

2021 CUSTOMS REGULATORY CHANGES

As Brexit is so close it is important for your business to be compliant with Customs Regulations and Clearance Processes and aware of the European Regulatory Changes.

Regulatory changes to date and upcoming:

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BREXIT

January 2021

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UK VAT De
Minimis Removal

January 2021

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ICS2
(Import Control System 2)

March 2021

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EU De Minimis
Removal

July 2021

BREXIT: IMPACT JANUARY 2021

The United Kingdom has left the EU, and the transition period after Brexit comes to an end

Will result in the need for a Customs Declaration for all shipments from EU to GB and GB to EU

Currently no Customs Declaration is required for shipments from the United Kingdom (UK) to the 27 EU member states (EU27), or vice versa. As of January 1, 2021, all these shipments (EU27 to GB, and GB to EU27) will require a Customs Declaration.



What is needed from you?

To ensure a smooth transition, we need you to provide complete and accurate Goods Description on your Waybill and Commercial Invoice data for all shipments, and also:

- [Shipper, Exporter, Receiver and Importer of Record address & contact](#)
- Value of the goods, freight and insurance costs (depending on the Incoterm)
- Line item, detailed Goods Description, HS codes and Country of Origin
- Incoterms, Weight & Quantity

ICS2 (Import Control System 2) : IMPACT MARCH 2021

ICS is the electronic security declaration management system for goods destined to the European Union Customs territory

Transmit certain data elements to the EU customs authorities -prior to loading at the country of export a flight into or transiting the EU, Norway or Switzerland

ICS is intended to elevate mitigation of security-related risks and possible terrorist threats, such as explosives hidden in consignments. As of March 2021, the new regulations will require data for every shipment to be submitted prior to it being loaded onto a flight into, or transiting the EU, Norway or Switzerland.



What is needed from you?

In order to ensure a successful go-live, we need you to provide:

- Complete and accurate Goods Description on the Waybill
- Precise and comprehensive Commercial Invoice data to meet legal requirements for every shipment, submitted prior to loading, including detail description of goods sold online item to enable easy identification.
- Accurate [shipper and receiver](#) details on the Waybill and Commercial Invoice

VAT De Minimis Removal : IMPACT JULY 2021

The De Minimis threshold for imports will be abolished into the UK on 1st January and into the EU will on 1st July 2020

Will result in the requirement of formal customs declaration for all inbound EU shipments

At present, no formal Customs Declaration is required for shipments below GBP 15 / EUR 22 (intrinsic value). However, after the De Minimis removal, all shipments below GBP 15/ EUR 22 will require a Customs Declaration, for which you must provide correct Customs data.





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In order to ensure a successful go-live, we need you to provide complete and accurate Goods Description on your Waybill and Commercial Invoice data for all shipments including:

- [Shipper, Exporter, Receiver and Importer of Record address & contact](#)
- Value of the goods, freight and insurance costs (depending on the Incoterm)
- Line item, detailed Goods Description, HS codes and Country of Origin
- Incoterms, Weight & Quantity
- Type of Transaction & Reason of Export

CUSTOM DATA QUALITY

Customs Authorities are increasingly requesting **complete & accurate goods descriptions** in order to perform **security/safety screening** even before shipments leave the origin country

EXAMPLES - Goods Description for Security/Safety Screening	
 <p>U.S. Customs and Border Protection</p>	<p>Air Cargo Advance Screening (ACAS)</p> <p>The Air Cargo Advance Screening (ACAS) Program requires the submission of advanced air cargo information on shipments arriving in the United States from a foreign location. As part of the ACAS program, participating carriers submit a subset of required pre-arrival air cargo data to CBP at the earliest point practicable and prior to loading the cargo onto aircraft destined to or transiting through the United States.</p> <p>Source: https://www.cbp.gov/border-security/ports-entry/cargo-security/acas</p>
 <p>European Commission</p>	<p>Import Control System (ICS)</p> <p>ICS (Import Control System) is the electronic security declaration management system for goods destined to the European Union customs territory (both final destination or just transiting within the EU), intended to elevate mitigation of security related risks & possible terrorist threats, such as explosives hidden in consignments. The new regulation as of 2021 requires data for every shipment to be submitted prior to loading on a flight into or transiting EU Member State.</p> <p>Source: https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/general-information-customs/customs-security/security_en</p>

PROVIDING ACCURATE GOODS DESCRIPTIONS

Why is this important?

Customs Authorities are increasingly requesting complete and accurate goods descriptions in order to perform security/safety screening even before shipments leave the [origin country](#). Without accurate information, we will not be able to uplift your shipment.

- ✓ Ensure that your shipment can be uplifted at origin with correct security/safety data
- ✓ Avoid potential fines, penalties or confiscation of goods by Customs Authorities
- ✓ Avoid unnecessary transit time & clearance delays on either export and/or import for your business or for your end customers.
- ✓ Avoid shipments held on bonded storage & applicable charges, awaiting missing/wrong information to be provided
- ✓ Improve your compliance towards Customs Authorities
- ✓ Avoid unnecessary customer-service contact to request additional information
- ✓ Enable Norsk to use the most simplified & beneficial customs scheme / process for you

PROVIDING ACCURATE GOODS DESCRIPTIONS

Below are a few examples;

UNACCEPTABLE	ACCEPTABLE
Aid consignments	Blankets, Medications
Apparel	Men's Shirts, Lingerie, Girls' Vests, Boys', Jackets
Appliances	Refrigerator, Stove, Microwave Oven, Coffee Machines
Auto Parts	Automobile Brakes, Windshield Glass for Automobiles
Caps	Plastic Caps
Chemicals, non-hazardous	Actual Chemical Name (not brand name)
Cleaning products	Alcohol, Detergents
Consolidated	(See other specific examples in the table)
Didactic articles	Pencils, Smart boards, Books
Electronics	Computers, Televisions, CD Players, Tape Recorders, Mobile Phones, Monitors, Printers
Equipment	Oil Well Equipment, Poultry Equipment
FAK Freight All Kinds	(See other specific examples in the table)
Foodstuffs	Beverages, (See other examples for "Agricultural products")
General Cargo	(See other specific examples in the table)
Gifts	Dolls, Remote Control Cars
Household goods	Plates, Dishes, Tableware (See also examples for "appliances")

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UNACCEPTABLE	ACCEPTABLE
Industrial products	(See examples for "Electronics")
Iron and Steel	Iron Pipes, Steel Pipes, Iron Building Material, Steel Building Material
I.T. goods	(See examples for "Electronics")
Leather Articles	Saddles, Leather Handbags, Leather Jackets
Machine parts	Pumps, Seals, Engines
Machinery	Metal Working Machinery, Cigarette Making
	Machinery, Sewing Machines, Printing Machines
Machines	(See examples for "Machinery")
Oil	Mineral oil, Plant oil
Ore	Iron ore, Copper ore
Parts	(See examples for "Machine parts")
Personal effects	(See other specific examples in the table)
Pipes	Plastic Pipes, Steel Pipes, Copper Pipes
Plants	Tulips
Plastic Goods	Plastic Kitchenware, Plastic House ware
Polyurethane	Polyurethane Threads, Polyurethane Medical Gloves
Propellant	(See examples for "chemicals")

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Below are a few examples;

UNACCEPTABLE	ACCEPTABLE
Rubber Articles	Rubber Hoses, Rubber Conveyor Belts
Rod	Welding Rod, Fuel rod, Copper rod
Said to Contain	(See other specific examples in the table)
See Commercial Invoice	(See other specific examples in the table)
Sanitary goods	Towels, Buckets, Detergents, Tooth brushes
Scrap	Plastic Scrap, Foam Scrap, Iron Scrap
Spare parts	(See examples for "Machine parts")
Textiles	Linen fabric, T-shirts, (See also examples for "Apparel")
Tools	Hand tools, Electric tools
Toys	(See examples for "gifts")
Various products	(See other specific examples in the table)
Vehicles	Boats, Cars, Bicycles
Weapons	Daggers, Machine guns
Wires	Iron and Steel Wire, Copper Wires
Wooden articles	Wooden furniture, Wooden kitchen utensils

PAPERLESS TRADING

Why is this important?

In response to all this many suppliers are requesting more information and if this is missing then delays in shipping can be expected. In order to reduce paperwork and improve efficiency paperless trade (PLT) is becoming more important.

Status of goods have changed from [C status to X](#) which means that paperwork required for the rest of the world shall now be needed for the EU too. Entries need to be made and clearances carried out in the destination country.

- Complete & accurate Customs declaration with minimum human intervention
- Fast & automated Customs clearance processes for both exports & imports
- Increased level of service quality, enabling clearance prior to arrival of goods
- Enhanced level of trade compliance toward Customs authorities
- Enablement of risk-assessment (e.g. dangerous goods identification) prior to goods arrival

PAPERLESS TRADING

Information required for Paperless Trading;

SHIPMENT	RECEIVER	ITEM	SHIPPER	INVOICE
Shipment	Contact Name	Description	Contact Name	Invoice Number
Date	Company	Quantity	Company	Payer of GST/VAT
Barcode	Address 1	Unit Value	Address 1	Terms of Payment
Total Value	Address 2	Currency Code	Address 2	Currency Code
Currency	Address 3	Unit New Weight	Address 3	Types of Export
Code	City	HS Commodity Code	City	Reason for Export
Pieces	Zipcode	Country of Manufacture	Zipcode	Terms of Trade (INCO)
Weight	ISO2 Country		ISO2 Country	Customs Invoice
	Code		Code	Type
	Email		Email	Name of Signee
	Telephone		Telephone	
	VAT ID		VAT ID	
	TAX ID		EORI Number	
	EORI Number			

PAPERLESS TRADING

Unacceptable and acceptable line item goods description and HS codes on your commercial invoice

Unacceptable	Acceptable
Samples	Samples of curtains (including drapes) and interior blinds; curtain or bed valances of cotton HS Code: 6303.91.XXXX (last digits are country-specific)
Parts	Parts of pumps for liquids, whether or not fitted with a measuring device; liquid elevators HS Code: 8413.91.XXXX
Gifts	Sunglasses with lenses optically worked HS Code: 9004.10. XXXX
Textiles	T-shirts made of cotton, knitted or crocheted HS Code: 6109.10. XXXX

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Importer of Record	If the goods are sold before they arrive at the destination country, the new owner should be the Importer of Record and liable to pay duties and taxes
Shipper	Seller of the goods
Exporter	Logistics company
Country of Origin: 2 main categories	Goods wholly obtained or produced in a single country
	Goods whose production involved materials from more than one country
	For more information: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rules-of-origin
C status	Community (EU) Goods
X status	Non-Community (Non-EU) Goods