

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR THE SWITCH TO CDS?

From 31st March 2023, all UK customs declarations must be submitted through the new CDS (Customs Declaration Service) system, rather than the CHIEF (Customs Handling Import and Export Freight) system.

The CDS is the UK Government's new electronic system for handling customs declaration processes for exports and imports.

The CHIEF system will be withdrawn in two stages:

- **Import declarations must be submitted through CDS after 30th September 2022**
- **Export declarations must be submitted through CDS after the 31st March 2023**

After these dates, the only way to declare goods to UK customs will be via CDS and this will apply to all importers and exporters who are involved with UK customs declarations.

IMPORTS

The new CDS system will allow you to:

- Download monthly duty deferment statements
- Download PVA (Postponed VAT Accounting) statements
- Give freight agents the authority to use your deferment account

EXPORTS

The new CDS system will allow you to:

- Download or view any declarations that have been made on your behalf

Use our checklist below to set up a CDS account and make sure your goods can continue to be imported and exported without delays.

CHECKLIST - SETTING UP A CDS ACCOUNT

- Register for a [Government Gateway Account](#)
- Apply for a [GB EORI](#) (Economic Operator Registration and Identification) number
- Register for the [new CDS system](#). To do this, you will need:
 - GB EORI number
 - 10-digit Unique Taxpayer Reference (UTR) number
 - Business address
 - National Insurance number (if you're an individual or sole trader)
 - Date you started your business

Your EORI number and CDS accounts will be linked to your Government Gateway Account.

- Choose a payment method from the following options:
 - Duty deferment account
 - Postponed VAT accounting
 - Cash account
 - Immediate payment
 - Individual guarantee
 - General guarantee account

- Check the commodity codes of your goods

The CDS system will require you to provide more information than the previous CHIEF system about the commodity codes of your goods. The Government's [Trade Tariff tool](#) has been redesigned for use with the CDS system and allows you to look up the commodity code, duty and VAT rates for all classifications of goods.

- Instruct your customs broker
 - Use the CDS finance dashboard to set up which customs agents can use your accounts
 - Inform your customs broker of any changes to your payment method
 - Tell your customs broker about the incoterms, awareness for all values, location information and nature of transaction information

Contact Stadium Export Services on **+44 (0)191 204 3700** or sales@stadiumexport.co.uk if you would like more information about the switch to CDS.