

Brexit

E.U. Information

Helping Reduce the Impact on your Supply Chain

As you will be aware, the U.K. left the E.U. on the 31st January 2020 under the terms of the Withdrawal Agreement and entered a transitional period to run from 1st February to 31st December 2020.

During this period, there will be no changes in trading agreements between the E.U. and the U.K. Although the U.K. has left the E.U., the current rules on trade, travel, and business for the U.K. and E.U. will continue to apply during the transition period.

What happens after December 31st 2020?

All shipments between the U.K. and the E.U. will need some form of customs process after 31st Dec 2020 and all goods will be subject to Duty and VAT at importation. All companies trading with the U.K. should now start preparing for this so that they can manage the customs processes.

For your shipments to the U.K., an export declaration will be need to be completed. For any goods you import from the U.K., an import declaration will need to be completed at destination.

Duty and taxes will also be payable on products on import into the UK or EU. The level of taxes payable on goods both in the E.U. and the U.K. will depend on the outcome of the Trade negotiations between



the U.K. and the E.U. and the Terms of any Free Trade Agreement.

Those companies that already trade with customers outside of the E.U. will be familiar with the customs requirements that now apply to trade with the U.K..

Agility have the capability and infrastructure to effectively manage the process between the E.U. and the U.K. on your behalf.

The key to minimising any potential delays to your shipment will be ensuring that complete and accurate paperwork is provided to your local Agility office at the time the shipment is booked.

This will allow our customer service teams to check that there is sufficient information available to us to ensure a smooth customs declaration process at both departure and arrival.

To prepare your business, you will need to take the following steps:

1. Get an **EORI Number** (Economic Registration and Identification). You will need an EU EORI number to be able to trade with the UK.
2. Have you agreed **Incoterms** with your customers? This will help identify who has responsibility for payment of transport costs associated with the shipment and any applicable duty and taxes.
3. E.U. exporters will need to complete a **commercial invoice** and **packing list**.
4. Advise your suppliers to provide invoices on any shipments sent to you from the U.K.
5. You need to accurately describe your goods and correctly **classify** them for customs purposes.
6. Check with the U.K. importer as to how they plan on importing the goods into the U.K.. The U.K. will be reviewing the customs procedures for imports from the E.U. during the course of negotiations in 2020. The importer may ask you to provide additional information that can be provided to Agility at the time of booking. This will ensure a more efficient customs clearance and delivery process at the UK border.

Minimum details for a Commercial Invoice and Packing list:

- Your company details – name and address
- Your VAT number
- Your EORI Number
- Your customer's details – name and address
- Your customer's VAT number
- Incoterms (terms of sale agreed with the customer)
- Detailed description of the goods
- Customs commodity code for the goods
- Quantity of goods
- Country of origin of the goods
- Commercial value of the goods and currency



7. For customers buying goods from the U.K. and importing to the E.U.:
- Review the import procedures available and monitor any new developments during 2020
 - Check with the UK Trader to ensure that they will provide a commercial invoice and packing list that meets the EU import requirements
 - Agree the terms of sale (Incoterms) for shipments
 - You need to accurately describe your goods and correctly classify them for EU customs purposes.
 - Make arrangements to pay any EU import duty and taxes that may be applicable.
 - Inform the exporter of any additional information that should be passed to Agility at the time of booking the shipment .Refer to the following guidance:
 - Refer to the following guidance from the EU https://ec.europa.eu/info/european-union-and-united-kingdom-forging-new-partnership/future-partnership/getting-ready-end-transition-period_en

Agility has been monitoring the situation closely, and has set up a team of customs specialists throughout Europe who will continue to work with various trade bodies on the potential impact of Brexit. We are working to ensure minimal disruption to your business based on how the rules and regulations may apply to your business.

With Agility's existing infrastructure, skills and capabilities, we are well-positioned to support your trade between the E.U. and the U.K., no matter the final outcome. Contact an Agility expert today with any questions.



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