

Brexit information

From the 1st January 2021 additional requirements came into force to declare the movement of goods between the UK and EU at both origin and destination. This involves additional, documentation, time to arrange the import/export clearance, costs, and possible transit times. It will be vital that you factor this in and plan your logistics requirements early. It will be essential to have the correct paperwork to avoid delays and goods being held up at borders.

To assist you with the processes for import and export, we recommend that you should speak with one of our trusted partners in your country, we have a network of specialist exhibition freight forwarders who we work with to offer high quality services across Europe and the Rest of the World. Working with one of our trusted partners in your country will ensure that they are able to assist with all the additional local customs processes including, arranging an EORI number, preparing a commercial invoice and the packing list.

Importing into the UK

From 1st January to enable your goods to be imported from the EU, a full import declaration will be required, and duty and taxes may be levied, it is therefore important to check any potential duty/taxes on the products you may be considering importing.

The Gov.uk website has published a new UK customs tariff where you can check the duty and taxes payable by commodity code.

<https://www.gov.uk/check-tariffs-1-january-2021>

Exporting from the UK

For all shipments exported to the EU, an export declaration will have to be completed. Duty and taxes may be payable on the goods/products when they are imported into the EU.

Customs Process from 1st January

There are several requirements to ensure a smooth customs declaration for both the arrival and departure of your goods:

- 1. EORI Number** - It is vital that all shipments get a GB EORI number (Economic Operator Registration and Identification number). This number will be needed for ALL shipments from outside the UK and does effect even the low value shipments such as brochures and give away items of low commercial value. The application can take up to 7 days so please ensure you factor this into your planning. For more information about EORI numbers please use the link below:
<https://online.hmrc.gov.uk/shortforms/form/EORINonVATImport?dept-name=&sub-dept-name=&location=43&origin=http://www.hmrc.gov.uk>
- 2. Classification of goods** – Your goods need to be classified for customs purposes? Please refer to the Gov.uk website to find the correct classification for your goods:
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/finding-commodity-codes-for-imports-or-exports>

3. **Accurate paperwork** – It is vital that all the paperwork is in place for each shipment; invoices, packing lists and all customs documents. Please check that you can provide commercial invoices that meet UK import requirements.
4. **Invoice, packing list and letter of authority** – Our network of specialist exhibition freight forwarders can assist you with all the paperwork for your customs declaration. Click [here](#) for a checklist of minimal information required. We will also require a letter of authority allowing to act as direct representative for your import/export requirements.

ILS Easy Life Service - avoiding potential late shipments

Changes to the customs process at the point of entry into the UK will have the potential for causing disruption and delay. In order to avoid any potential delays, we would also recommend that exhibitors consider using the Easy Life Services, our warehousing service available for pre and post show shipments. This service is designed for smaller shipments. We will receive small shipments into our Coventry warehouse in the run up to the exhibition build up, there will be a deadline for receiving these shipments, so please contact our Shipping Department to arrange this service.

For the larger shipments ILS can assist with the temporary import clearance at the border, as long as you have all the correct documents, and you give us clear instructions. Please note that ILS cannot be the importer of your goods and there will be applicable costs depending on the nature of your import.

It will also be prudent to ensure that your driver has copies of the commercial invoice/packing list giving full value and description of the goods you are sending along with any relevant transit documents.

Please contact the ILS Shipping team to discuss your freight requirements, so we can find you the best international partners and solutions, so that we all have a smooth build up and breakdown.

For any further information or to discuss your shipping requirements, please contact the ILS Shipping Department on +44 (0) 24 7633 7955 or email Rachel or John on rachel@i-l-s.co.uk and jl@i-l-s.co.uk