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UK EXIT What we know! Sep 2020



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We know from 1 January 2021 there will be **customs checks at the border** between the UK and EU.

- Find out how to declare goods at the UK Border
- Check Contract / INCO Terms to establish who is responsible
- Make sure you have an EORI number starting with GB
- Identify the commodity codes for the products you import
- Check the rate of tax and duty you'll need to pay
- Check if you can make the importing process less painful
 - Use Customs Agents or logistics specialists
 - Deferring Customs entries during January to June 2021
 - Deferment Accounts
 - Additional mechanisms Stock in Bond / Free Ports / Raw material imports

We know from 1 January 2021 **UK Timber Regulation** will replace EUTR.

- Imports arriving from EU will need Due Diligence
- Ask EU suppliers to share current DD information they are using
- Use this information to develop your own DD process
- DD must contain identifiable assessment of “Negligible Risk”

We know that from 1 January 2021 UK will be **trading under UK Global Tariff** rules.

- New “UK Global Tariff” published & copy can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/uk-tariffs-from-1-january-2021>
- Most wood products (154 codes of 200 codes) remain duty free
- For the other products (46 out of 200 codes) UK GT rates apply unless:
 - Source has a **trade agreement** with the UK on different terms
 - Source country has **GSP status** for wood products
 - Duty suspension or **tariff quota** in place for the product

We know from 1 January 2022 manufacturers who want to supply the UK must use the new **UK conformance mark**

- UK Notified Bodies lose their CE status on 31st Dec 2020
- Companies overseen by UK NBs must make a change by this date
- Options are:
 - Switch to EU NBs and carry on with CE marking
 - Switch to applying UK CA Mark on their products
- From 1st Jan to 31st Dec 2021 CE and UK CA marks valid on UK market
- From 1st Jan 2022 ONLY UK CA mark valid on UK market

We know from 1 January 2021 Northern Ireland will have different arrangements to rest of UK

- Northern Ireland Protocol gives special status
- Need to ID goods moving from GB to NI to avoid duty
- Need to ID goods moving through NI to Ireland
- Complex arrangements for Notified Bodies and CE marking
- From 1st Jan to 31st Dec 2021 CE and UK marks valid on NI market
- Guidance for using the CE, UK(NI) and UKCA markings for construction products will be published shortly

Things you should be doing right now to prepare your business for these changes

- Write to your local MP to demand a deal with the EU
- Get familiar with our EU exit resources on TTF.co.uk and GOV.uk
- Apply for a Grant for the UK Customs Academy Courses
- ID the commodity codes and potential duty for your products
- Communicate with your supply chain about any disruptive changes