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1. Key updates

Customs processes

- [Customs intermediaries](#), such as freight forwarders or customs agents or brokers, can make customs declarations for your business.
 - [List of customs agents and fast parcel operators: updated 28/01](#)
- If you get an intermediary, you will still:
 - be responsible for paying any taxes or duties owed
 - be responsible for providing details about your transactions to your intermediary
 - need to [apply for an EORI](#) number. An intermediary can't apply for an EORI on your behalf and they will need this to complete your customs declarations. It takes 5 to 10 minutes to apply and you will normally receive it in under a week.
- For more information, you can:
 - attend a [live webinar](#) on 'Trader responsibilities when using an intermediary'
 - watch short films about [how a customs agent or intermediary can help you](#) and [getting someone to deal with customs for you – how freight forwarders can help](#).

VAT

- If you sell, send or transfer goods out of the UK you do not normally need to charge VAT on them in the UK. You can zero-rate most exports from:
 - Great Britain to a destination outside the UK
 - Northern Ireland to a destination outside the UK and EU.
- If you incorrectly charge UK VAT on exports of goods, your customers may also have to pay VAT in the country where the goods are imported.
- Different rules may apply in different countries. Therefore, it's important that you understand the import VAT rules of each EU country that you sell to.
 - [Exports, sending goods abroad and charging VAT](#).
 - Conditions for zero-rating [VAT on the goods you export](#)

Rules of Origin

- Where a product was manufactured and determines the 'economic nationality' of a good for international trade. Businesses need to know about them because the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA) means they can trade with the EU without paying tariffs – but only if their product meets the relevant Rules of Origin.

- To export tariff-free into the EU traders must check their goods meet the Rules of Origin requirements set out in the EU-UK TCA and have the right documentation.
 - [How to claim preferential \(zero\) tariffs](#) and the documentation to complete.
 - Guidance on [meeting Rules of Origin when trading with the EU](#).
 - Check the [TCA legal text](#) to see which rules apply to your goods (Chapter 2 as well as Annexes ORIG-1 to ORIG-4 will be most useful).

Visiting the UK and EU

NEW [UK launches Global Health Insurance Card: 11/01](#)

- New agreement ensures the rights of UK residents to access emergency and medically necessary care when travelling in the EU will continue.

Permits and licences

NEW [Import or export endangered species: check if you need a CITES permit: updated 20/01](#)

- Guidance updated to make it clearer that you need a CITES permit when you move CITES specimens between Great Britain and the EU, and between GB and Northern Ireland.

NEW [Trading CITES-listed specimens through UK ports and airports: updated 12/01](#)

- Larne added to list of designated ports

Importing and exporting

NEW [Check if you can get import duty relief on goods using Temporary Admission: updated 19/01](#)

- Updated definition of who is eligible for relief in the 'Means of transport' section.

Moving goods

NEW [Border and Protocol Delivery Group Border Event: Landbridge and Short Straits: 29/01](#)

NEW [Border and Protocol Delivery Group Border Event: Direct Maritime Routes: 29/11](#)

- Video series on Short Straits and Landbridge, and Direct Maritime Routes.

NEW [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): travel corridors: updated 18/01](#)

- All travel corridors for people arriving in England are suspended.

[COVID-19 testing for HGV drivers using the Port of Dover or Eurotunnel: updated 18/01](#)

- Hauliers need a negative Covid test result to go to France, Denmark and the Netherlands.

[ECMT international road haulage permits: updated 22/01](#)

- Updated the 'Check if you need ECMT permits' section to make it clearer when you need ECMT permits, and what other options there are for other types of permits.

eCommerce

NEW [The eCommerce Directive and the UK: updated 18/01](#)

- Added section covering provisions relating to intermediary liability and prohibitions against imposing general monitoring obligations.

2. EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement

EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement

[Brexit checker: new rules are here](#)

[Agreements reached between the UK and the EU: updated 31/12](#)

[EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement](#)

[Summary explainer](#)

- The United Kingdom and the EU have agreed to unprecedented 100% tariff liberalisation.
- No tariffs or quotas on the movement of goods we produce between the UK and the EU.
- The first time the EU has agreed a zero tariff zero quota deal with any other trading partner.

- No import duties or taxes on goods temporarily admitted for display at exhibitions and/or for cultural purposes.
- Provisions to support trade in services (including financial services and legal services).
- The Agreement includes commitments on short-term business visitors; intra-corporate transferees; contractual service suppliers; and independent professionals.
- This includes the ability for UK short-term business visitors to travel to the EU for 90 days in any 180-day month period for specific activities, set out in the annex (page 745).
- Provisions for short term business visitors are on page 89 of the Agreement, and for Contractual Service Suppliers and Independent Professionals on page 90, with the list of permitted activities is on page 745 (STBV), page 749 (CSS), and page 751 (IP).
- Additional detail on the individual programmes the UK is intending to participate in - Horizon Europe, Euratom Research and Training, and Copernicus - will be included in a protocol to the main Agreement at a later date.

European Commission publications

- [The EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement](#)

3. Moving cultural objects to the EU

Before sending objects

- [Check if you need a CITES permit: updated 20/01](#)
- [Designated point of entry or exit](#): you'll need to use a designated point of entry or exit and present your documents to Border Force for endorsement.
- [Check if you need a cultural object licence](#)
- Check if you need a [firearms permit](#)

Importing and exporting

- [Check if you need to declare goods you take into or bring out of the UK](#)
- [Apply to import goods temporarily to the UK: updated 31/12](#)
- [Take goods temporarily out of the UK: ATA carnet](#)
- [ATA Carnet](#)
- [Check if you can get import duty relief on goods using Temporary Admission](#)

Work permits and visas

- [Check if your passport is valid](#)
- [Check if you need a work permit or visa when working in the EU, EEA and EFTA states](#)

4. Permits and licences

CITES permits

[Import or export endangered species: check if you need a CITES permit: updated 20/01](#)

- You'll need CITES documents to move CITES specimens between Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales) and the EU, and GB and NI, for species listed in Annexes A to D.
- For the movement of CITES specimens from GB to NI, and from NI to GB, the import and export checks will all happen in NI.
- You'll also need to use a [designated point of entry or exit](#) and present your documents to Border Force for endorsement.
- [Musical instrument certificate: FED0172](#)
- [Endangered species: apply for a travelling exhibition certificate](#)

Exporting and importing CITES specimens

- [Trading CITES-listed specimens through UK ports and airports: updated 12/01](#)
- 20 seaports and 15 airports available.

Through Eurotunnel

- *Export* - go to **Ebbfleet** or another suitable [designated point of entry and exit sea port](#)
- *Import* - go to **Ashford Waterbrook** immediately after you arrive

Through Dover

- *Export or import* - go to **Dover Western Docks**.

Through Belfast

- *Export or import* - go to **Belfast Seaport**.

Eurostar is **not** a designated port for CITES.

Cultural object licences

[Exporting or importing objects of cultural interest: updated 31/12](#)

[Export Licensing FAQs: 27/11](#)

[Arts Council England Export Licensing Unit temporary procedure: updated 23/12](#)

New procedure for checking licences at the border

- The issued licence will be posted in hard copy to the name and address shown in the Applicant box. Attach an electronic copy of the issued export licence to your Export Declaration and send it to HMRC's National Clearance Hub through CHIEF.
- The NCH will check the licences and declarations and if all is in order will notify ACE that Permission to Proceed (P2P) has been given so that the ACE can close that licence.
- Exporters are advised to retain a physical copy of the licence and present to Border Force Officers if requested to do so.

Firearms

- [European firearms requirements: 31/12](#)
GB residents are no longer able to use a European Firearms Pass.

5. Importing and exporting

Customs

[Check if you need to declare goods you take into or bring out of the UK](#)

[Check customs and duties procedures for exporting goods](#)

- [Import, export and customs for business](#)
- [Export goods from the UK: step by step](#)
- [Import goods into the UK: step by step](#)
- [How to import and export goods between GB and the EU from 1 January: updated 12/01](#)

Temporary admission

[Apply to import goods temporarily to the UK: updated 31/12](#)

- How to apply for Temporary Admission to import goods into the UK and use them for up to 2 years or more, before re-exporting them.

[Take goods temporarily out of the UK: ATA carnet](#)

- Apply to get an ATA Carnet

[Check if you can get import duty relief on goods using Temporary Admission: updated 19/01](#)

- Find out if full relief from import duty available for goods temporarily imported into the UK.
- A list of eligible goods for Temporary Admission can be found [here](#):

[Check if you need a customs guarantee: 02/12](#)

[Customs comprehensive guarantee: 21/10](#)

- You may need an individual guarantee or a customs comprehensive guarantee to enter goods into a customs special procedure and defer duty.

Ongoing customs movements

[Ongoing customs movements and procedures at the end of transition period: updated 07/01](#)

- What to do if you're moving goods or have goods in customs procedures.

Customs practicalities

- [Get an EORI number](#)
- [Get someone to deal with customs for you: updated 16/10](#)
- [Delaying declarations for EU goods brought into Great Britain: 10/07](#)
- [Bringing goods to the UK from the EU through roll on roll of ports: 11/10/19](#)
- [Grants for recruitment, training and IT if you complete customs declarations: updated 30/10](#)
- [List of controlled goods imported into GB from the EU: 16/10](#)

VAT and tax issues

- [Returned Goods Relief: updated 23/12](#)
- [Pay no customs duty and VAT on importing museum and gallery exhibits: 27/05](#)
- [Refunds of UK VAT for non-UK businesses or EU VAT for UK businesses: updated 31/12](#)
- [VAT and overseas goods sold in GB using online marketplaces from 1 Jan 2021: 20/11](#)
- [VAT and overseas goods sold directly to customers in the UK: 20/11](#)

6. Moving goods

Border Operating Model

[The Border Operating Model: updated 06/01](#)

[The Border with the European Union: Importing and Exporting Goods: December 2020](#)

[The Border Operating Model Case Studies](#)

[2025 UK Border Strategy: 17/12](#)

- From 1 January 2021 UK export licences will not need to be physically endorsed by Border Force Officers. However, traders/hauliers are advised to retain a physical copy of the licence and present to Border Force Officers if requested to do so.
- Info on cultural goods on p240 of the Border Operating Model, CITES on p58 and p196, and ATA carnets on p64 and p200

Transportation

- [Carry out international road haulage: updated 18/01](#)
 - [Transport goods GB-EU: guidance for hauliers & commercial drivers: updated 08/01](#)
 - [International road haulage: HGV driver documents: updated 18/01](#)
 - [ECMT international road haulage permits: updated 22/01](#)
 - [Haulier advice site locations: updated 27/01](#)
 - [COVID-19 testing for HGV drivers using the Port of Dover or Eurotunnel: updated 18/01](#)
 - [Government plans to keep trade flowing at the end of the transition period: 22/10](#)
 - [Kent traffic management on M20 motorway to Dover and Eurotunnel: updated 14/12](#)
- All HGVs using the Dover/Eurotunnel crossings must obtain a digital Kent Access Permit.
- [Mandatory COVID-19 testing introduced to bolster border measures: updated 16/01](#)
- All international arrivals to England, including UK nationals, arriving by boat, plane or train required to present a negative COVID-19 test taken up to 72 hours prior to departure

Goods Vehicle Movement Service

- [Register for the Goods Vehicle Movement Service: updated 23/12](#)
 - [How to move goods through ports that use the Goods Vehicle Movement Service: 08/12](#)
 - [List of ports using the Goods Vehicle Movement Service: 11/12](#)
- Register, and find out what you need to do, to get your goods through customs.

ATA Carnet

- [Take goods temporarily out of the UK: ATA carnet](#)
- [How to use your ATA Carnet: How to use: updated 23/12](#)
- [London Chamber of Commerce and Industry ATA Carnet guidance](#)

Eurotunnel or Dover

- [Moving goods through Eurotunnel or Dover: updated 18/12](#)

Export through Eurotunnel or Dover

- To have your ATA Carnet processed, you will need to go to one of:
 - **North Weald Airfield; Ebbsfleet; or Sevington**
 - HGVs may need to go to **Manston Airport**.

Import through Eurotunnel

- Go to **Stop 24**, alternatively **Sevington** or **Ashford Waterbrook**

Import through the Port of Dover

- Go to **Dover Western Docks**, alternatively **Sevington** or **Ashford Waterbrook**

Holyhead

- [Moving goods through the Port of Holyhead with an ATA Carnet: updated 15/01](#)
Go to **Roadking Truckstop, Holyhead**. Open Monday to Sunday: 7am to 10pm.

Common transit or EU transit

- [Moving your goods to common or EU transit countries: updated 29/12](#)
- [Move goods through Dover and Eurotunnel using common transit: updated 11/01](#)
How to move your goods to [EU countries](#) and [common transit convention countries](#)

7. Visiting the UK and EU

Visiting Europe

- [Visit Europe from 1 January 2021](#)
- [Visit Europe: Business travel extra requirements](#)
- [Business travel to EU, Switzerland, Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein](#)
- [Healthcare for UK nationals visiting the EU: updated 31/12](#)
- [Healthcare when travelling abroad](#)
- [Passport rules for travel to Europe: 20/10](#)
At least 6 months left on a passport needed to travel to most countries in Europe.

Visiting the UK

- [Visiting the UK as an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen: updated 31/12](#)
- [Immigration rules for visitors: updated 07/01](#)
- [Immigration Rules Appendix Visitor: Permitted Activities: updated 29/01](#)
- [Healthcare for visitors to the UK from the EU: updated 31/12](#)
- [Healthcare for EU citizens living in or moving to the UK: updated 07/01](#)

National Insurance and social security contributions

- [National Insurance for workers from the UK working in EEA or Switzerland: updated 07/01](#)
- [Social security contributions: workers coming to UK from EEA/Switzerland: updated 07/01](#)

8. Northern Ireland

Trading, moving goods and VAT

- [Trading and moving goods in and out of Northern Ireland: 07/12](#)
- [Moving goods into, out of, or through Northern Ireland from 1 January 2021: 07/01](#)
- [How VAT will apply to goods moving between Great Britain and Northern Ireland: 10/12](#)

9. Services

Guides for working in the member states of the EU and EFTA

- [Providing services/business travel to EU, Switzerland, Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein](#)
- [Selling services to the EU, Switzerland, Norway, Iceland & Liechtenstein: updated 28/12](#)
- [Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein: arrangements from 1 January 2021: updated 31/12](#)

Switzerland

- [Switzerland: providing services and travelling for business: updated 28/12](#)
 - [UK-Switzerland Services Mobility Agreement: 22/12](#)
 - [Switzerland arrangements from 31 January: updated 31/12](#)
- The UK has reached an agreement with the Swiss government which protects the rights of UK workers living in Switzerland, and of service providers with existing contracts.

EU businesses

- [EU business: providing services to the UK: updated 08/12](#)
- [EU business: working in the UK: updated 06/01](#)
- [EU business: data protection and copyright: updated 05/01](#)

eCommerce Directive

- [The eCommerce Directive and the UK: updated 18/01](#)

Procurement

[Public-sector procurement: 07/01](#)

- Information on public procurement and contract opportunities on the [Find a Tender Service](#).

10. International trade

Trade agreements

- [The UK's trade agreements](#)
- [UK trade agreements with non-EU countries: updated 14/01](#)

UK Global Tariff

- [UK Global Tariff: updated 04/01](#)
The UKGT replaced the EU's Common External Tariff on 01/01/2021. It will apply to goods exported from countries with which the UK does not have a preferential agreement.

Subsidies (including EU state aid)

[Complying with the UK's international obligations on subsidy control: 31/12](#)

- Guidance for public authorities explaining the subsidies chapter of the EU-UK Agreement, World Trade Organisation rules on subsidies, and other international commitments.

11. EU settlement scheme

EU Settlement Scheme

- The deadline for applying is 30 June 2021. Key documents are here:
 - [Apply to the EU Settlement Scheme \(settled and pre-settled status\)](#)
 - [EU Settlement Scheme: introduction for employers](#)
 - [EU Settlement Scheme: employer toolkit](#)
 - [EU Settlement Scheme: template letter to EU citizen staff](#)
 - [EU Settlement Scheme: presentation](#)
 - [EU Settlement Scheme: ID document scanner locations: updated 04/12](#)

12. Immigration

Recruiting from the EU

- [Hiring from the EU](#)
- [UK points-based immigration system: employer information: updated 04/01](#)
- [New immigration system: what you need to know: updated 13/07](#)
- [UK points-based immigration system: further details statement: updated 04/08](#)
- [Points-based immigration system goes live: 01/12](#)
- [Student Route](#) and [Child Student route](#)

Applications for the new [Skilled Worker route](#) have opened, as have the following routes: Global Talent visa; Innovator visa; Start-up visa; and Intra-company Transfer visa.

Licensed sponsor

- Register as [a licensed sponsor](#) to be able to hire eligible employees from outside the UK, provided they meet certain [eligibility requirements](#).

EU, EEA and Swiss citizens

- [Introductory guides](#) for those planning to enter the UK.
- [Individual country pages](#) with translated information across 24 EU languages.
- EU, EEA & Swiss nationals who arrived in 2020 should apply to [EU Settlement Scheme](#)

Employer support

- UK employers can sign up to receive email updates on the new immigration system [here](#).
- Home Office Podcast: [Business and the Future of Immigration in 2021](#): independent experts explain the new immigration system and the steps you can take to prepare.

13. Data protection and intellectual property

Bridging mechanism

[Using personal data in your business or other organisation: updated 31/12](#)

[ICO statement: 28/12](#)

- The EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement contains a bridging mechanism that allows the continued free flow of personal data from the EU/EEA to the UK after the transition period, until adequacy decisions come into effect, for up to 6 months. EU adequacy decisions for the UK would allow for the ongoing free flow of data from the EEA to the UK.
- As a sensible precaution it is recommended that you work with EU/EEA organisations who transfer personal data to you to put in place alternative transfer mechanisms to safeguard against any interruption to the free flow of EU to UK personal data.

Intellectual Property

[Intellectual Property after January 2021: updated 15/01](#)

- [Retaining protection in the UK for EU Intellectual Property rights: 04/01](#)
- [Intellectual property and the transition period: updated 31/01/20](#)
- [Orphan works database](#)
- [Protection of databases](#)
- [Copyright: detailed information](#)
- [Collective Rights Management Directive](#)
- [Apply for an EU trademark protection](#)
- [Register a design at EUIPO](#)
- [Protecting your design abroad](#)
- [Registering and renewing .eu domain names in the UK: updated 31/12](#)

DCMS Data toolkit

- [Data toolkit](#): campaign to encourage businesses to prepare for new personal data rules

14. EU funding and finance

EU funding

- [Getting EU funding: updated 31/12](#)

Funding you can apply for under the current spending framework

- You can apply for:
 - [European Regional Development Fund \(ERDF\)](#)
 - [European Social Fund \(ESF\)](#)

Funding you can apply for throughout the next spending framework from 2021 to 2027

- The UK will take part in the Peace Plus programme, and intends to continue participating in the following programmes:
 - [Horizon Europe](#)
The UK will associate to [Horizon Europe](#). Association will give UK scientists, researchers and businesses access to funding under the programme on equivalent terms as organisations in EU countries. The next step is for both sides to formally adopt the full text of the agreement taking into account the finalised EU Programme Regulations.
 - [Euratom](#)
 - [Copernicus](#)

15. Arts, heritage, tourism and cultural sector

Guidance for DCMS sectors and policy areas

- [Arts, heritage and culture: updated 05/01](#)
- [Tourism: updated 05/01](#)
- [Art market: updated 05/01](#)
- [Creative industries: updated 05/01](#)
- [Guidance for DCMS sectors on the UK's exit from the EU: updated 01/01](#)

16. Business support

Webinars

- Sign up for live sessions organised by BEIS [here](#), by HMRC [here](#), on trade [here](#).

HMRC customs video guidance

- [What is Customs?](#)
- [What you need to know to bring goods into the UK](#)
- [What you need to do to send goods out of the UK](#)
- [HMRC Brexit transition communications resources: updated 23/12](#)
Information on exporting and importing goods between the EU and GB

HMRC forums

- [Online customer forums](#) on customs, excise, VAT and other tax related issues.