



Dear customers,

The United Kingdom (UK) will no longer be part of the European Union (EU) as from the 1st of 2020 onwards. Although negotiations are still ongoing, and the UK already announced a relaxation period for the first six months of 2021, transportation between the EU and the UK will definitely require customs formalities.

As pointed out before already, you are able to properly prepare for Brexit. Below you can find the most important preparations, including additional information.

To avoid congestion in the Dutch and UK harbours, the shipping companies have put a system in place that requires all relevant data to be confirmed **prior** to accepting the booking to ship across. If you wish to use our services for EU export and/or import clearances, Vorex should have the following information in its possession **at least one working day prior to loading**:

- EORI number of the EU supplier*
- Signed direct representation form that has been signed by the actual shipper of the goods**
- Sales invoice with at least the following information:
 - Full entity details including VAT number and EORI number of the shipper
 - Full entity details including VAT number and EORI number of the buyer
 - Correct HS codes and a clear and correct cargo description
 - Value clearly specified by each individual HS code***
 - Number of packing units specified by each individual HS code
 - Exact gross and net weight specified by each individual HS code
 - Correct incoterms****
- VAT number and EORI number of the UK receiver
- Filled out CMR for transport purposes
- If you prepare documents yourself or use a third party, a copy of this document is required. Vorex will **always** keep control and manage the information in Portbase.

For UK customs purposes, we have teamed up with a renowned agency in the Felixstowe ports:

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Feel free to contact them and revert to you being a Vorex relation to get the best possible assistance. Grange Shipping can assist in UK customs formalities and more.

To allow UK imports to be completed as smoothly as possible, we would need all UK companies that import/export to/from the EU, to contact Grange Shipping to clarify who will be doing the UK import/export clearance and to set up accounts, if required. Even if you receive DAP/DDP, we would still require this information. The same goes for UK exports that involve EXW/FCA consignments.



UK receivers/shippers remain responsible for the provision of correct information and the right documents in a timely manner.

We need to emphasise that potential payment of import duties, if any, and VAT, if not postponed, will need to be paid for **prior** finalisation of the import clearance.*****

We strongly recommend you to provide us with the above information as soon as possible, so we can check if everything is ok for us to assist you as soon as this is required.

If you have any specific question, do not hesitate to contact your Vorex account manager.

Kind regards,

Vorex Logistics B.V.



* Apply for an EORI number. All importers and exporters, even if you are trading below the VAT threshold, will need one to continue doing so. You can apply at: <https://www.gov.uk/eori>

** As we are AEO certified, we need this document (see attached) to be signed by a fully authorized person. This needs to be confirmed by presenting a copy of the passport and a copy of the official company registration, which confirms the authorization. Please note that you, if you are a logistics service provider, need to get this document signed by the actual supplier of the goods. Also note that this form might be subject to change due to new legislation.

*** You need to know the customs commodity codes that are applicable to the type of goods you trade in. You can check them on the government website at: <https://www.gov.uk/trade-tariff>

**** Please be aware that the incoterms determine your rights and obligations as for payment of transport, clearances, duties, VAT, assurances, etc. We need to emphasize that under no circumstances Vorex Logistics and/or Grange Shipping can be held liable for payment of clearances, duties, VAT, assurances, etc. More information can be obtained from:

<https://www.great.gov.uk/advice/international-trade-contracts-and-incoterms/>

***** The government has stated the VAT on imports will be accounted for, using postponed accounting. This will only apply to those companies that have VAT registration. If they do not have VAT registration or a poor compliance record, VAT will need to be paid on imports. Duties will not have to be paid before the goods arrive in the UK ports. However, in the event of a “hard” Brexit under World Trade Organization (WTO) rules, many goods will be subject to duties (see page 4).

It is wise to apply for a duty deferment account. This will allow you to postpone the payment of import duties as is done with VAT at present. You can apply on the government website at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/import-and-export-deferment-arrangements-application-for-approval-c1200>



Other helpful sources can be found below.

Existing tariffs can be obtained from: <https://www.trade-tariff.service.gov.uk>

The current UK Brexit tariffs can be obtained from: <https://www.gov.uk/check-tariffs-1-january-2021>

The countries with which the UK has agreed trade deals can be obtained from:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/uk-tariffs-from-1-january-2021>