

Ireland's Illicit Trade - The €1 Billion Fraud

Trade & Media Conference - November 12, Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin 2, 9.00am

Exposing the damage to Ireland's Legitimate Retailers, Revenue Collection & the Wider Community

A 1/2 day conference that will shape public opinion and help to inform public policy. The threat to legitimate retailers, revenue collection and the wider community must be exposed. Solutions must be found. The illicit trade must be stopped.

SESSION 1:

Organised Crime, a 32 county problem.

SESSION 2:

Who Suffers?, the €1 billion impact on retail and revenue

SESSION 3:

Illicit Trade, Ireland and the international perspective

ROUND TABLE:

Finding Solutions Questions and answers with retailers and representatives.

We invite you to attend this conference.

- Understand the issue and how it affects your business and livelihood.
- Help to find solutions that will protect legitimate business and revenue collection
- Learn about Garda, PSNI and Revenue initiatives on both sides of the border.
- Support our efforts to have a level playing field for legitimate retail businesses.

This conference will be attended by:

- Retailers
- Publicans
- Wholesalers
- Trade associations
- Revenue Commissioners
- Customs
- Politicians
- Civil Servants
- Media



Register today at www.shelflife.ie/conference or call our office on **01 294 7777** and we will add you to the attendee list. There is no charge for attending this conference, but pre-registration is essential as places are limited.

SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

Frank Gleeson, CEO Retail Ireland/Topaz

The consequences for Ireland's retail sector if the organised criminals involved in illicit trade are not stopped.

George Kyne, Detective Superintendent, Criminal Investigations Bureau

How organised crime is linked to illicit trade and what An Garda Síochána are doing about it.

Todd Clements - Chief Inspector, Police Service of Northern Ireland

The elevated problems of managing cross-border organised crime and how the PSNI continue to work in a multi-organisational manner to deter further criminality.

Crime Correspondent

The reality of what is happening in towns and cities all across Ireland

Niall Butler, Taxation Division, Revenue Customs

The cost to Revenue and the taxpayer as a result of fuel laundering across Ireland.

Vincent Jennings, CEO Convenience Stores and Newsagents Association

The detrimental impact tobacco control legislation is having on Ireland's convenience stores and newsagents.

Brian Kearney, Principal Officer, Social Protection

Investigating the fraudulent activities that impact economically on sectors that are trying to legitimately trade.

Mark Fielding, CEO Irish Small and Medium Enterprises

The impact illicit trade has on small and medium sized businesses and the role government should play in combating these illicit crimes.

INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES

Francesco Calderoni - Transcrime

The complex mechanisms behind illicit trade and where Ireland fits into the international context.

Mike Ridgway - Packaging Spokesperson

Plain packaging for cigarettes is not an option - the importance of the packaging industry.

Brian Lee - DCTA

The necessity for international cooperation in eliminating the illicit trade - technology available to help customs, tax officers and border control tackle the criminals.

John Whiting - HMRC, Assistant Director of Criminal Investigation

How organisations can work together to deliver solutions that will decrease the incidences of illicit trade.

Question and Answer Panel Joe Sweeney -

National Federation of Retailers and Newsagents

Benny Gilsean -

Retailers Against Smuggling

Kevin O'Brien -

National Off-Licence Association

Lil Courtney -

Retailer, Centra

