



HM Government

# UK TRADERS

## How to export goods into the EU through roll on roll off (RoRo) locations after Brexit

Not including Northern Ireland

Check the changes for  
traders at [gov.uk/brexit](https://www.gov.uk/brexit)

Decide which export procedure you are going to use. Things to consider:  
Are you moving things temporarily? **ATA Carnets may be for you.**  
Are you a large exporter? If so **Transit could simplify how your goods pass through customs.**

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## Standard export

Get ready

Get an **EORI number issued by the UK** if you do not already have one (it starts with GB). It takes five to ten minutes to apply on GOV.UK.

Check if your goods need an **export licence**, for example if you are selling food or livestock and if so, make the necessary arrangements. If you are trading controlled products such as chemicals, food, **excise goods** or animals, there will be additional documents/certificates and processes that you will need to follow. Check GOV.UK for more detailed information.

Decide if you are going to use a **customs agent to complete customs declarations** for you.  
Things to consider: Do you have staff who could take on this new work? Do you have the skills to do it yourself?

Yes, I want to use a customs agent.

Find a **customs agent**.

## Prepare to move your goods

Provide all necessary information for your customs agent to complete a **combined Export and Exit Summary Declaration** on your behalf.

Ensure that the EU importer of your goods has got an EU EORI number from the relevant EU authority, obtained any relevant import licences and completed an import declaration on their country's declaration system.

No, I don't want to use a customs agent.

Buy specialist software to complete customs declarations or train staff **to make declarations online** using the National Export System (NES).

Register for **NES**. **Apply for a CHIEF badge** – this is part of the NES application process.

For each movement: complete a **combined Export and Exit Summary Declaration** using NES.

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## Standard export

Ensure the driver taking your goods has the EU import declaration in the form of a **Movement Reference Number for the country where the goods enter the EU**. This is what your driver needs to get your goods across the EU border.

Ensure the driver taking your goods has any specialist goods licences. **They will need these to get your goods across the EU border.**

Keep records of the goods you have exported to the EU for six years. You may need these to **claim any appropriate reliefs or refunds**.

For goods entering the EU from the UK via French ports the driver will need to have an MRN from either a French import declaration or Smart Border 'envelope' MRN. This will be scanned before boarding the ferry or Eurotunnel shuttle.

## Transit

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Consider applying for **authorised consignor status** (to start transit movement at your own premises).

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## Transit

Contact a bank or financial institution about arranging a guarantee. HMRC will need to authorise the guarantee before this is put in place. **You will need to take this action if your agent is not providing the guarantee.**

Provide all necessary information for your customs agent to complete a Transit declaration and a **combined Export and Exit Summary Declaration** on your behalf.

Contact a bank or financial institution about arranging a guarantee. HMRC will need to authorise the guarantee before this is put in place.

Register for the **New Computerised Transit System (NCTS)** and **NES**.

For each movement: complete a **combined Export and Exit Summary Declaration** on NES, and complete a transit declaration on NCTS.

Ensure the driver taking your goods has either the Transit Accompanying Document (TAD) (provided either by you, if you are an Authorised Consignor, or from another Authorised Consignor who has agreed to make the Transit declaration on your behalf) or the Local Reference Number, which they will take to the office of departure to get the TAD. **The TAD is what your driver needs to get your goods across the EU Border.**

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## ATA Carnet (for temporary movement of goods)

Apply for an **ATA Carnet** to avoid paying duties on goods moved temporarily into the EU. Find out about the other options available to you for **making temporary movements** on GOV.UK.

Ensure the driver taking your goods has the ATA Carnet document for wet-stamping.

**This is what they need to get across the border.**

Prepare for Brexit at [gov.uk/brexit](https://www.gov.uk/brexit)