

Guide to Brexit rules

If you are an exporter or importer of goods between the EU and the UK, this guide helps you navigating within rules and conditions related to Brexit.

Brexit affects transports considerably. At Blue Water, we have in-house skills and local knowledge in both the UK, Ireland and Scandinavia. That is why we can handle your transport in the most expedient manner.

Do you transport from the EU to UK?

First of all, you must be export registered - and have an EORI number, if you are exporting out of the UK. The British authorities have tightened the required content of invoices meaning that pro forma invoices are no longer accepted as foundation for customs clearance in the UK. Your invoices must be in English and contain the following:

- > Contact person of the shipper and receiver with name, phone number and e-mail
- > Name and address of the EU/UK buyer
- Name and address of the EU/UK shipper
- Specific Country of Origin
- > Value of cargo ex. VAT currency must be stated
- Delivery address if it differs from the buyer's
- > Buyer's EORI and VAT number
- Product description and 10-digit HS code of each product
- Weight and value of each HS code
- Gross and net weight
- > Delivery terms according to standard Incoterms. Blue Water does not handle DDP shipments
- > For Incoterms entailing that the buyer is responsible for the payment of customs duty, the name and address of the buyer's customs agent must be stated in the invoice

You should also know that:

If the shipment concerns an EU-country of origin, and the total value is **below 6,000 EUR**, the following statement must appear in a completed version:

The exporter of the products covered by this document (exporter reference no. VAT [XXX]) declares that these products are of [Country of Origin] preferential origin.

If the shipment concerns an EU-country of origin, and the total value is **more than 6,000 EUR**, the following statement must appear in a completed version:

The exporter of the products covered by this document (exporter reference no. REX [XXX]) declares that these products are of [Country of Origin] preferential origin.

Useful links:

- You can check if your EORI number is valid here
- > On the British Government's website you can find duty rates for your goods in the UK
- REX Registered Exporter system

Further, an export declaration must be prepared. We can take care of that for you.





Guide to Brexit rules

Do you transport from the UK to EU?

First of all, you must be import registered. Your invoices must be in English and contain the following:

- > Contact person of the shipper and receiver with name, phone number and e-mail
- > Name and address of the EU buyer
- > Name and address of the UK shipper
- Specific Country of Origin
- > Value of cargo ex. VAT currency must be stated
- > Delivery address if it differs from the buyer's
- Shipper's EORI and VAT number
- Buyers VAT number
- > Product description and 10-digit HS code of each product
- > Weight and value of each HS code
- Gross and net weight
- > Delivery terms according to standard Incoterms. Blue Water does not handle DDP shipments
- > For Incoterms entailing that the buyer is responsible for the payment of customs duty, the name and address of the buyer's customs agent must be stated in the invoice

You should also know that:

If it concerns an UK country of origin shipment to an EU country, the following statement must appear in a completed version for a duty-free shipment. Without this exact statement, customs on the shipment is a risk.

The exporter of the products covered by this document (customs identification number [1]) declares that, except where otherwise clearly indicated, these products are of [2] preferential origin in accordance with the rules of origin of the Generalised Scheme of Preferences of the UK and that the origin criterion met is [3]. (Place and date [4] + Name and signature of the exporter)

| Note no. | Explanation |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | Enter your customs identification number if allocated. Exporters in the UK exporting goods under bilateral cumulation, or UK re-consignors re-exporting goods to Switzerland should enter EORI number. |
| 2 | Enter the origin of the goods. |
| 3 | Products wholly obtained: enter the letter 'P'; Products sufficiently processed: enter the letter 'W' followed by a heading of the Harmonised System (example 'W' 9618). |
| 4 | This may be left out if included in the document itself. |

When the shipment arrives at country of destination, a customs clearance must be done. We can take care of that for you.

Power of Attorney

To ensure that customs clearance and export are done correctly, we kindly ask you to fill in the Customs authority for us to handle your administrative tasks, including a possible completion of transit documents.

Download Power of Attorney.

Do you have questions to the Brexit rules?

Our competent Brexit specialists are ready to help you.

Reach out to your local Blue Water contact person for questions and guidance.

