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Page 47, last paragraph:

Instead of: "The experts can only agree with this desire, particularly given the customs authorities' intention to appoint a customs official as EUROPOL liaison officer. The customs authorities also drew attention to the ambiguity in the area of competence for fraud (a matter for the police under the EUROPOL Convention and in Ireland, dealt with mainly by the Office of the Revenue Commissioner, even if fraud investigation is primarily the responsibility of AGS). It must also be appreciated that outside of the Europol network, Customs to Customs channels are still extensively used and are the preferred channels for certain Customs Services. It is expected that these channels will continue to be used in the future."

it should read: "The experts can only agree with this desire, particularly given the Customs authorities' intention to appoint a Customs official as EUROPOL liaison officer. The Customs authorities also drew attention to the ambiguity in the area of competence for fraud (*fraud investigation is the core function of the Garda Bureau of Fraud Investigation (GBFI) in An Garda Siochana. It is accepted that the Revenue Commissioners have an investigative function in relation to revenue offences, but fraud investigation is primarily the responsibility of An Garda Siochana*). It must also be appreciated that outside of the Europol network, customs to customs channels are still extensively used and the preferred channels for certain customs services. It is expected that these channels will continue to be used in the future."