

INFORMATION SHEET IMPORT (FROM UK TO EU)

HOW TO GET THE CUSTOMS CHAIN RIGHT FOR SMOOTH TRANSPORT

Due to the departure from the European Union (EU), all movements of goods to and from the United Kingdom (UK) have been subject to customs formalities since 1 January 2021. In this information sheet, we explain in 5 steps how to get your customs chain right for smooth ferry transport from the UK to the EU via the Dutch ports. If these customs formalities do not take place or do not take place correctly, the cargo is stopped.

STEP 1: CREATE DOCUMENTATION FOR SHIPMENT

The **exporter in the UK** creates a commercial invoice, packing list and other relevant documentation for his shipment. This documentation is the basis for all customs procedures throughout the chain.

STEP 2: CREATE UK EXPORT DECLARATION - EXA

The **exporter in the UK or his customs agent** files an export declaration at UK Customs based on the documentation mentioned in step 1. This produces an export document, also known as EXA. Each EXA has a unique reference number, called an MRN. The MRN consists of 18 digits and starts with 21GB. The exporter in the UK or his customs agent sends the exporter's documentation mentioned in step 1 and the EXA to the haulier. **EXAMPLE OF AN EXA (= MRN): 21GB03X20424621012**

STEP 3: PROVIDE SUPPLEMENT FERRY BOOKING INFORMATION

The **haulier** enters the MRN of the EXA into the ferry operator's booking (exception: not applicable at Stena Line). The haulier also enters the necessary additional information about the shipment(s) in his truck/trailer (see details on page 2), where he pays particular attention to the gross weight and the number of packages. Entering these data produces the shipment number or consignment reference number, a 16 or 17 digit number starting with 4 characters identifying the ferry line and ending in the booking number provided by the ferry line.

OVERVIEW IDENTIFICATION CODES (OR SCAC) AND EXAMPLES OF CORRESPONDING SHIPMENT NUMBERS

FERRY LINE	SCAC	EXAMPLE	ADDITIONAL EXPLANATION
CLdN	CLVW	CLVW0012345678001	"CLVW" + "00" + booking number ferry line (8 positions) + sequence number of the shipment
DFDS	DFDS	DFDS123456780001	"DFDS" + booking number ferry line (8 positions) + sequence number of the shipment (please note: extra 0)
P&O Ferries	PONF	PONFHU12345678001	"PONF" + departure location (here: Hull) + booking number ferry line (8 positions) + sequence number of the shipment
Stena Line	STNL	STNL0012345678001	"STNL" & "00" & booking number ferry line (8 positions) & sequence number of the shipment

The haulier provides the shipment number to the importer in the EU or his customs agent. He also informs the importer or his customs agent about the weight and number of packages he entered into the ferry operator's booking system.

STEP 4: CREATE EU IMPORT OR TRANSIT DECLARATION – IMA / T1

The **importer in the EU or his customs agent** files an import or transit declaration at Dutch Customs. In this declaration he uses the shipment number obtained from the haulier as the previous customs regime ID (using X-705 to specify the previous customs regime) in box 40 of the Single Administrative Document.

Filing an import or transit declaration at Dutch Customs produces an IMA or a T1, both identified by a MRN consisting of 18 characters and starting with 21NL. **EXAMPLE OF AN IMA: 21NLKJWSRQAH1JWD53. EXAMPLE OF A T1: 21NL00051013BA4BF0**

STEP 5: SEND NOTIFICATION IMPORT DOCUMENTATION

Through the Portbase system of the Dutch ports, the **importer in the EU or his customs agent** sends a so-called [Notification Import Documentation](#) (NID) to the Dutch ferry terminal. With this NID he informs the terminal that an EU customs declaration was done and that the shipment can be released upon arrival. In the NID the importer or his customs agent includes the MRN for the IMA or T1 and the shipment number obtained from the haulier.

NECESSARY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BY THE HAULIER WHEN BOOKING A FERRY

Below are the specifications of the ferry operators DFDS, P&O Ferries and Stena Line. For CIdN, please check the manual on the booking portal of CIdN.

ITEM	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PER FERRY OPERATOR		
	DFDS	P&O FERRIES	STENA LINE
Consignment id.	Generated by booking portal, DFDS + release number + sequence number, Release number and sequence number are sent via EDI or visible in online booking Portal.	Generated by booking portal, HU for Hull booking, TE for Teesport booking, followed by 8 digits for booking number and 3 for each consecutive shipment in the booking. Preceded by PONF. E.g. PONFHU03859999001 or PONFTE02462344003	Generated by booking portal. STNL00 (prefix) followed by booking number 70020718 and Consignment 001 / 002 etc. E.g. STNL0070020718001
Declaration type	N for export consignment. T1/T2 for transit documents and None for Empty packaging and Empty	IM for export consignment	Not applicable
Customs status	Same as above	blank (null/void/empty)	IM,T, T1, T2, AR, RP, TA, empty
Import document reference	not required	not required	Not applicable
Export document reference	UCR number is required and by transit document also UK export document 21GB03X20424621012. Note: GB export MRN's can be identified by the X on position 7	Required, enter GB export EXA MRN eg 21GB03X20424621012. Note: GB export MRN's can be identified by the X on position 7	Today not applicable. This may change after 04-10-21
Transit document reference	Enter the transit MRN number in our booking portal in Export Transit MRN, please note that this MRN cannot start with 21NL000 – needs to be 21GB000 for T1	do not enter	Enter MRN T, T1, T2 into our booking portal
Shipper name, address, country	Not needed, processed via DFDS	Required	Required. GB= No EORI allowed EU= Valid EORI accepted

CONTINUATION: NECESSARY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BY THE HAULIER WHEN BOOKING A FERRY

ITEM	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PER FERRY OPERATOR		
	DFDS	P&O FERRIES	STENA LINE
Recipient name, address, country	Not needed, processed via DFDS	Required	Required EU= Valid EORI accepted
Seal number	Optional	Optional	Optional
Type of packages	Required.	Required, UN code	Required. Dropdown with packing types.
Number of packages	Required.	Required	Required
Goods description	Required. Refer to getreadyforbrexit.eu for up-to-date list of goods descriptions accepted by Customs	Required. Refer to getreadyforbrexit.eu for up-to-date list of goods descriptions accepted by Customs	Required. Refer to getreadyforbrexit.eu for up-to-date list of goods descriptions accepted by Customs.
Gross mass (kg)	Required. Gross weight of consignment. Enter with care, do not enter the nett mass of the consignment	Required. Gross weight of consignment. Enter with care, do not enter the nett mass of the consignment	Required. Gross weight of consignment. Enter this data with accurate figures. (not the nett mass of the consignment)
Marks and labels	Optional	Optional	Not required
HS code	Optional	Optional	only 9910 / 9920 Veterinaries. Phytosanitary.

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Do you have a Brexit question on a specific topic from a Dutch perspective? Please visit www.getreadyforbrexit.eu for the list of organisations that will be happy to help you further. Here you will also find the frequently asked questions about the consequences of Brexit for your transport via the Dutch ports and tips from our partners.