

# THE WAY WE DECLARE YOUR GOODS TO CUSTOMS IS CHANGING

 Earlier this year the UK Government announced that UK Customs declarations will be moved from CHIEF (Customs Handling of Import and Export Freight) to CDS (Customs Declaration Service) in two stages, meaning CDS will become the UK's single customs platform.

30th September 2022. Import declarations move to CDS  
31st March 2023. Export declarations move to CDS

To ensure that we can continue to make declarations on your behalf there are some steps which you need to consider.

## 1. Register for the Customs Declaration Service:

Registration is completed using your Government Gateway Account.

You must be registered before we can complete CDS declarations on your behalf. If you are registered for Postponed VAT Accounting you should already have access to CDS.

Once registered you will gain access to your CDS Dashboard which will enable you to view and manage your export and import movements, authorisations and statements

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/get-access-to-the-customs-declaration-service>

To register you must have valid EORI Number <https://www.gov.uk/eori/apply-for-eori>

## 2. Consider your Method of Payment:

We strongly recommend that you account for Duty using a Duty Deferment Account, not all payment methods are suited to EU-GB Ro-Ro operations. We also strongly recommend that you exercise your option to manage your import VAT using Postponed VAT Accounting.

## 3. Set up a new Direct Debit Mandate to enable Duty / VAT to be collected from your Duty Deferment Account:

Your existing direct debit through CHIEF is not automatically transferred to CDS, you must set up a new Direct Debit mandate. Do not cancel your existing CHIEF mandate in case any outstanding Duties/VAT need to be collected by HMRC.

<https://rhen.us/Set up a Direct Debit for a duty deferment account - GOV.UK>

#### **4. Ensure Rhenus Logistics is authorised to complete declarations on your behalf:**

Use your CDS Dashboard to ensure that we are authorised to complete declarations in CDS on your behalf. If you hold a Duty Deferment Account, register our EORI No., GB146892628000, in the Deferment Options section of your CDS Dashboard

#### **5. Ensure any authorisations you hold are CDS compliant:**

Specific authorisations which you currently hold and which are used in CHIEF declarations (e.g. Inward Processing, CFSP) are not automatically transferred to CDS. HMRC will provide authorisation holders with a new specific CDS authorisation number. You must provide us with your new CDS authorisation number when we complete declarations on your behalf in CDS. If you have not received your CDS specific authorisation number, please contact your HMRC issuing office.

#### **6. Ensure you are able to provide us with the instructions and information needed to make a declaration on your behalf:**

CDS deals with import and export movements in far greater detail than CHIEF. We cannot complete your declaration and it may be at risk if you are not able to provide us with the information needed to complete an import or export declaration for your goods. CDS is a more transparent system, it requires more information than CHIEF.

Declarations must accurately reflect the import or export of the goods which you are moving, we are not able to assume data on our behalf.

Remember, you are obliged to understand and implement the UK Trade Tariff requirements relative to your goods.

For further information, please refer to the GOV.UK CDS Communication Pack [https://rhenus.us/Customs Declaration Service communication pack - GOV.UK](https://rhenus.us/Customs%20Declaration%20Service%20communication%20pack)

## **Get Ready...**

**Register  
Authorise  
Prepare**

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