



Rural Payments
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Notice to traders 07/20

Public consultation on UK global tariff

The Government has launched a public consultation to inform the UK's new independent global tariff policy.

As a member of the EU, the UK was required to apply the EU's Common External Tariff. Now that Britain has left the EU, the Government is free to develop a new UK Most Favoured Nation (MFN) tariff schedule which will enter into force on 1st January 2021.

This bespoke regime, the UK Global Tariff, will ensure UK businesses compete on fair terms with the rest of the world.

Businesses, interest groups and members of the public across the UK will have the opportunity to tell the government what their views are on the proposed new Global Tariff Policy.

The call for input will be open until the 5 March 2020. We encourage anyone who is interested to take part.

Further information including how to submit your comments can be found on GOV.UK:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/the-uk-global-tariff>

Public consultation on freeports in the UK

The Government wants to establish Freeports, which have different customs rules than the rest of the country, that are innovative hubs, boost global trade, attract inward investment and increase productivity.

The government has the following objectives for UK Freeports:

- Establish Freeports as national hubs for global trade and investment across the UK.
- Promote regeneration and job creation.
- Create hotbeds for innovation.

To support this work, a formal consultation has been launched to understand your thoughts on the UK's plans for Freeports. The consultation will be open until 20 April 2020.

Further information including how to submit your comments can be found on GOV.UK:

https://ditresearch.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4HKWfWcDMSBf35b

You may also be interested in the following information on GOV.UK:

Information on tariffs, taxes and rules to trade with the UK

Information for overseas businesses who wish to export to the UK. Find out the UK rules and taxes which will apply to goods.

<https://www.gov.uk/get-rules-tariffs-trade-with-uk>

Check duties and customs procedures for exporting goods

Information on how to move goods from the UK to the rest of the world.

Use this service to check:

- rules and restrictions
- tax and duty rates
- what exporting documents you need

<https://www.gov.uk/check-duties-customs-exporting>

Enquiries

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