

BREXIT GUIDELINES

A great deal has been spoken in the media about Brexit and, with so much unverified information moving around, this has generated a lot of uncertainty and unanswered questions. This is particularly true in relation to the shipping industry and what to expect come January 1st, 2021. Whilst the main question remains whether or not the UK Government will reach a deal with the EU by the end of this year, what is clear is that there will be some form of customs clearance needed either way.

This document is a basic guide to outline what you will be required to do to ensure that you are prepared to move cargo into and out of the UK post-Brexit.

What your business needs to prepare for Brexit

If you are looking to deliver products into the UK market after January 1st, 2021, there are actions that you MUST take before this can be done, and actions that are recommended.

You must:

- Register for a GB VAT and GB EORI number
- Nominate a customs broker to complete your import and export declarations. *(That would be us in most cases)*
- Ensure your goods have been classified correctly using the new 'UK Global Tariff' which will replace the 'EU Common External Tariff' on January 1st, 2021
- Ensure your suppliers are Brexit ready

In addition, we recommend that you:

- Consider applying for a deferment account to pay UK duty and VAT.

As I am sure you are aware, we are still very much in the dark in regard to how things will look, and we hope in the coming weeks this will become clearer. When this happens, we will be in contact to update you accordingly.

Many thanks
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