

Dear Customer,

Important information about the effect of leaving the European Union without a deal on Binding Tariff Information (BTI)

We are writing to you because you currently have a UK-issued BTI ruling. Please note your existing ruling will be valid until the expiry date stated on your certificate or until it is revoked (according to existing BTI guidance), whichever occurs first.

However this letter outlines changes to how you will apply for or renew an expired Binding Tariff Information (BTI) if the UK leaves the European Union (EU) on 29 March 2019 without a deal. We are also inviting you to help test the new service.

Delivering the deal negotiated with the EU remains the Government's top priority. This has not changed. However, the Government must prepare for every eventuality, including a no deal scenario. With our exit from the EU fast approaching, we have reached the point where we need to accelerate and intensify these preparations.

The new Binding Tariff Information ruling digital service (eBTI)

If the UK leaves the EU without a deal, from 29 March 2019, HMRC will replace the current BTI service with a new and improved digital service for BTI applications, which will be available via GOV.UK.

When the new eBTI digital service becomes available, you'll need the same information you currently use for the existing service. This includes:

- Government Gateway user ID
- password
- Economic Operator Registration and Identification (EORI) number.

BTI rulings will also come to be known as advanced rulings.

Help us test the new service

You are invited to take part in user research that will help us test the new service and we would like as many BTI ruling holders to participate as possible. We are especially keen to hear from people with accessibility requirements, for example those with a visual impairment.

Register your interest by contacting the HMRC Digital User Research Team at HMRC-DDCY-team-bindingtariff-g@digital.hmrc.gov.uk Please include 'BTI Application – user research' in the subject line.

What to do next

If you would like to renew, or apply for a BTI ruling now, you can continue to do so using the existing BTI service.

You can find more information by

- searching for 'Notice 600' on GOV.UK
- or email tariff.classification@hmrc.gov.uk.

You can also stay up-to-date by registering for HMRC's EU Exit update service:

- Go to www.gov.uk/hmrc/business-support, select 'business help and education emails', add your email address, select 'Submit', select 'Add subscription', choose 'EU Exit' then 'Submit'.

Yours sincerely [if we can mail merge names, faithfully if not],

HMRC Tariff Classification Team

