

BREXIT READINESS CHECKLIST

If you have followed our import and export guidance documents, herewith a summary checklist to ensure your readiness for trading in Europe from 1st January 2021.

- 1. Economic Operators Registration and Identification (EORI)**
Ensure both buyer and seller are registered to enable the sending/receiving of shipments to/from UK/EU.
- 2. UK Tariff/Commodity Codes**
Classify the tariff codes for all your products. You can get advice on how to classify your goods by contacting HMRC.
- 3. Customs Procedure Codes**
Notify Simarco in advance of customs declarations if products are being temporarily imported or exported, for example repair or exhibition etc.
- 4. Export / Import Licence or Control**
Identify if your products are subject to licencing or controls and liaise with your buyer/seller if applicable to avoid customs entry delays.
- 5. Product Origin**
Identify the UK/EU/non-EU content (including all components and raw materials) and whether your goods may qualify as being of UK or EU origin.
- 6. Wood Packaging Material**
If you pack products on wooden pallets for shipping between UK and EU, are they ISPM15 approved.
- 7. Exporter Commercial Invoice and Packing List**
Ensure your documents contain all the relevant information to enable Simarco to complete customs entries on your behalf and that the content is accurate.
- 8. Nominating a Customs Broker**
Nominated Simarco to act as your Direct Representative when handling customs declarations on your behalf.
- 9. Duty Deferment Account**
Apply for your own duty deferment account that will aid your duty payment process when importing from the EU.
- 10. Import VAT**
Prepare to pay or account for VAT on imported goods.
- 11. Customs Delays**
What level of risk of physical or documentary examination might apply for your goods imported from, or exported to EU countries? If working in time-sensitive sectors, consider how your EU clients maybe impacted by customs delays (further considerations may include just-in-time practices, timed deliveries and potential penalties and short shelf-life goods).