

December 2020

UK EU Customs formalities commence in less than 3 weeks!

Dear Valued Customer,

The below information is relevant to all Great Britain and Republic of Ireland customers shipping to and from the EU. Customers who send consignments from Great Britain to Northern Ireland should also read the section regarding compliance with the Northern Ireland protocol in point 5 below.

Due to the end of the transition period, on the 31st December 2020, trade between the EU and the UK will require full customs declarations. **These declarations will be required regardless of whether there is a tariff free trade deal or not.**

Customs declarations between EU member states ceased in 1993. During the intervening 27 years many aspects of customs compliance have changed fundamentally. As a global logistics provider, customs clearance services are an integral part of our existing product portfolio. In addition to our existing UK & Ireland customs infrastructure we have recruited an additional 90 members of staff.

What we need from you to be customs compliant:

1) A compliant Commercial Invoice.

For us to process your collection instructions (Export or Import) we need **in all circumstances**, a compliant Commercial Invoice. This needs to contain the following:

*Consignor & Consignee name, address, date of shipping, Commodity (HS) Codes
product description, gross & net weight, value & currency of goods, country of origin
number and type of packaging, Incoterms® 2020, EORI No. and VAT No.*

2) Signed UK or Irish Direct Representation authorisation letter (known as Power of Attorney).

3) Signed UK or Irish Licencing Letter confirming if you have any freight which falls under the Licencing requirements.

4) UK Importers of Record without Deferment Account: Signed UK Confirmation of postponed VAT accounting letter to avoid delays (without a deferment account or a signed postponed VAT accounting confirmation, we will have to invoice and collect the VAT prior to dispatching your delivery).

5) **Freight from GB to Northern Ireland.** Due to the "Northern Ireland Protocol" element of the EU/UK withdrawal agreement, consignments to Northern Ireland will also require a compliant commercial invoice.

What we need from your "Sold To" party / Importer of Record:

1) UK Customers: We require from your EU "sold to" party a **Signed Direct Representation authorisation letter in the individual country of destination** (known as Power of Attorney). This will allow the DB Schenker European country to act directly on behalf of your importer and provide required customs clearance services (dependent upon incoterms 2020).

2) Ireland Customers: We require from your UK "sold to" party a **Signed UK Direct Representation authorisation letter** (known as Power of Attorney). This will allow us to act directly on behalf of your importer and provide required clearance services. (dependent upon incoterms 2020)

It is important these actions are taken **prior** to sending post Brexit shipments as this is mandatory to enable import customs clearance.

To assist you with point 1 and 2 above you can forward the below link (point 4) to your Importers of Record. Once on the webpage they can navigate to the appropriate EU destination country.

	UK based Customer Account	Ireland based Customer Account
1) Download Direct Representation letter	https://www.dbschenker.com/uk-en/brexit/downloads-and-useful-links	https://www.dbschenker.com/ie-en/brexit/downloads-and-useful-links
2) Download Licencing letter	https://www.dbschenker.com/uk-en/brexit/downloads-and-useful-links	https://www.dbschenker.com/ie-en/brexit/downloads-and-useful-links
3) UK Importers: Download Postponed Vat accounting letter	https://www.dbschenker.com/uk-en/brexit/downloads-and-useful-links	
4) Your Importer of Record: Direct Representation template	https://www.dbschenker.com/global/meta/brexit/national-customs-procedures Navigate to the country of destination to find the relevant template or information	https://www.dbschenker.com/global/meta/brexit/national-customs-procedures Navigate to the United Kingdom area and there you will find the UK Direct Representative template
5) Return email address	GB.sm.LON.Land-Customs-UK@dbschenker.com	ie.sm.dub.LAND-Customs-IE@dbschenker.com

What are our standard requirements when booking UK Exports and Imports collections to and from the EU from 1st Jan 2021?

Inevitably as a result of the UK now being a third country, the standard processes detailed below are necessary to allow us to continue to provide you with a best in class service that is also customs compliant.

The Booking Process

- No bookings will be accepted without a compliant commercial Invoice (see above).
- Where we will not be completing your customs formalities, we will need both the Movement Reference Number (MRN) and a compliant commercial invoice.
- **Booking must be made by 16:00 for a next working day collection**
- For shipments above 2500kg/10 CBM/2 LDM (DB Schenker part load & full load) we will need to know, at the time of booking, who will undertake the Export / Import formalities.

eSchenker Users

Please ensure you upload your compliant commercial invoice with every order. There will be 2 additional fields required within eSchenker where you will advise us who will undertake your export and import customs clearance e.g. DB Schenker or another party. If you do not wish for us to undertake your customs clearance requirements, then please supply the consignment movement reference number (MRN) in the free text field.

Will all current Land Products and options be available post BREXIT?

All of our DB Schenker Land products and options will remain available. Any day definite/Time definite options cannot be guaranteed as they will be dependent on the expediting of customs formalities which are outside of our control. Until the effect of customs formalities and possible channel congestion delays are known, DB Schenker System Premium will temporarily suspend its "money back" guarantee feature. System Premium will continue as our market leading groupage product providing the fastest available transit times across Europe.

Congestion

As you will be aware there are concerns around potential delays at GB ports when leaving and entering Great Britain. Significant delays will undoubtedly lead to an increase in cost as our vehicles become less productive. This may lead to a temporary border congestion surcharge until the situation stabilises.

The last collection day for goods to arrive in the EU in 2020 is the 21st December 2020. Please check individual country arrival days with your local depot. Consignments arriving in the EU within 2020 will not be subject to customs clearance.