

***Are you ready to transition to CDS?***

***If you import or export, you need to act now!***

Dear customer,

HMRC will withdraw its existing Customs Handling of Import and Export Freight (CHIEF) system on 30th September 2022. The CHIEF system will be replaced in full by the Customs Declaration Service (CDS) for all import entries on this date.

The below information outlines some of the key changes, how this will affect your business, and the steps needed to ensure your goods can be imported or exported without interruption.

***Key steps:***

- Register for a Government Gateway account
- You must have an EORI number
- Register for the Customs Declaration Service (CDS)

***How will the changes affect you?***

***Paying VAT and Duty***

If MSK Logistics (or other freight forwarding companies you work with) are paying your VAT & Duty on your behalf and then invoicing this back to you, nothing will change to this method.

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If you are accounting for VAT using Postponed VAT accounting, you will need to access your postponed VAT statement via the Customs Declaration Service.

The other options for paying your VAT and Duty are listed below. You can view your balance and payments in the Customs Declaration Service Financial Dashboard, as well as grant and amend standing authorities for your payment accounts.

### ***Importers with Deferment Accounts:***

All UK Import customers with a Deferment Approval Number (DAN) must register for a UK Government Gateway ID, sign up to CDS and approve MSK Logistics to use their Deferment Approval number (DAN).

If you do not do this, MSK will be unable to use your Deferment number for import entries when the system migrates at the end of September 2022.

### ***You can also choose:***

- cash account – these replace the Flexible Accounting System (FAS), and you'll be set up with one once you've registered for the Customs Declaration Service
- immediate payment by Bacs, CHAPS, online or by telephone banking – you can pay by debit, corporate credit card or cheque
- individual guarantee – you can use these to cover customs duties for one-off or high value imports
- general guarantee account – this allows you to provide multiple guarantees from the same account, and continue importing goods into the UK and pay a disputed amount later once agreed

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***All UK importers:***

CDS will be the only place to obtain C79 certificates and postponed VAT certificates and in order to take advantage of postponed Vat Accounting (PVA) you must be registered on CDS

***Importers with special customs authorisations:***

If you have special authorisations with customs such as inward processing, customs warehousing and CFSP, you should have received new authorisation paperwork from HMRC that includes a specific CDS authorisation number.

We need you to supply us with this information, in order to complete these declarations via CDS.

***Useful Links:***

[More information on CDS](#)

[Register for CDS](#)

[Set up a Direct Debit for a Deferment Account](#)

[Request a Government Gateway ID](#)

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