

# EXPORTING GOODS FROM GB INTO THE EU

## NEW RULES WILL AFFECT YOU FROM 1 JANUARY 2021

A guide to the support available that will help you continue to export to Europe from 1 January 2021









## PREPARING FOR 1 JANUARY – NEXT STEPS FOR EXPORTERS

We understand these are challenging times, but it is important to make sure that your business is ready for the new rules.

This **step by step guide** explains what you need to do now to prepare for new rules for trade with Europe.

You can also follow the steps in these **PDFs** to see how you will be able to export goods to Europe from 1 January 2021.

#### How to confirm your GB EORI

If at any time you want to check your EORI you can contact us **online** and we will tell you the number.

### Help finding a specialist to handle your export declarations

If you haven't already done so, it is essential that you appoint a specialist to handle your export declarations or take the necessary steps to be ready to do them yourself. You can find more information about getting **someone to deal with your customs declarations** for you on gov.uk.

We've also published a list of businesses that can help you.

We do not recommend that you attempt to complete your customs declarations yourself unless you have the specialist skills or plan to upskill someone within your business. This process is very time consuming and you should not underestimate how much time and effort it will take. If you do decide to do this yourself you will need to use the National Export System to submit both the full **export declaration** and the **safety and security** declaration through CHIEF.

You will also need to understand the changes if you are exporting controlled goods.

If you decide you want to make your own customs declarations, you may be able to apply for a grant to help.





#### Making trade easier

Depending on the goods that you are exporting and what you are using them for, HMRC offers a range of customs authorisations and facilitations that make trading across borders quicker, cheaper and easier for businesses. You can use our **online tool** to see which of these might be appropriate for your business.

You may also be able to use **simplified declarations** meaning the first part of your declaration does not need as much information as a full declaration. When it's approved, you can export your goods or move them from your premises.

#### Help for EU-based businesses

To help you ensure EU-based businesses are ready to receive your goods from 1 January 2021 we recommend you check that they can make the necessary import customs declarations. They may also need a license or certificate to import some types of goods.

We've published guidance you can share with them.

#### Moving goods into Northern Ireland

If you trade with Northern Ireland, you can use the free-to-use **Trader Support Service** which can guide you through new processes for moving goods into Northern Ireland under the Northern Ireland Protocol. These start from 1 January 2021. The service is now open, and you can register today.

#### **Terms of trade**

For more information on **Incoterms® rules** the International Chamber of Commerce has published the internationally accepted definitions and rules of interpretation for most common commercial terms used in contracts for the sale of goods.





#### Other information you might find helpful

HMRC regularly writes to businesses to update them on the latest information to support their preparations, you can read all the **letters** published on gov.uk.

You can also sign up to HMRC's free email update service. **Go to www.gov.uk/hmrc/business-support** and select 'Sign up to help and support emails from HMRC'.

We regularly publish key advice, guidance, short videos and webinars from across all department onto **this hub** which you can access at any time. There are also contact details for further support on the hub.



