

HMRC Brexit update - Full customs controls 1 January 2022

Dear customer,

From 1 January 2022, full customs controls will apply to all goods moving between the European Union (EU) and Great Britain (GB). Ahead of this, all border locations must have decided on their Customs Control Model (CCM) and have secured a port approval from the National Frontiers Approval Unit (NFAU).

From 1 January 2022:

- businesses won't be able to delay making import declarations for goods they import into GB from the EU
- businesses will need to make full export declarations for all goods leaving the United Kingdom (UK)
- hauliers won't be able to pass through a port with goods unless they've received customs clearance at the port, or they've been directed to an Inland Border Facility for relevant checks
- ports that use Goods Vehicle Movement Service (GVMS) to control goods will need to be presented with a Goods Movement Reference (GMR) whereby pre-lodged declarations are linked together
- drivers may need to take their goods for customs checks at a UK Inland Border Facility before they depart from or when they arrive in GB
- ports will need to ensure that they have discussed their CCM with their relevant carriers and customers.

It's important that you take steps to ensure that your supply chain is ready and understand how you intend to operate from January 2022.

This email will help you prepare for the new customs rules and details the comprehensive support available.

Actions to take – here is what you need to do.

All border locations:

- contact your carriers reminding them of their responsibilities under your model
- work with your supply chain to check that they are aware of the new requirements
- set up the appropriate infrastructure to facilitate required checks
- engage your Border Force regional representative to ensure systems are ready
- ensure your staff are trained and ready.

Border locations operating a temporary storage customs control model:

- secure the services of a Community System Provider (CSP)
- set up an inventory linking system.

Border locations using a pre-lodgement (GVMS) customs control model:

- speak to your carriers to ensure IT infrastructure is in place
- understand your responsibilities under reasonable steps.

Border locations using a bespoke customs control model:

- engage an agent or set up the IT systems to ensure you can present goods on import
- arrange plans to action any post amendment adjustments, as necessary
- put in place the necessary record keeping requirements.

Guidance and support available on GOV.UK

[Import goods into the UK: step by step](#) – how to bring goods into the UK from any country, including how much tax and duty you'll need to pay and whether you need to get a licence or certificate.

[Export goods from the UK: step by step](#) – how to move goods from the UK to international destinations, including the EU.

[List of roll on roll off ports](#) – find out which locations are listed as roll on roll off in UK customs regulations.

[UK ports and port codes](#) – a list of ports in the UK and port codes to use with CHIEF and the Customs Declaration Service.

[List of ports using the Goods Vehicle Movement Service](#) – find out which locations are using the Goods Vehicle Movement Service.

[Movements to temporary storage facilities](#) – find out about movements to temporary storage facilities from border locations in Great Britain without existing customs control systems from, 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021.

[The pre-lodgement model for controlling goods from the EU into Great Britain](#) – a summary of the reasonable steps for port operators using the pre-lodgement model to control goods from the EU into Great Britain for frontier operators.

[Managing your temporary storage facility](#) – how to manage a temporary storage facility, how to handle goods, what records to keep, how to increase the size of, or move goods between facilities.

[Setting up your temporary storage facility's inventory system](#) – find out how to link your temporary storage facility to Customs Handling of Import and Export Freight (CHIEF) or the Customs Declaration Service using a Community Systems Provider.

[Leaflets for hauliers about new rules for moving goods between the EU and Great Britain](#) – leaflets for hauliers that move goods between the European Union and Great Britain, explaining the new rules they need to follow from 1 January 2022.

HMRC recorded webinars – watch our videos, available on HMRC's YouTube channel, to learn more about using GVMS:

- **[How to register for and use the Goods Vehicle Movement Service \(GVMS\)](#)**
- **[How to register for GVMS \(Non-United Kingdom hauliers\)](#)**
- **[European Union to Great Britain movements using GVMS](#)**
- **[Great Britain to Northern Ireland movements](#)**
- **[Moving goods through GVMS ports](#)**
- **[Enhanced GVMS validation and export movements from Northern Ireland to Great Britain in limited circumstances](#)**
- **[Driver messaging service, Indirect exports via Republic of Ireland, Oral and conduct declarations – imports/exports Safety and Security\)](#)**
- **[Exit Summary declaration \(EXS\)](#)**
- **[Standard and Arrived Exports](#)**

Where to get more information

If you have any remaining questions about customs control models, you should contact us immediately by emailing **gbinfrastructureexternalengagement1@hmrc.gov.uk**.

Should you require further support surrounding the National Frontiers Approval Unit approval process please contact **NationalFrontierApprovalsUnit@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk**.

If you have a specific question about importing, exporting or customs reliefs call our Customs and International Trade helpline on 0300 322 9434. The helpline is open from 8am to 10pm Monday to Friday and from 8am to 4pm at weekends. You can also **[send us your questions or contact us by webchat](#)**.

Now is the time to prepare for the end of staged customs controls.