Company.

After deciding that CEVA's offer was more favorable to EGL shareholders, EGL has paid a \$30 million fee to the Crane group to terminate that deal.

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