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DG Brexit Update

On October 31st, 2019, the UK will officially be leaving the EU.

If we leave without a deal, there will be instant changes to UK customs and trade compliance.

How might this affect you?

If you trade into the EU, you will need to apply Customs, Excise and VAT processes to goods sold into the EU going forward. Any trading partners in the EU that you have will also need to apply these processes.

If your current trade and transactions are outside of the EU, your processes will remain unchanged.

What is HMRC doing to help business prepare for Brexit?

HMRC is automatically issuing businesses with a UK EORI (Economic Operator Registration and Identification) number.

If your business is not VAT registered, you will need to apply for a number immediately, which you can do [here](#).

Businesses will not be able to move goods in and out of the UK without one, so it is vital that you do this as soon as possible.

HMRC has also developed a trader checklist which you can access [here](#).

What else can you do to make post-Brexit business easier?

You can register for [Transitional Simplified Procedures](#). It will help you avoid unnecessary port delays by reducing the amount of information you need to supply port declarations and allow you to defer duty payments and full declaration submissions to a later date.

You can become an [Authorised Economic Operator](#) (AEO), which is an internationally recognised mark of excellence that means HMRC regards you as a trusted trader. You can enjoy reduced deferment guarantee levels and faster clearance at the border. Do note, DG International and/or our partners are AEO accredited and should you utilise our Customs clearance facility, you will reap the aforementioned benefits.

As we operate services throughout Europe by road, sea and air, we want to ensure that we forecast your freight movements to and from Europe in advance. This will ensure you experience minimal disruption. Please let us know the details of any shipments you may be sending or receiving from Europe by month, volume and country to assist us in helping you.

With your help, we can make sure that your supply chain is ready to handle whatever may come after Brexit.

Please feel free to get in touch with any questions or concerns.



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