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Protect Our Endangered Species!

Dear Customs & Global Trade Community,

"According to the World Biodiversity Council, one million animal and plant species are threatened with extinction. It is estimated that 150 species per day disappear from the earth forever," says Dr Christof Schenck, Director of the Frankfurt Zoological Society. And he gets to the point: "It is the first mass extinction that is not based on natural disasters such as gigantic volcanic eruptions or cosmic events - but on the work of a single species: humans".

The situation is getting worse: up to a million animal and plant species could become extinct in the coming decades. As the CITES conference in Panama tries to herald the turnaround, I am proud to be launching a campaign which strives to assist enhance the life of animals and plants through awareness raising and better CITES licence application.

We have launched [a campaign website](#) to raise awareness and we have added [CITES training](#) to our webpage to raise funds. All profits made from this training will be given to the [People's Trust for Endangered Species \(PTES\)](#) to make a tangible contribution to protect our wildlife. We hope that you will **join our campaign, book our training** and learn about CITES Licence Applications in Customs and Global Trade – it is for a good cause!

Don't forget, on 9 December we will host the **"EU Customs Update 2023"** event, a four-hour update on everything that will happen in 2023, covering the update to the CN code, the UCC change proposal, the customs single window law and role out of E-customs declaration changes throughout Europe, along with a discussion on ICS Phase 2 and an outlook for Phase 3. It is an end-of-year event not to be missed. It comes with a low participation fee.

Book here: <https://www.customsmanager.org/event-details/eu-customs-update-2023>

Of course, as you would expect, all customs and global trade updates are also contained in this edition.

For all booking and information, one e-mail: info@customsmanager.org

Best wishes



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CITES

Species Conservation Conference: Efforts to curb mass extinction – enough?

At the 19th World Endangered Species Conference from November 14th to 25th 2022 in Panama City, 184 contracting parties are trying to stop the plundering of endangered species. We take this opportunity to launch our CITES Awareness campaign and launch the CITES Licencing training course.

You may know that in most countries endangered species or goods made from them can only be imported when accompanied by either a valid registration number or a valid exemption certificate reference number issued by the local authorities. Customs professionals see a warning when then look for import/export codes to place on Customs Declarations: "Import control – CITES". If you file customs declarations, you may know that coding "C400" requires the presence of the required "CITES" certificate, whilst when you code "Y900" you are making a legal statement that the declared goods do not belong to the Washington Convention (CITES).

Where is the trade with endangered species most prevalent?

Careless tourism increases the problem

Ivory, hard coral, and parrot feathers are used to craft jewellery. At each tourist destination, stuff was offered by vacationers. Customs continue to record many infractions of legislation governing species protection, significantly impacting the tourism industry. Each year, customs officials seize tens of thousands of restricted-species animals, plants, and products. Due to their ignorance, many tourists purchase souvenirs and clothing made from endangered animals, leading to the overexploitation of natural places.

Businesses could accidentally import goods made from endangered species

Even corporations are often oblivious to the fact that a handbag, musical instrument, or trophy purchased overseas contains components obtained from around 5,600 endangered animals and 30,000 endangered plant species. To safeguard biodiversity, customs officials often confiscate these artefacts and mementoes upon entry.

Illegal traffic thriving

The illegal wildlife trade is thriving. It is valued between \$10 and \$20 billion annually. Rare animals, birds, reptiles, and plants have economic value as commodities. They are exchanged for food, medicine, scientific study, and companion animals. As pets, they may be carried several hundred kilometres away from their original habitat. Each year, it is estimated that over 20,000 tigers are killed

for their skins and bones. The illicit ivory trade is also thriving. Although CITES has prohibited the trade of ivory, poachers continue to slaughter elephants for their tusks. In Tanzania, poachers have killed over 30,000 elephants during the last five years. Due to wildlife trafficking, many species have vanished from their natural habitats. This has endangered or threatened countless species.

So, what to do?

Washington Convention for the Protection of Species - CITES

The Washington species protection agreement CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) is one of the most important international nature conservation agreements. It has regulated international trade in endangered animal and plant species since 1973. CITES works by subjecting international trade in specimens of selected animal and plant species to certain controls. It aims to ensure that such trade does not threaten the survival of species in the wild. The CITES permit system seeks to ensure that only legally acquired wildlife and plants are traded internationally. In the customs declaration, the permission number must be included beside the relevant goods code, and the permit must be shown if requested.

Why should customs and global trade professionals care?

Scientists recognised the need for action as early as the eighteenth century. Because human-caused extinctions have reached epic proportions: Species extinction is caused by habitat degradation, overfishing, and global warming.

Furthermore, overexploitation and global warming result in mass extinction. Ivory, fur, rhinoceros horn, and shark fins are all illegally traded. Exotic aquarium fish, turtles, glass frogs, and terrarium lizards are also endangered.

Insect numbers and biodiversity are both declining. Flights are disrupted. Researchers want to know where insects thrive so that they may deploy control strategies.

Hippos, leopards, and lions are also hunted. Orchids, cactus, and palm trees are being traded. Teak, mahogany, and bangkirai are harvested from large areas of forest.

So, yes, You should be worried because you care about the environment and the future of our animals and plants.

Join our campaign!

There are no bounds to endangered species preservation!

Given the scale of the problem, we are proud to be launching a campaign to raise awareness of the need for endangered species protection and offer exclusive CITES training for anyone – all profits are

reinvested to make a tangible contribution to endangered species protection. Join Us – Book the training.



Customs Manager Ltd is starting a campaign which strives to assist enhance the life of animals and plants while also saving businesses money. After all, our children should be able to appreciate the richness and beauty of the flora and wildlife that our world has to offer. We join the awareness-raising efforts of the "People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES), WWF, and many other organisations to protect our endangered species.

We have launched a new training on CITES and we will be running webinars and training on CITES and assisting companies with import and export permits for CITES. We also regularly inform clients and subscribers about these initiatives in this update.

- Find out more about CITES and join our campaign to protect endangered species: <https://www.customsmanager.org/cites-endangered-species-campaign>
- To book CITES training, visit [here](#).
- For more on the People's Trust for Endangered Species, see <https://ptes.org/>
- For more on CITES, see <https://cites.org/eng>
- If you have any CITES-related queries, please email info@customsmanager.org.

European Union

We looked through the following updates of the European Union as published in the Official Journal of the EU.

18/11/2022	L299	C438 C439
17/11/2022	L297 L298	C437 C437A
16/11/2022	L295 L296	C435 C436
15/11/2022	L294	C433 C433A C434
14/11/2022	L293 L293I	C431 C432

We also subscribe to news updates from DG TAXUD (Customs matters), DG SANTE (Biosecurity and veterinary matters) and DG TRADE (EU trade matters, ADD-CVD and export controls) as well as receiving other newsletters and subscriptions to get a comprehensive picture.

Trade Agreements

EU-Vietnam Agreement: EU Guidelines Update (V6-Sept.2022).

An updated version (v6) of the Guidance document on Rules of Origin of the EU-Vietnam FTA has been published. Vietnam benefits, at present, from 2 preferential programs governed by different rules of origin and proof of origin:

1. EU-Vietnam FTA

As confirmed by the EU Guide, for the time being, and until Vietnam decides to use the REX registered exporter mechanism for this bilateral agreement, the preferences in the EU apply under cover of a EUR.1 Vietnam origin or a declaration of Vietnam preferential origin on a commercial document only for shipments below €6,000 (as detailed in the new features of the Guide).

2. GSP program

But also, until January 1, 2023, Vietnam benefits from the GSP program (Generalized System of Preferences) as a developing country (OJEU L36 of 2.2.2021). Tariff preferences apply here on the presentation of a certificate of preferential origin on a commercial document. For shipments over €6,000, the certificate can only be issued by an exporter registered in the REX database. Find the different codes of SPG proof of origin on the RITA page, Experts bubble, "reference data".

Depending on the reductions/removals of customs duties involved, the importer in the EU will request either one or the other of the preferential programs... provided that the product complies with the corresponding rule of origin and on presentation of the correct proof of origin.

Need a recap? Book Rules of Origin Training.

2023 suspension of tariff preferences for certain GSP beneficiary countries

As of 1 January 2023, a list of products originating in the GSP beneficiary countries referred to in Regulation (EU) 2022/1039, will be suspended from tariff preferences until 31 December 2023. A new EU's Generalised Scheme of Preferences (GSP) will apply for the period 2024-2034.

- ☑ **Subscribers and current clients can find in the attachment the list of GSP sections and beneficiary countries for which the tariff preferences will be suspended from 1 January 2023 and the link to the law.**

EU Sanctions

More Russians & Syrian company sanctioned for killing attempts against Russian opposition

The European Union has strongly condemned the use of chemical weapons by Syria and its failure to respect its international obligations under the Chemical Weapons Convention. The EU has expressed its strong concerns that the Russian Federation has not reacted to international calls for a thorough and transparent investigation into the assassination attempt against Alexei Navalny. The EU, therefore, added natural and legal individuals, organisations, and bodies to the list under Article 2 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1542. For example, Artur Zhirov supported the 6 July 2020 activities in Kaliningrad against Yulia Navalnaya and Alexei Navalny. He planned the poisoning of Alexey Navalny in Tomsk on 20 August 2020. Vladimir Bogdanov heads the FSB's Special Technology Centre, which oversees the Criminalistics Institute. He set up the surveillance and assassination attempt on Aleksey Navalny. The company MHD Nazier Houranieh & Sons Co provides the Syrian Studies and Research Centre with ingredients for chemical weapons delivery systems. [Link](#) to law

More Iranians & 2 companies were sanctioned for support to Russia's war against Ukraine

The European Council considers that two individuals and two entities involved in the development and delivery of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles to Russia should be added to the list of natural and legal persons, entities and bodies subject to restrictive measures set out in Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 269/2014. As regards businesses, The Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps - Aerospace Force (IRGC ASF) is responsible for the development of Iran's Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) programme. Qods Aviation Industries produces Mohajer-6 drones, which were supplied to the Russian Federation and used in the war of aggression against Ukraine. [Access direct link to a law](#)

Iran Sanctions further tightened: Human Rights Abuses

On 25 September 2022, the EU deplored the extensive and excessive use of force by Iranian security forces on peaceful protesters, which caused too many fatalities and injuries. The proclamation further urged Iranian authorities to provide transparent and credible investigations to clarify the number of fatalities and arrests, to free all nonviolent demonstrators, and to give due process to all prisoners. The statement also said Iran's plan to limit internet access and disable instant messaging apps violates free speech. The Union would evaluate all alternatives to address the assassination of Mahsa Amini and how Iranian security forces reacted to protests, the statement said. The Council adopted Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1955 (2) on 17 October 2022, adding 11 persons and 4 entities to the list of natural and legal persons, entities and bodies subject to restrictive measures in Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 359/2011 for their involvement in serious human rights violations in Iran.

- [Council Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2022/2230 of 14 November 2022 implementing Regulation \(EU\) No 359/2011 concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies because of the situation in Iran](#)
- [Council Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2022/2231 of 14 November 2022 implementing Regulation \(EU\) No 359/2011 concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies because of the situation in Iran](#)

Congo Sanctions Rules change

Regulation (EC) No 1183/2005 freezes the assets of those who breach the weapons embargo against the DRC. Technical assistance, financing, financial assistance, or brokering services related to military activities to any non-governmental or another person, entity, or body in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) or for use in the DRC (other than the African Union Regional Task Force or the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the DRC (Monusco)), must be reported. This notice must specify the end user, delivery date, and shipment route. Alos, producing, manufacturing, or using IEDs in the DRC, or commissioning, planning, ordering, aiding, abetting, or otherwise assisting IED attacks in the DRC is prohibited.

[Council Regulation \(EU\) 2022/2237 of 14 November 2022 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 1183/2005 concerning restrictive measures because of the situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo](#)

Biosecurity / Veterinary Controls

Update to EU African Swine Fever List

African swine fever affects domesticated and wild pigs. It may harm animal populations and agriculture profits. The Annexes of the regulation list restricted zones, I I, II, and III, and are based on the epidemiology of African Swine Fever in the EU. Since the introduction of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/2067, kept pigs in Lithuania and Germany have contracted African swine fever. This current outbreak should change the borders of restricted zones II and III. This new epidemic increases danger, thus the Annex should reflect that. The Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed of the European Parliament has proposed additional restricted zones in Germany and Lithuania due to recent outbreaks of African swine disease in wild pigs. The Committee requested improved risk management strategies. Pigs or pigs from these regions may experience export/import restrictions.

[Link](#)

EU ADD & CVD

Notice of anti-dumping action for Chinese and Turkish bulb flats

The European Commission received a complaint that China and Turkey are dumping bulb flat imports. Laminados Losal S.A.U. filed the lawsuit on 30 September 2022. The complainant cited distortions in the steel sector as bulb flat's main raw material. The PRC alleges dumping by comparing a normal value based on production and sale costs to the product's export price (at the ex-works level). The European Commission is investigating if Türkiye harmed the EU industry. The complainant has evidence that imports of the product under investigation from the countries concerned have increased market share and harmed sales, prices, and price levels. [Direct Link To Notice](#)

Dumped imports of electrolytic chromium-coated steel from China and Brazil

The EU imposed anti-dumping duties on Chinese and Brazilian ECCS imports. An investigation found that Chinese and Brazilian imports harmed the EU industry by being dumped. The Commission will impose €239 to €607 per tonne of imported ECCS. Such duties will protect the EU's nearly 1,000-person industry from dumped imports. Consumer and industrial packaging are common ECCS applications. It's most often used for food packaging but also to protect optical fibres and other electronics. EU ECCS market worth nearly €500 million. Today's measures show the EU's determination to use trade defence instruments to protect the ECCS industry from unfair trade practises that threaten its competitiveness. The European Commission has announced an anti-dumping inquiry into imports of electrolytic chromium coated steel ('ECCS') from China and Brazil (collectively 'the countries concerned'). The European Commission found that imports from the affected nations were not registered during the pre-disclosure period. Consequently, a decisive anti-dumping tax is placed on imports of flat-rolled goods of iron or non-alloy steel, plated or coated with chromium oxides or with chromium and chromium oxides, also called electrolytic chromium-coated

steel products, originating in the People's Republic of China and Brazil. The final anti-dumping duty applicable to the net, free-at-Union-frontier price, before duty, of the items indicated and manufactured by the enterprises named below, is:

Country	Company	Definitive anti-dumping duty (EUR/tonne)	TARIC additional code
The People's Republic of China	Baoshan Iron & Steel Co., Ltd.	239,82	C039
	Handan Jintai Packing Material Co., Ltd.	428,37	C862
	Other cooperating companies: GDH Zhongyue (Zhongshan) Tinplate Industry Co., Ltd. Shougang Jingtang United Iron & Steel Co., Ltd.	271,01	C137
	All other companies	607,98	C999
Brazil	Companhia Siderúrgica Nacional	348,39	C212
	All other companies	348,39	C999

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2022/2247 of 15 November 2022 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and definitively collecting the provisional duty imposed on imports of electrolytic chromium-coated steel products originating in the People's Republic of China and Brazil](#)

France

A new version of the French “logistics envelope” for UK-France trade

French Customs has published a new note to operators concerning the new version of the logistics envelope interface, in production on November 7, 2022. From this date and to further secure the IS Brexit-ICS process, operators can now include in the Import logistics envelope the references of the entry summary declarations (ENS) attached to the transport unit with which the logistics envelope is matched.

Subscribers to the full version and current clients receive

- ☒ The original Note on the new logistic envelope from French Customs
- ☒ The translated English version of the French Note to Operators

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Germany

Technical changes in ATLAS export, Chapter 99 and others

On September 22, 2022, ATLAS-Info 0366/22 indicated that ATLAS Export (AES) Release 3.0 participants will continue to receive national commodity figures from Chapter 99 of the commodities index for international trade data. On September 27th, 2022, the EU Commission determined that only direct exports using national commodity numbers will be authorised in the future. For warranted rare instances, the reactivation of the early confirmation of departure by alternative evidence was unintentionally disabled. At different points, the data fields "container indicator," "domestic method of transport," and "modal of transit at the border" were examined for plausibility. This implies that the data fields and data groups stated must be accessible at the periods specified below. [Link](#)

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Wir helfen Ihnen, Grenzen zu überwinden.

Egal ob Sie ein kleines Unternehmen oder ein großer multinationaler Konzern sind, ganzgleich des Standorts oder der Branche, wir helfen Ihnen, internationale Handelsrisiken zu reduzieren, Geld einzusparen, Ihre globale Lieferketten zu optimieren und den internationalen Kundenservice zu verbessern. Wir beraten Sie auch gerne auf Deutsch.

Mehr erfahren: <https://www.customsmanager.org/zollexpertise>

Ireland

Irish Customs Single Window Phase 2 will go live in January 2023

Importers of goods subject to a Common Health Entry Document (CHED) or Certificate of Inspection for Organic Conformity (COI) pay attention

Phase 1 of the SW/CERTEX project was released on 19th October. This phase introduced a business rule that prevents a declarant from declaring CHED or COI certs at the goods shipment header level in D/E 2/3 in AIS. The certificates must be declared at the goods shipment item level, eCustoms Helpdesk Notification Ref: 39/2022 refers. Phase 2 relates to the introduction of further validation checks including Quantity Management on data declared on CHEDs/COIs and import declarations. Phase 2 is scheduled to go live on 11 January 2023. [Link](#)

The following data on the customs import declaration will need to match the details declared on the corresponding CHED or COI:

- Certificate reference number
- CN code (up to the first 8 digits)
- Net mass or Supplementary Units (match or not exceed)

The current analysis of import declarations submitted indicates a significant level of data mismatches between quantities declared on import declarations and quantities declared on the relevant CHED or COI. Quantity mismatches may cause significant delays in the release of goods from customs control.

Irish Revenue, DAFM, and the HSE have been working collaboratively to implement the required changes. To assist businesses, and prepare for these changes we will host an online

information seminar to elaborate further on the changes and to highlight the common mistakes that declarants are making. An email notification with the link to the seminar will issue very shortly. More detailed information on SW/CERTEX is available on the Irish Revenue website at [Customs SW/CERTEX](#)

United Kingdom

We looked through the updates on www.legislation.co.uk, and the updates to the GOV.uk website and drew information from various websites and subscriptions. This brings all the key updates for customs declarations, duties and tariffs (import and export), Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation, Export health certificates, Biosecurity, the Border and Trade, UK Cabinet Office Information, JCCC and DEFRA updates (as far as public), HM Revenue & Customs, Trade and investment updates published on gov. uk. and the updates from the UK Mission to the WTO. Are we missing something? Let us know.

Autumn Statement: What's in it for customs & global trade?

The Autumn Statement sets out the government's plan to ensure that the UK'S high national debt falls over the medium term. The government says it is taking a balanced approach between revenue raising and spending restraint, whilst protecting vital public services. According to the government. the Autumn Statement sets out measures to boost growth and productivity by investing in people, infrastructure, and innovation.

As regards taxation, having concluded that now is not the right time to proceed with a package of tax cuts, the government has already confirmed the reversal of the majority of the tax measures set out

in the UK Growth Plan a couple of weeks back. For detailed information on these changes, please [watch this video from our partners at Blick Rothenberg](#) (our tax and business advisory partner) or [TaxAssist Accountants](#) (our accounting partner), who can provide you with the latest update and provide strategic guidance on accountancy and tax matters.

Besides the issues we cover below, here are some budget highlights from a tax and international trade perspective:

- Beginning in April 2025, the government will impose **Vehicle Excise Duty** on electric vehicles, vans, and motorbikes.
- OECD Pillar 2 rules: adoption of **global minimum corporation tax** changes by the United Kingdom by the end of 2023.
- VAT: **Cancel VAT-free shopping programme for British visitors**
- **Climate Change Levy**: rebalance rates in 2024-25 by raising rates on natural gas and solid fuels while holding other rates the same.
- Implementation of **OECD standard practises for transfer pricing** paperwork beginning in April 2023
- **Alcohol tax**: cancel rate freeze

Autumn Statement: Additional Compliance Resource for HMRC

Over the next 5 years, the government is putting in an extra £79 million so that HMRC can hire more people to deal with more cases of serious tax fraud and deal with compliance risks among wealthy taxpayers. Over the next 5 years, this investment is expected to bring in an extra £725 million in tax money. The government is still committed to making sure HMRC has enough money to keep up its compliance performance over time while continuing to save money, both in this Spending Review period and in future ones.

UK Customs

UK Cabinet Border Bulletin 18 November 2022

This bulletin provides the latest news from the Government relating to UK borders.

- The UK Conformity Assessed (UKCA) deadline has now been extended to 31 December 2024¹
- New ministerial appointment¹
- Upcoming Defra legislative changes²
- Reminder for EU to GB imports of high-priority plants and plant products²
- Apprenticeship webinars for SMEs³

Helpline numbers are attached for subscribers. Please get in touch if you would like to subscribe.

Autumn Statment: New Tariff suspensions

Concerning customs, the United Kingdom has proposed **new tariff suspensions**; this policy would waive taxes on more than 100 goods for two years to cut manufacturing costs. The law will reduce tariffs as high as 18% on a variety of products, including aluminium frames used by British bicycle

manufacturers, ingredients used by British food manufacturers, and automotive components. After leaving the European Union, the British government permitted companies to request duty suspensions, which temporarily decrease tariffs on certain commodities if certain conditions are met. Products that qualify cannot be produced in the United Kingdom, or can only be produced in limited quantities or when production is temporarily insufficient. Either the things must be used in a manufacturing process or a temporary need must be proven. In July 2021, the government disclosed the entire list of 238 requests, which included rum, cranberries, cigarettes, and chemical products, among others. Shortly, comprehensive details on approved applications will be made public. It was envisaged that successful applications will result in tariff suspensions beginning January 1, 2022, with a regular round of six-monthly applications replacing the EU tariff suspension system. The reduction in the cost base will be welcomed by the business. However, overseas suppliers, who are also suffering from the global economic slump, may seek to increase raw prices. Businesses importing affected products would be advised to carefully review trading terms with suppliers.

The outcome of the UK Suspension and ATQ 2021 round

Duty suspensions and autonomous tariff quotas are in force until 31 August 2024. They suspend import duties on certain goods, normally those used in domestic production. These suspensions do not apply to other duties that may be chargeable, such as VAT or anti-dumping duties. UK and Crown Dependency businesses have been asked to apply for a duty suspension that could have saved them up to £10,000 in duties. The UK has informed applicants if they were successful or not in the 2021 round. [Link](#)

The next application opportunity for duty suspensions will open in 2023 - additional details will be made available in due course.

UK CDS

Customs Declaration Completion Guides updated

Access the guide as a supplement when using the CHIEF and CDS trade tariffs to import and export goods to and from Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales) after the end of the transition period. Declaration Completion Instructions have been added for certain products where the import control under 'The African Swine Fever (Import Controls) (England and Scotland) Order 2022' does not apply. [Link for GB](#). [Link for NI](#).

CDS: HMRC's Customs Declaration Service Frequently Asked Questions Version 2.2

This document contains frequently asked questions (FAQs) that have been compiled following an analysis of customer queries received from recent Customs Declaration Service (CDS) town hall events. They should be used to assist with the answering of questions relating to the closure of Customs Handling of Import and Export Freight (CHIEF) and the process of moving to the Customs Declaration Service.

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- ☒ **HMRC's Customs Declaration Service Frequently Asked Questions Version 2.2**

CDS: Old Incoterms® no longer allowed

The Incoterms available for the data element 4/1 of Customs declaration Service (CDS) are:

- CFR,
- CIF,
- CIP,
- CPT,
- DAP,
- DAT,
- DDP,
- EXW,
- FAS,
- FCA,
- FOB.

Incoterms 2000 codes DAF, DDU, DES and DEQ are no longer permitted on CDS declarations.

The following note has been added to the CDS import declaration completion instructions. Incoterms 2000 codes DAF, DDU, DES and DEQ are not permitted on CDS declarations, they have been removed from the completion instructions for DE 4/1 Delivery terms.

Background: Incoterms are part of the contractual agreements between seller and buyer. The parties are free to agree to whatever they might consider necessary to pursue their commercial interests. Incoterms define the responsibilities of the buyer and seller concerning the packing, transportation, and insurance of goods. It helps exporters and importers avoid misunderstandings, by clearly defining each other's responsibilities in the delivery of goods.

There are mandatory fields that need to be filled in, on the declaration, to describe the Incoterms better. These are the code of the country where the incoterm has been agreed upon and the city location. You will need to establish the city where the goods will be picked up or delivered. This information needs to be clear in the invoice.

A typical example is DAP (delivery at place), where you will add in the invoice example, DAP London. It means that the goods will be delivered to the company premises in London.

Need to gain or refresh your knowledge on incoterms?

- We are running an Incoterms training on 12 December 2022, where you will learn;
- What are Incoterms?
- what are the benefits of using, Incoterms for both buyer and seller?
- explanation of the risk and responsibility and more.

Please find out more about this course at www.customsmanager.org or [here](#)

Courses, take a look at our upcoming calendar on www.customsmanager.org -> Services -> Training or [here](#)

8 Top tips on how to contact HMRC regarding the Customs Declaration Service

As you know, the Customs Declaration Service (CDS) is now the only way businesses should be making import declarations. We at Customs Manager Ltd receive many questions about how to contact the UK government when issues arise. We have compiled our top tips:

1. If you wish to contact HMRC on CDS, do that using any of [these channels](#).
2. Speak to your Account Manager or Customer Compliance Manager if they have one.
3. To raise an issue with a [GOV.UK](#) service webpage or interface such as CDS create a support ticket by selecting the 'Get help with this page' link at the bottom of any screen.
4. For critical issues experienced outside of our main customer service hours, such as goods stuck at the border, call the Customs and International Trade helpline on 0300 322 9434 and choose option one.
5. If the issue is more complex, you can [email 24/7 for technical support](#) for CDS.
6. Both channels are available for critical issues only from 8 pm to 8 am on weekdays and weekends.
7. Keep up to date with our [service availability and issues](#) on [GOV.UK](#)
8. Read this update every week – we offer a list of consolidated changes to CDS.

Consolidated list of CDS changes this week

- **Data Element 4/9: Additions and deductions for customs value** - Clarification has been added to addition codes AR and AS, to make it clear that the full airfreight charges from the airport of loading to the airport of destination should be declared, and the Customs Declaration Service will then make an adjustment to the value for customs purposes using the set percentages applicable to the airport of loading. Addition and deduction code descriptions have also been amended, to cover the options of UK versus EU journeys.
- **Data Element 5/23:**
 - **Authorised Consignee Temporary Storage (ACTS) location codes** for Data Element 5/23 of the Customs Declaration Service (Appendix 16N). Facilities for Strachans Limited have been added at Peterhead and Great Yarmouth, for Pincroft Dyeing and Printing Co Ltd at Adlington, and Macintyre Scott & Co Ltd at Totton.
 - Data Element 5/23 is used to identify the **location where the goods may be examined for an external temporary storage facility (ETSF)** (Appendix 16F). Facilities have been added at Hounslow, Spalding, Feltham, Sunbury on the Thames, Lichfield, Liverpool, Colnbrook and Daventry.
 - Data Element 5/23 is additionally used to identify the location where the goods may be examined for **internal temporary storage facilities** (Appendix 16D). A facility has been added for North West Leicestershire District Council at Castle Donington and another facility has been relisted for Swissport at London Heathrow Airport.
- **Data Elements 1/10:** The 'Requested Procedure 61: Re-importation with simultaneous release to Free Circulation' guidance has been updated to show Union Additional Procedure Code F47 can be used with 6123.

- **Data Element 1/11:** Additional Procedure Code 44 has been corrected to F44 in the '1XW: More than 1 previous procedure involving Customs Warehousing' section of the 'Additional Procedure Code 1-Series (Appendix 2B)' guidance.
- **Data Elements 1/10 and 1/11:** Corrections have been made so the matrix fully reflects the acceptable combinations of Procedure and Additional Procedure codes.
- **Data Element 2/2:** Additional Information Code GEN86 has been corrected in Appendix 4B, to show that it is intended for use on both import and export declarations.
- **Data Element 2/3** requires relevant document codes, document status codes and details to be declared (for example, licences and certificates) (Appendix 5A). The 'Details to be entered on the Declaration' for code 9022 have been amended.

CDS Support Services: Customs Manager Ltd. offers CDS Customs Declaration Training and files customs declarations using CDS to all ports in the UK with our cooperation partners. Please get in touch if you require support with CDS

We also provide a **free knowledge base resource** to help you get started in using CDS: CDS YouTube explainer videos, FAQ on CDS, Official CDS Guidance from HMRC, CDS Sample Declarations and know error walk around CDS Error Codes Guide.
<https://www.customsmanager.org/cds-uk-customs-declaration-service>

UK Transit

NCTS 5 is coming

Last month, HMRC notified users that all Common Transit Convention (CTC) member nations must switch to NCTS5 by November 30, 2023. NCTS5 will improve user experience with new and improved capabilities. HMRC will launch NCTS5 immediately after ending NCTS4 and switch Britain and Northern Ireland at once. From 16 November 2023, users must provide NCTS5 transit declarations. This will enable transit movements initiated on NCTS4 before this date to end without being resubmitted before 30 November 2023. For Software developers, the Trader Test Environment is accessible to Software Developers as soon as feasible. Businesses may test the new NCTS5 API and features starting May 23. Declarants that utilise the free online interface via the Government Gateway to report transit movements must enrol in NCTS5.

Benefits of NCTS 5:

- Modifying pre-lodged declarations to prevent cancelling and resubmitting
- Digital Transit Accompanying Document (TAD) to replace a paper document
- Flexibility for customs "Office of Incident" position, which may be performed at any customs station during transportation.

Why not learn about transit in our training? We offer a course dedicated to transit. Get in-depth knowledge, comprehension, and ability to carry out the transit procedure. It comprises every stage leading up to the final release of the items, as well as the roles and duties required to carry out the transit process properly. You gain a good awareness of the transit process. Appreciate the workflows, processes, and regulations related to transit s as well as the systems used.

Visit www.customsmanager.org/training or download the training dates [and programme here](#)

UK VAT

Autumn Statement: Freezing the threshold for VAT registration

The VAT registration threshold of £85,000 has been extended until 2026. Keeping the threshold for VAT registration unchanged is in line with previous tax initiatives and would increase the number of businesses required to register for and account for UK VAT. In the United Kingdom, the threshold for VAT registration remains a "cliff edge" and a potential growth hurdle, as doing business over this level leads to a 20% rise in pricing.

VAT refunds in Northern Ireland or the EU

Find out how Northern Ireland and EU businesses can claim refunds of VAT incurred on goods in the EU and Northern Ireland using the EU VAT refund system. Updated guidance to clarify that where the taxable amount exceeds £200 for fuel and £750 for all other goods and services, scanned copies of all invoices and import documents must be attached to your application. [Link](#)

A new live VAT webinar video

A new live webinar about an overview of the new VAT late submission, late payment penalties and interest changes has been added. The link to the recorded webinar about How to register for VAT using the VAT1 form has been updated. Links to register for live webinars for 'Capital allowances and vehicles', 'The statutory residence test – response to COVID-19', 'Income from property for individual landlords – part 2' and 'Using the VAT 484 form to report changes' have been removed, the recordings are still available. [Link](#)

*Customs Manager's **VAT Support Services** are designed to help businesses of any size sell into EU member states, from either within or outside the EU or UK, while simplifying compliance and staying up to date on the rapidly changing rules. Our import VAT support services are designed to help businesses make sure they're compliant with EU and UK regulations. We offer a range of services including PIVA analysis, VAT training, and VAT compliance assistance.*

UK Excise

Autumn Statement: Future of alcohol duty?

UK chancellor Jeremy Hunt outlined a variety of economic initiatives in his Autumn Statement but provided no clarification on alcohol duty. The government's Autumn Statement only mentioned the benefits of reversing a scheduled alcohol duty freeze and duty reform proposals. The administration reversed an alcohol tariff freeze announced in September under Kwasi Kwarteng's brief time as chancellor. Wine and spirits sector representatives warned the chancellor this week that failing to reinstate a tariff freeze on alcohol would lead to price hikes. According to the wine industry, the government's decision to revoke the alcohol duty freeze could result in a double-digit tax surge that promotes inflation raises consumer prices and may threaten thousands of employment. [Source](#)

Autumn Statement: Hike in excise rates for tobacco?

Because the Chancellor did not announce any rate increases in his statement today, the price of a pack of cigarettes will not increase. The tax is typically amended in the spring budget, so an increase was not anticipated. Tobacco duty is a levy imposed on British manufacturers and importers of cigarettes. When the tax rate is increased, consumers are required to pay more for cigarette goods. In October of the previous year, 88 pence were added to the cost of the most costly packs of cigarettes, boosting their price from £12.73 to around £13. The price of the least expensive 20-pack increased by 63 pence, from £9.10 to £9.73.

*Our **Excise Support Services** provide our clients with professional advice and consultancy on all aspects of excise activities, including the management of EMCS, Excise Duty assessments and compliance, excise warehouse accreditation and audit requirements, EMCS application and management as well as comprehensive excise training.*

UK Plastic Tax

Plastic Tax

The plastic Packaging Tax (PPT) started on 1 April 2022. Businesses that produce or import more than 10 tonnes) of plastic packaging in 30 days ('ahead look' test) or you have manufactured or imported 10 tonnes of plastic packaging since April 1, 2022 ('backwards look' test) [are required to register with GOV.UK](#).

Subscribers and clients can download:

- [examples of packaging in and out of the scope of PPT](#)
- help manufacturers and importers [decide if they need to register for PPT](#)
- [examples of packaging in and out of the scope of PPT](#)
- Read to learn about what is in scope, who is liable and who needs to register:
- [Check if you need to register and are liable for PPT](#)

- [Check if your plastic packaging is in the scope of the PPT](#)
- Watch a [recorded webinar about the introduction of the Plastic Packaging Tax](#) to learn about what you need to do if you produce or import plastic packaging
- Watch a [recorded webinar about Plastic Packaging Tax — admin and technical aspects](#) to learn about the administrative and technical aspects of Plastic Packaging Tax.
- Download our [PPT flyer](#) for the accounting periods and payment due dates for 2022 and 2023.

UKCA

The UK Conformity Assessed (UKCA) deadline extended to 31 December 2024

The UK announced on 14/11/22, the intention to introduce legislation to continue recognition of the CE marking and reversed epsilon marking until 31 December 2024 for most goods being placed on the market or put into service in Great Britain. Further details can be found [here](#) and [here](#) and a copy of the press notice can be found [here](#).

UK ADD/CVD

Economic research into the circumvention of trade remedies

A report produced by Frontier Economics for the UK Trade Remedies Authority on circumvention of trade remedies measures. Countries are permitted, but not required, by global trade rules to implement trade remedy measures. These include temporary duties imposed through anti-dumping or anti-countervailing actions. No internationally agreed-upon definition of circumvention exists in the context of trade remedies. Inadvertently expanding trade remedy tariffs on the imports of additional products and/or countries could result in jurisdictions violating their commitments to the World Trade Organization. It is in the United Kingdom's best interest to establish a toolbox that enables it to determine when true circumvention situations occur. [Link](#)

Brexit

Due to Brexit, a cheese manufacturer selling its firm

According to the Guardian, a cheesemaker sells his business after Brexit-related sales losses of £600,000 prompted him to do so. Cheshire Cheese Company was acquired by Joseph Heler Cheese, which has a presence in the European Union. After Brexit cost him \$600,000 in missed sales, a British cheesemaker sold his business to a larger rival. The Cheshire Cheese Company will continue to be led by Simon Spurrell, who expressed concerns about high export prices following the United Kingdom's exit from the European Union. Spurrell thinks that the expansion of Joseph Heler Cheese's plant and distribution network in the Netherlands will once again make it economical to service European customers. Spurrell was happy to return to Europe after a two-year absence, but he still

cannot accept that Brexit has ruined little enterprises like his. He said that small businesses cannot join the EU. Spurrell founded the firm in 2010 to sell cheddar, Cheshire, and royal blue cheese encased in wax. In 2019, he spent £1 million in a warehouse throughout Macclesfield to accommodate the demand for Irish whiskey and gold-winning stem ginger cheddar in Europe. Following Brexit, he was faced with veterinary certificate charges of up to £180 for retail sales to EU customers, even for those purchasing £30 gift packs, leaving his firm suddenly unprofitable. In 2021, the first year of Brexit commerce, he lost £240,000 in Europe's wholesale and retail sectors. Despite the increasing domestic demand during the outbreak, he was unable to reenter the market as a small business. Spurrell said that Joseph Heler helped him dodge Brexit trade regulations. Spread the paperwork for one cheese pallet among one hundred if space permits. He said that local delivery rates will be levied on all EU clients.

George Heler, the son of Joseph Heler, observed, "Cheshire Cheese Company... We can expand it across the UK and Europe." Since 2020, many people and organisations have incurred additional Brexit-related costs, making European sales and purchases prohibitively expensive. According to the Economic and Social Research Institute, post-Brexit UK-EU trade decreased by 16%. [Link to article](#)

UK Biosecurity / Veterinary Controls

Changes to the GB quarantine pests list

Defra has introduced legislation updating Plant Health import requirements across GB. Some legislative changes will come into force on 25 November 2022. This includes changes to the list of GB quarantine pests. Blueberry rust (*Thekopsora minima*) no longer meets the criteria. The remaining legislative changes will come into force on 3 May 2023. The changes comply with international obligations and are important protective measures against pests of plants in the UK.

Urgent legislative changes that comply with international obligations will come into force on 25th November 2022. These include:

Changes are being made to the list of GB quarantine pests:

- Moving *Thekopsora minima* (Arthur) Sydow & P. Sydow from the list of GB quarantine pests to the list of GB-regulated non-quarantine pests as it no longer meets the criteria to be a GB quarantine pest.

The remaining changes will come into force on 3rd May 2023:

- Certain pests which, based on a preliminary assessment, have met the criteria to be GB quarantine pests will be listed as provisional quarantine pests.
- Extending the obligation concerning plants, plant products and other objects originating in third countries which may only be introduced into Great Britain if special requirements are met to include EU Member states, Liechtenstein and Switzerland, treating all countries equally.

- Add for *Agrilus planipennis* Fairmaire (emerald ash borer) a requirement that the name of the pest-free area should be included on phytosanitary certificates.
- Clarification of the *Xylella fastidiosa* wells et al. measures, to ensure that pest-free areas for lower-risk hosts are notified in advance and that names of places/sites of production are included on phytosanitary certificates.
- Seeds of *Pinus* L. and *Pseudotsuga menziesii* (Mirbel) Franco will be subject to Article 72 checks.
- Correcting the name of the genus *Chrysanthemum* L., making no changes to the existing import requirements.
- The WTO has been notified of these new measures as appropriate.

POAO and ABP products – An introduction

We have been asked to clarify what POAO and ABP mean. POAO refers to animal products for human consumption. This includes (but is not limited to) the following food groups:

1. Meat, including fresh meat, meat products, minced meat, meat preparations, poultry meat, rabbit, farmed game meat and wild game meat
2. Eggs and egg products
3. Milk and milk products
4. Honey, gelatine and gelatine products

Animal By-Products (ABP) are materials of animal origin that are not for human consumption. ABPs include among others:

- Animal feed - based on fishmeal and processed animal protein
- Organic fertilisers and soil improvers - manure, guano, processed OF/SI on the base of processed animal protein
- Technical products - pet food, hides and skins for leather, wool, blood for producing diagnostic kits

ABPs can spread animal diseases (e.g., BSE or foot and mouth disease) or chemical contaminants (e.g., dioxins) and can be dangerous to animal and human health if not properly used. GB rules will regulate their movement, processing and disposal.

They come in three categories:

Category 1 ABPs – high risk. Examples include:

- Carcasses and all body parts of animals suspected of being infected with transmissible spongiform encephalopathy (TSE)
- Specified risk material (body parts that pose a particular disease risk e.g. cows' spinal cords)

Category 2 ABPs – high risk. Examples include:

- Carcasses of dead livestock
- Manure
- Animals rejected from abattoirs due to having infectious diseases

Category 3 ABPs – lower risk. Examples include:

- Animal hides, skins, hooves, feathers, wool, horns, and hair that had no signs of infectious disease at death
- Processed animal protein (PAP)
- Domestic catering waste

UK Sanctions

Financial sanctions: guidance

Information on the approach OFSI takes to financial sanctions including sector and regime-specific guidance, as well as information on monetary penalties for breaches of financial sanctions. Added 'UK Maritime Services Prohibition and Oil Price Cap Guidance'

OFSI General Licences

Amended Truphone general licence INT/2022/2339452

24 entries added to the Iran (Human Rights) regime

24 entries have been added to the [Iran \(Human Rights\) financial sanctions regime](#).

On 14 November 2022 the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office updated the UK Sanctions List on [GOV.UK](#). This list provides details of those designated under regulations made under the Sanctions Act. 24 entries have been added to the Iran (Human Rights) financial sanctions regime and are now subject to an asset freeze. OFSI's consolidated list of asset freeze targets has been updated to reflect these changes. The above-mentioned [consolidated list can be accessed here](#).

UK Sanctions Support Services: We can provide you with the highest level of support services for your sanctions compliance. Our senior team are experienced in advising and interpreting UK sanctions, licence applications, due diligence and also undertaking general sanctions compliance reviews.

UK Trade Policy

UK Trade Secretary to visit U.S.

During her first trip to Washington, DC, the Secretary of Commerce, Kemi Badenoch, plans to advocate for a robust approach to international trade. She will remark that the United Kingdom and the United States would collaborate to protect their economy from shocks in the future. She will also explore how to increase the number of firms owned by women that are active in international trade. She will educate influential US audiences about the United Kingdom's cheap taxes, high talent pool, business-friendly climate, and innovative economy. [Link](#)

UK trade in numbers

A snapshot of the UK's latest trade and investment position, summarising statistics produced by ONS, DIT, and UNCTAD. [Link](#)

*Our **Origin & Preferential Trade Support Services** include advice and interpretation of cumulation and application of all Rules of Origin, advice and interpretation of all Free Trade Agreements worldwide, and setting up an effective origin management service that allows you to save the maximum amount of customs duty. We offer support in obtaining certificates of origin, statements on origin, REX and verifying importers' knowledge for your business/customers.*

United States

U.S. Export Controls

Pakistan Due Diligence Guide Updated

Pakistan has a nuclear and missile programme that is subject to end-use and end-user limitations under the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) Part 744. (15 C.F.R. Parts 730-774). Additional Pakistan-specific guidelines are being published by the Bureau of Industry and Security. The US Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) has placed additional licencing requirements on select businesses in Pakistan that have been assessed to be engaged in nuclear or missile programmes. BIS has added such firms to the Entity List, requiring further licencing. A licence is necessary to export, reexport, or transfer (in-country) any item subject to the EAR to or inside Pakistan or certain other nations if you know the item will be used to deliver chemical, biological, or nuclear weapons. The actions covered by this provision are now more thoroughly defined under Section 744.6 of the EAR. Exporters should do further due diligence to detect and resolve red flags linked with transactions that might be intended for nuclear or missile-related activity. BIS has identified a variety of products including CCL items that are exclusively regulated for anti-terrorism purposes. These things have been sought by nuclear or missile-related organisations (including UAVs). Examine your items' prospective uses as well as your customer's credibility. [Link to Guidance](#)

***Our U.S. Export Control Support Service:** We advise on all matters of the EAR and ITAR compliance. We carry out the supply chain and third-party risk assessments, as well as examinations of licence applications and assistance with licence management, analysis of de minimis thresholds, audits of presumed export restrictions, and crisis management services about compliance. We support non-U.S. businesses trading U.S.-origin-controlled goods across all industries and locations. A variety of courses on U.S. export controls are also available from us.*

U.S. Sanctions

Russia Designations

OFAC named a worldwide network of financial facilitators, enablers, and others affiliated with two Kremlin-linked elites. This week's actions prohibited 14 people, 28 entities, and 8 planes. OFAC sanctioned Suleiman Abusaidovich Kerimov (Kerimov) on September 30, 2022, under E.O. 14024 for being or having been a Russian government leader, official, senior executive officer, or board member (GoR) Sharp Edge Engineering Inc., a Taiwan-based front business, was also recognised by OFAC. Studhalter Group, SwissIAG, Papa Oscar Germany, Eurimo, SwiREP, and SCI were identified under E.O. 14024 for being owned or controlled by Studhalter. Russian investor Murat Magomedovich Aliev's Bonum Capital and Bonum Cyprus are also linked to the firm. Emperor Aviation has handled

luxury travel for Kerimov's family, including Gulnara, even after Russia invaded Ukraine on February 24, 2022. Bonum BVI, Bonum Investments, and KSM were all identified under E.O. 14024 for being directly or indirectly owned or controlled by Aliev. [Link](#)

Russia livenes on environmental transactions and civil aviation

OFAC has issued Counter Terrorism General License 21 "Authorizing Limited Safety and Environmental Transactions Involving Certain Vessels", and published one Counter Terrorism Frequently Asked Question (1097). Additions and changes have been made to OFAC's list of Specially Designated Nationals. [Link](#). OFAC also issued a Russia-related General License 40C "Civil Aviation Safety". [Link](#)

Global Magnitsky Designations

OFAC sanctioned Russian national Dmitry Kudryakov and Belarusian national Iryna Litviniuk for exploiting the Guatemalan mining sector, as well as three associated entities. Executive Order (E.O.) 13818 targets perpetrators of serious human rights abuse and corruption around the world. It builds on and implements the Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act. [Link](#)

Iran-related Designations: Iranian Petrochemical and Petroleum Sales

OFAC has sanctioned 13 companies facilitating the sale of Iranian petrochemicals and petroleum products to buyers in East Asia. This is the fifth round of designations targeting Iran's illicit petroleum and petrochemical trade since June 2022. Triliance has orchestrated millions of dollars' worth of funds transfers to accounts owned by UAE-based Asian Zone Trading L.L.C in an attempt to avoid U.S. sanctions. In February 2021, Triliance brokered the sale of Iran-sourced naphtha destined for the UAE from Kharg Petrochemical. Triliance has been designated by the European Union (E.O. 13846) as having materially assisted, sponsored, or provided financial, material, or technological support for, or goods or services to or in support of NIOC and its marketing arm, NICO. Some of the companies are:

1. UAE-based Asian Zone Trading L.L.C
2. UAE-based Galaxy Petrochemical FZE (Galaxy Petrochemical)
3. Kharg Petrochemical Company Limited (Kharg Petrochemical)
4. Petrokick LLC.
5. Newton Trading FZE
6. Sum Five Petrochemicals Trading L.L.C (Sum Five)
7. Edgar Commercial Solutions (ECS)
8. Uteliz Resources Co.,
9. Barza Style & Mode Co., Limited (Barza)
10. PRC-based East Asia Trading Import and Export Trade Co., Ltd.

These companies have materially assisted, sponsored, or provided financial, material, or technological support for, or goods or services to or in support of, Triliance. [Link](#)

Violent Mexican drug group traffics "rainbow fentanyl" to the U.S.

OFAC designated La Nueva Familia Michoacana and its co-leaders, Johnny Hurtado Olascoaga (Johnny Hurtado) and Jose Alfredo Hurtado Olascoaga (Jose Hurtado), according to Executive Order (E.O.) 14059, for having engaged in, or attempted to engage in, activities La Nueva Familia

Michoacana smuggles narcotics into the U.S. This outfit is also behind the increased U.S. appearance of rainbow fentanyl, which comes in brightly coloured pills/powder to entice children and young users.

[Link](#)

Our sanctions support service provides timely, comprehensive, and sector- and country-specific sanctions guidance. We perform impact assessments of OFAC regulator laws, audits of supply chains and third-party risk trade controls, and aid in the administration of sanctions licenses. We provide low-priced ongoing sanctions screening services to make sure you never break the rules, aid in closing down operations in countries subject to sanctions, and crisis management services associated with staying in compliance.

G20

G20 Bali Leaders' Declaration

The leaders of the G20 gathered in Bali in the face of unprecedented challenges, such as the Covid-19 epidemic and climate change. Here are the highlights we noted from a customs and global trade point of view:

- Concerns about **global food security**, such as rising prices and food shortages, will be met with more concerted activity. The G20 reaffirm our dedication to open, transparent, inclusive, and predictable WTO-compliant agricultural commerce. It is essential to meet the global energy demand with a cost-effective supply.
- G20 deplores in the greatest terms **the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine** and demands its total and unconditional departure. Most members criticised the Ukraine war, saying it causes immense human suffering and exacerbates global economic fragilities by constraining development, raising prices, interrupting supply networks, worsening energy and food scarcity, and raising financial stability concerns.
- The G20 reaffirm our dedication to **combating climate change** following the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. We will accelerate our efforts to fulfil the commitment we made in 2009 to eliminate and rationalise fossil fuel subsidies that promote excessive consumption while aiding the most disadvantaged. At COP-15 in Montreal, we will push CBD Parties to adopt an aspirational, balanced, realistic, effective, robust, and transformative Global Biodiversity Framework for the period after 2020.
- In addition to **combating biodiversity loss, deforestation, desertification, land degradation, and drought**, G20 will rebuild the land that has been affected. We must stop and reverse the loss of biodiversity. The prohibition of illegal, unreported, and uncontrolled fishing is necessary. Forests, seagrass beds, coral reefs, and wetland ecosystems all contribute to climate change mitigation and adaptation. From 2019 to 2025, wealthy nations should enhance funding for climate adaptation in underdeveloped nations.
- Digital technology, is the key to unlocking future economic potential, especially for SMEs and startups. The G20 supports the Roadmap for Improving International Payments. Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors of the G20 have reaffirmed their dedication to price and financial stability. Ministers also demanded immediate implementation of the OECD/G20 two-pillar international tax package and the GloBE Implementation Framework. G20 supports both global and regional tax transparency laws, such as the Bali Declaration of the Asia Initiative.

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COP27

COP27 ended with a breakthrough agreement to finance "loss and damage" for vulnerable nations struck hard by climate catastrophes. A global transition to a low-carbon economy will cost USD 4-6 trillion a year. To provide such finance, governments, central banks, commercial banks, institutional investors, and other financial players must reform the financial system quickly and comprehensively.

Conference announcements:

- 25 new joint initiatives in electricity, road transport, steel, hydrogen, and agriculture were initiated.
- UN Secretary-General António Guterres proposed a USD 3.1 billion strategy to safeguard everyone in the world within five years.
- The UN Secretary-General's Expert Group on Net-Zero Commitments presented a study during COP27 to help businesses, financial institutions, cities, and regions make credible, accountable net-zero promises.
- At COP27, the G7 created the Global Shield Financing Facility to help climate-affected nations.
- Denmark, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, and the Walloon Region of Belgium announced USD 105.6 million in fresh financing for the Global Environment Facility grants addressing the urgent climate adaptation needs of low-lying and low-income governments.
- The new Indonesia Fair Energy Transition Partnership will raise USD 20 billion over the next three to five years to expedite a just energy transition.
- The Forest and Climate Leaders' Partnership intends to unite governments, corporations, and community leaders to stop forest loss and land degradation by 2030.

[Link](#)

Attachments in this Update

The original Note on the new logistic envelope from French Customs

The translated English version of the French Note to Operators

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EU Consolidated Sanctions List 18.11.2022

EU GSP 2023 changes

EU GSP Changes for 2023 - CELEX_32021R0114_EN_TXT

EU Vietnam FTA Guidance

UK CDS FAQ v2.2

UK Plastic Tax Flyer

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<https://www.customsmanager.org/customs-warehousing>

HS Codes & Customs Classification

Each of the millions of completed goods and components that are sold globally is given a unique HS code. Find out about what is Harmonized Systems Codes. Are they the same as HS codes? Hear from classification experts. Mike Bing and Arne Mielken as they discuss customs classification. Access an FAQ on Harmonized System Codes.

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Events

Here is a selection of events are attending or are excited about:

23-24.11.2022: ODASCE Customs Conference, Biarritz, France

"If you want to construct a boat, don't collect your men and women to give them commands, explain every detail, and show them where to go for everything... If you want to construct a boat, instil a love of the sea in the minds of your men and women." Saint-Exupéry, Antoine



France's key customs conference takes place from 23rd to 24th November 2022 in the South of France. The agenda is most impressive:

1) INSTITUTIONAL VISION AND AGENDA FOR CUSTOMS 2030, OBJECTIVES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT DIGITALIZATION RISK MANAGEMENT

What is the WCO's, European Commission's, and French Customs' vision for the 2030 horizon? The objectives have been outlined in terms of sustainable development, interchange digitalization, and border and risk management. The consequences will be both regulatory and operational.

What substantial changes are predicted, and what are the agendas?

2) THE COMPANY IN THE INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT OF ECONOMIC WARS IN 2022, COVID 19, SANCTIONS & BREXIT

- What is the first appraisal after the past three years of challenges?
- What are the implications for the organisation, operations, materials, and strategy?
- What can be learned from this?
- Are businesses prepared to face the difficulties that lie ahead?

3) REGULATION IN THE DIGITALIZATION AGE - MULTI ANNUAL STRATEGIC PLAN CUSTOMS UNION CUSTOMS CODE 2.0

The Union Customs Code (UCC) develops a standardised and computerised customs environment by December 31, 2025, providing dependable firms with access to facilitations. The agenda is established by the Multiannual Strategic Plan (MASP) and its 17 IT projects aimed at ensuring the interoperability of all IT systems and access to all sorts of customs-clearing schemes. The European Commission has completed a regulatory and application examination of the UCC halfway through. What is the return on investment for corporations after six years of UCC? Is the digitization agenda appropriate for businesses?

4) E-COMMERCE: THE CHANGE DATA ACCELERATOR H7 IOSS ICS 2 NEW SUPPLY CHAIN STAKEHOLDERS' ROLE

When importing into the EU on January 1, 2023, we shall say goodbye to SAD and welcome to H1, I1... E-commerce transactions have acted as a test bed for the deployment of customs clearing 2.0. The full-scale H7, IOSS, and ICS 2 tests have allowed specific operators and administrations to get acquainted with the new data in UCC format, influencing the allocation of supply-chain participants' responsibilities.

Parallel Workshop / Labs

There will be four concurrent Labs that are the cornerstones to developing a safe, optimised, sustainable, and resilient Customs/Business Horizon 2030

a. Scheme for Facilitation and Customs Clearance

The new customs clearance schemes (DCN, DCC, choice of location of control, entry in the declarant's records, etc.) are THE competitiveness levers for enterprises, as specified in the UCC. Analysis, implementation, recommendations, and recommendations

b. Supply Chain and Origin

Whether it's enterprises, with their increased use of "Made in" and new supply chains or governments working on new streamlined trade agreements, the concept of origin is changing and taking on a new meaning. Analysis, implementation, recommendations, and recommendations

c. Globalization and digitalization

DATA is rapidly becoming the universal vector of communication between all participants in international commerce; formats, regulations, responsibilities, and instructions are rapidly changing, disturbing all agendas. Analysis, implementation, recommendations, and recommendations

d. Training and compliance

Compliance is becoming the primary weapon of company resilience in an unpredictable and continuously changing environment. Institutions and businesses must engage in a productive

conversation that combines global strategy with operational agility. In such a situation, training is critical. Analysis, implementation, recommendations, and recommendations

Rich in the exchanges of Part 1 of the Labs, the facilitator and participants create a summary of their Recommendations and Proposals, which will be presented during the conclusion.

THE LAB'S CONCLUSION - THE CUSTOMS/BUSINESS AGENDA 2030

Recommendations and Proposals for a CUSTOMS 2030 Horizon that considers the interests of all international trade participants.

To learn more and to join last minute, see here: <https://www.odascecolloquedouane.com/>

28.11 EU Tax Symposium



On 28 November 2022, politicians, high-level policymakers, academics and civil society will come together to discuss the future of taxation at the EU Tax Symposium.

Don't miss out on this event:

With less than two weeks to go until the event, here are some of the speakers confirmed to date:

- Valdis Dombrovskis, European Commission Vice-President
- Paolo Gentiloni, EU Commissioner for Economy
- Kadri Simson, EU Commissioner for Energy
- Zbyněk Stanjura, Czech Finance Minister
- Nadia Calviño, Spanish Vice-President and Minister for Economy and Digitalization
- Sven Giegold, German State Secretary for Economy and Climate Action
- Marnix van Rij, Dutch State Secretary for Taxation
- Mathias Cormann, OECD Secretary-General
- Paul Tang, Member of the European Parliament
- Aurore Lalucq, Member of the European Parliament
- Gabriela Bucher, Oxfam International Executive Director

[Register here](#)

29.11-02.12.2022 Complying with U.S. Export Controls seminar

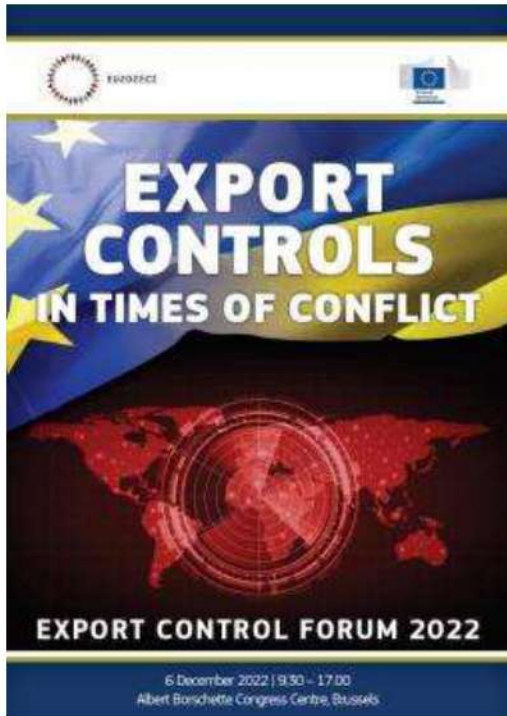
This session is live, so you can see and hear BIS specialists present, ask questions, and participate in interactive exercises to increase your regulatory and compliance expertise. BIS experts will teach four 3-hour sessions every day from 9 am to 12 pm PST (UTC-8)

The same topics as the two-day, in-person programmes will be covered:

- scope of the EAR,
- how to classify items for export,
- how to apply for an export licence,
- understanding and using licence exceptions,
- deemed exports,
- de minimis and direct product rules,
- export clearances,
- export enforcement, and developing an export management and compliance programme.
- The Automated Export System will be discussed by a Census Bureau visitor.

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6.12.2022 EU Annual Export Control Forum



The European Commission and the Czech Presidency of the Council will hold the 2022 Annual Export Control Forum on 6 December 2022.

The 2022 Export Control Forum will provide an opportunity for experts from EU Member States and the European Parliament, industry, academia and civil society to review and discuss the latest export control developments in the EU and globally.

The 2022 Export Control Forum will be opened by representatives of the Commission, the Presidency of the Council and the European Parliament, and will convene selected panels of experts, to be followed by a dialogue with the stakeholders.

The event will be web-streamed, and the connection details will be provided to the registered participants not attending the Forum in person.

[Register here.](#)

9.12.2022: EU Customs Update 2023



Many changes are on the horizon for 2023 in the EU in the area of customs. We expect the revised Union Customs Code proposals along with the entry into operation of ICS 2.

The EU also adopted the Customs Environment for a Single Window and, of course, the implementation of the new datasets for customs declaration is being rolled out throughout the Member States.

In addition to these legal and policy issues, the CN 2023 has been published, and guidance documents on valuation and the UCC have been updated. There are also interesting customs classification decisions.

Join ½ day intensive briefing and hear experts update you on:

- Changes to CN 2023
- Changes to new EU Guidance
- The new UCC proposals
- ICS 2 – Phases 2 and 3
- The customs environment for the single window
- Updated UCC guidance

The event will take place on Friday, 9 December 2022, from 9 am to 1 pm GMT or 10 am to 2 pm CET. It is an online exclusive event and the cost is 275 Euro or 250 GBP+VAT (as applicable) per participant. A full slide pack will be provided. To book, e-mail info@customsmanager.org

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