

The Brexit Transition Period ended at 2300hrs on Thursday 31st December, and as a result the UK is now no longer a member of the European Union, having left the EU's single market and customs union.

Although a Free Trade Deal was agreed on 24th December meaning that there are no tariffs and no quotas on goods travelling between the UK and the EU, trade with the EU block is not fully frictionless and there will be Customs formalities on entry. In short, export declarations and customs declaration will now be required. This means that exports to the EU will now be processed in exactly the same way as exports to any other worldwide destination; it's no more complicated or onerous than that.

The one major change at a practical level is that we now require full commercial invoices to be supplied with each EU shipment where they had not been required before, to enable Customs Clearance at destination, and to enable us to make the correct Customs Export Entry on material leaving the UK.

Therefore, in the same way that you are already used to for your worldwide shipments, please now provide full commercial invoices in your normal format for your EU bound shipments, containing all of the information below:

1. Full and accurate value of goods contained
2. Description & Commodity Code for each item contained (line by line details required)
(To find HS codes you can use this link <https://www.trade-tariff.service.gov.uk/sections>)
3. Shipper's & Receiver's EORI Number (or XI for N.Ireland)
4. Country of Origin
5. Purpose of Export
6. Details of Export License (if required)

We operate 'Paperless Trade' with carriers, so full descriptions, commodity codes and accurate values of goods should greatly assist with swift clearance and destination.

Although you should expect no Duty or Tax to be raised on goods of UK Origin, there may be Duty & Taxes to pay on goods originating outside the UK.

As ever, our Customer Services team will keep you advised on progress of your individual shipments, and if you have any general questions or concerns relating to your shipments to EU destinations, please do feel free to be in touch.