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## Two Brand New UK Trade Agreements To Enter Into Force. Are You Prepared?

My fellow Customs & Global Trade Professionals,

The **UK-Australia FTA** and the UK-New Zealand FTA (both in force from June!) offer essential opportunities to reduce customs duty in the trade between the three nations if the complex Rules of Origin (RoO) can be mastered. Time we provided a "[Rules of Origin](#)" Buster – unlocking the RoO requirements of the UK-AU FTA with *simple YES – NO questions*.

With our [guide \(attached\)](#) in a few minutes, you can **self-assess** if your business

- Meets the product-specific Rules of Origin under the UK-AU FTA
- Meet the documentation requirements for Rules of Origin
- Check the transportation condition.
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Save yourself much time in a fun way and try the guide right away. You may be surprised how simple Rules of Origin determination can be.

The UK has planned to **scrap 4000+ EU retained laws** under the "**Bonfire Bill**" by the end of the year. They now realise the error of their ways and will go away with only 600. Which ones and how does this affect imports and exporters? Is retaining EU law beneficial for the UK? We look at the pros and cons in a [briefing document that you can download here](#).

Finally, last week's webinar on advancing the **Single Window** was a great success. I published a detailed debrief on our cost-savings blog on business requirements to make the Single Trade Window a success for importers and exporters. Take a look and then [download the slides](#).

Have a great week



Arne Mielken, Customs Manager Ltd.

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### Highlight 1: Rules of Origin Buster UK- Australia FTA

The Australia-United Kingdom Free Trade Agreement (A-UKFTA) is a gold standard trade agreement representing a once-in-a-generation deal for Australia and the UK and a historic moment in the relationship between the two countries.

It comes into force by the end of May 2023.

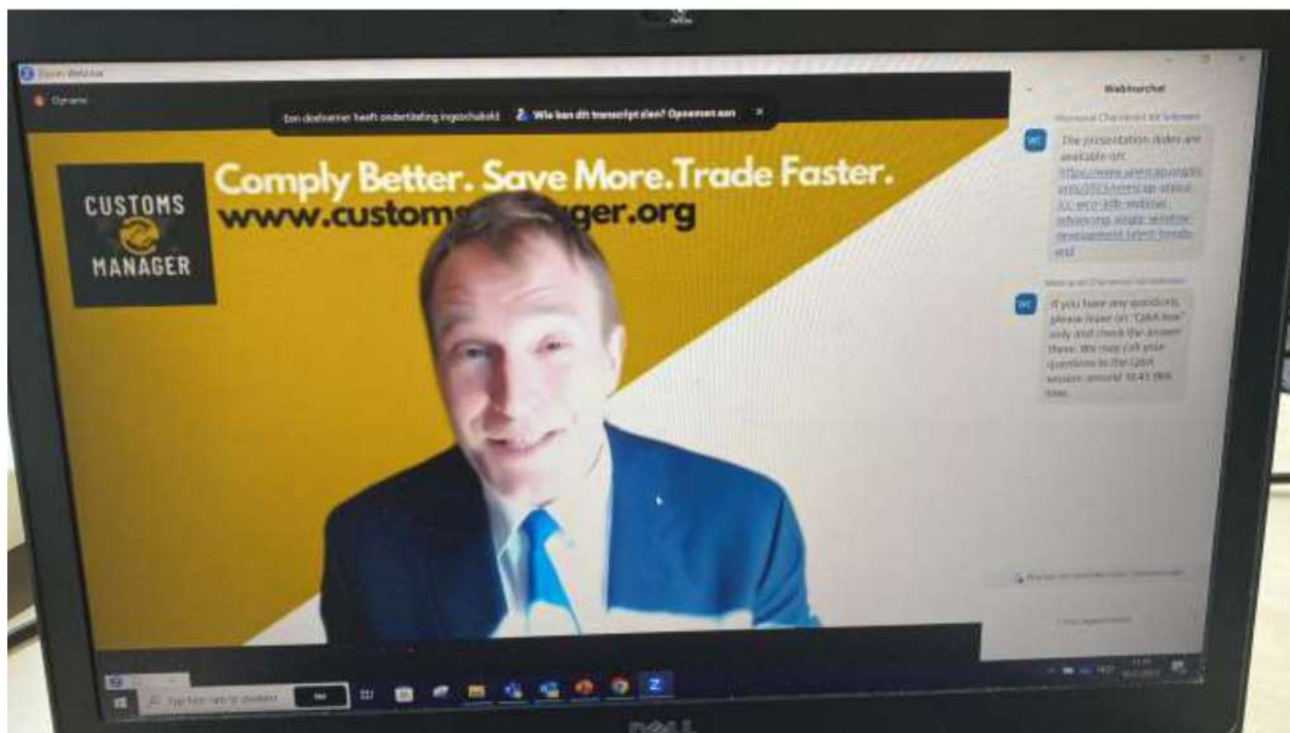
Ensure compliance with the Rules of Origin in the UK-Australia Free Trade Agreement by utilising our comprehensive guide.

Discover a step-by-step guide based on YES / NO Answers that will help you determine the preferential origin for your products in no time.



[Download a 30 Page Decision-Making Guide to determine whether your product originates under the UK-Australia FTA.](#)

## Highlight 2: Advancing the Single Window + Blog and Slides



You may have heard about customs' single-window projects in the EU or UK.

Time we talked about it. I was fortunate enough to participate in a webinar, “**UNESCAP-UNECE-ICC-WCO-ADB Webinar on Advancing Single Window Development: latest trends and implications**”, to discuss the business requirements for single-window advances. I was pleased to offer a business view from Europe during the webinar.

Following, I posted a blog on the business requirements for you to review: <https://www.customsmanager.org/post/single-windows-for-customs-global-trade-how-can-businesses-really-benefit>

[Download Slides](#)



## Highlight 3: Briefing on changes to the EU Retained Law Bill of the UK

### Scrapping EU Laws in the UK: What Impact on Importing & Exporting Businesses?

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In this Briefing, we answer the questions that you have asked us:

- Does the UK continue to follow EU law?
- Will the government ever repeal EU laws in the UK in light of Brexit?
- What advantages does the continuation of EU law in the UK actually offer?
- But which laws—if any—remain under the purview of retained EU law, and when will they be repealed? Which laws fall under the retained EU law?

And many more.

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## UK Customs & Global Trade Updates

### Brexit

#### EU Retained Law – How many pieces of EU law are still left?

[Access the Retained EU Law Dashboard](#)

#### The benefits of Brexit

How the UK is capitalising on the benefits of Brexit. This policy document sets out how the UK is capitalising on the benefits of Brexit and how the government will use its new freedoms to transform the UK into the best-regulated economy in the world.

[Download it now](#)

### CDS Updates

#### Latest CDS Updates

- Additional information code NIAID in Data Element (DE) 2/2 of the customs declaration or clearance request (Appendix 4) only applies to GB-NI movements classed as “at risk”. It does not apply to ROW-NI movements.
- Data Element 5/23 of the Bulk Import Reduced Data Set (BIRDS) and Customs clearance request declaration completion instructions for imports have been updated to confirm that name and address details are not permitted. Instead, the correct location code should be declared in all cases. In addition, references to free text or additional identifiers have been removed.
- Airport codes EBL, NGB, ZAG and ZAZ have been added. In addition, airport code DTT has been amended to DTW in Data Element 5/21 as the place (airport) of loading (Appendix 15A and Appendix 15B). These provide details of the relevant foreign airport zones, percentages of air freight costs to be included in the customs value, and the airport codes to be declared.
- Find the codes for Data Element 5/12 when completing the Customs Declaration Service (Appendix 14): Office codes GB003210 in Londonderry and GBREX001 for Dorchester House in Belfast have been removed.

#### Error code guidance: CDS77002

- If you encounter the CDS error code ‘CDS77002’ when submitting your declaration, a Document Status code that CDS mandates are missing.
- The Document Status code is a mandatory field for specific document types, and the declaration cannot be progressed if it is missing. It is a two-letter code that provides information about the documents required for a particular goods movement. It is entered on the Document Reference tab against a goods item as part of your Supplementary or Full



Frontier Declaration. A complete list of the Document Status codes and their descriptions can be found on GOV.UK.

- How to read the CDS77002 error: The error message you receive will tell you what the issue is and point you to the field that should be reviewed. For example:



Here, the error message is telling you that:

- There is missing information in the Document Status field
- The missing Document Status code is associated with goods item #1

### Resolving the error

- Within the declaration, navigate to the relevant goods item and open the Document Reference tab; this may depend on your IT system.
- Based on the Document Code you have entered, you are usually presented with a drop-down list of the eligible codes, with a description of each code.
- Populate the field with the relevant code and resubmit the declaration.

Please refer to our Data guide: CDS declaration data requirements for more information on these fields.

If you need any further support resolving this error code or any others, and if you need to help with CDS for exports or customs clearance, please get in touch with [info@customsmanager.org](mailto:info@customsmanager.org)

## UK Plastic Tax

### **UK Plastic Tax Consultation for New Law**

The UK welcomes views on new draft regulations, which amend how a business claims a Plastic Packaging Tax credit in certain circumstances. The regulations will require companies to separately claim a tax credit for tax arising in the same accounting period from tax credits where the tax arose in a previous accounting period. Enterprises are already instructed in guidance which has the force of Law to complete Plastic Packaging Tax returns in this way. This amendment will ensure that the legislation aligns with the direction and the online system for claiming tax credits. This technical consultation invites views from stakeholders on drafting the statutory instrument to ensure it delivers the policy intent.

This is of interest to:

- UK manufacturers of plastic packaging
- importers of plastic packaging into the UK

[Download New Law and Changes](#)

## UK Sanctions

### **The UK Sanctions List: Latest Updates**

Find out which people, entities and ships are designated or specified under regulations made under the Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018 and why—made one variation under the Myanmar sanctions regime.

[Download the latest UK Sanctions List](#)  
[Myanmar Sanctions Updated](#)

## UK Biosecurity & Veterinary Border Updates

### **Updated List of Businesses approved to export to the EU**

Use the lists to check if your business in Great Britain or one of the Crown Dependencies is authorised to ship to the EU and determine your TRACES number. Find your business on the updated lists of approved companies to export to the EU.

[Access the list here](#)



## Northern Ireland Updates

### XI EORI holders

- HMRC has started reviewing its records related to businesses with an XI EORI number and a GB address to identify whether they have a permanent business establishment (PBE) in Northern Ireland. If companies do not have an establishment in Northern Ireland, HMRC needs to know if they still need their XI EORI number for specific activities.
- An XI EORI is not a prerequisite for moving goods into Northern Ireland. Traders can still move goods without having an XI EORI provided they use an 'indirect representative', such as the Customs Manager Ltd, to act on their behalf.
- If a business has a permanent establishment in Northern Ireland, HMRC asks them to provide evidence, which they can upload via an online form on GOV.UK.
- Where a business does not have a permanent business establishment in Northern Ireland, HMRC asks them to provide a reason why they need to keep their XI EORI. More information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/eori>.
- Suppose a business does not have a permanent business establishment in Northern Ireland. In that case, they may still be eligible for an XI EORI but will be limited in how they can use it.
- If a business does not have a permanent business establishment in Northern Ireland and no longer requires its XI EORI, they do not need to contact HMRC. HMRC will remove their XI EORI after six weeks from the date of the letter. Businesses without a PBE, or an XI EORI, can still work with Customs Manager Ltd. to act on their behalf when moving goods into Northern Ireland.
- Companies that received the letter are advised to take appropriate action and to seek more information or assistance where required.

### Additional Guidance on the Windsor Framework

- [EU publishes legally binding Joint Decision of EU-UK on Windsor Framework – Special Briefing \(April 2023\)](#)
- [UK Analysis on EU law on sanitary and phytosanitary goods relating to the Windsor Framework \(April 2023\)](#)
- [Our Explainer Guide for Northern Ireland \(incl. Windsor Framework\) – March 2023](#)
- [Customs Manager's Webinar on Windsor Framework - SLIDES \(March 2023\)](#)
- [House of Commons Study on the Windsor Framework \(March 2023\)](#)
- [Sector Explainers for the Windsor Framework \(March 2023\)](#)

## Customs & Global Trade Updates of the European Union

The European Union operates a Customs Union. Therefore, laws, Guidance etc., are published at the European level. Importers and Exporters, therefore, need to be aware of changes at the European level and assess the impact on their business carefully. But, of course, we monitor changes, so you don't have to.

### EU Sanctions Update

#### **The FT zooms in on the problem of « circumvention » of EU sanctions against Russia**

As we read in the [Financial Times this week](#), more than a billion euros worth of EU products subject to sanctions has vanished “en route” to Russia's commercial partners. The Financial Times describes how they have discovered that only half of a \$2 billion sample of EU-banned "dual-use" goods made it to Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Armenia.

Since the EU believes these items may be used for military or intelligence purposes and are subject to export regulations, they may have been shipped directly from the EU to Russia under the pretence of transiting.

The evidence suggests that intermediaries, brokers, or suppliers misrepresented locations on EU customs reports to assist Russia in avoiding hefty penalties. This strategy has maintained Moscow's supply of European gas turbines, optical equipment, and aircraft components.

Due to the EU's prohibition on transit through Russia, dual-use goods cannot enter Russia directly from the EU. Moreover, since 2014, Russia has been subject to sanctions for its invasion of Ukraine, prompting Moscow to violate the Law by utilising the transit exemption via other countries.

The article says that most Belarusian and Russian “ghost exports” originated from the Baltic states. According to import data, very few EU exports of gas turbines, soldering irons and radio broadcast equipment reached their intended destinations. For example, Lithuania sent dual-use items worth \$28 million to Kazakhstan thirteen months before the conflict, while Kazakhstan only acknowledged receiving \$9 million.

[Read the Full Article](#)

#### **Eleventh EU sanctions package against Russia**

The European Commission's press announcement and subsequent news reports indicate that the planned package targets EU sanctions circumvention.

Specifically, it would include:



- Ban "shadow" Russian and third-country organisations that actively bypass EU sanctions. These constraints may add designated party listings. For the first time, press reports say Chinese corporations would help Russia. The UAE, Uzbekistan, Syria, and Iran are all reportedly designated.
- Expanded prohibited item lists for transit shipments via Russia, including innovative technologies and aircraft components.
- Restrictions on selling, supplying, transferring, or exporting certain products to foreign nations at danger of circumvention.
- A "new tool to combat circumvention" would allow the European Commission to propose restrictions on exports of certain items from the EU to specific third countries and then to Russia, which would need EU Member State approval.
- More Russian oil import, transit, and supply limitations.
- Vessels suspected or discovered violating EU seaborne crude oil and petroleum product limits or manipulating navigation systems while carrying sanctioned Russian items are barred from EU ports and locks.

## EU Customs Law Rulings and Cases for the EU Court of Justice

### **Bolloré Logistics on Customs Debt**

Context: Reference for a preliminary ruling – Customs Union – Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 – Community Customs Code – Article 195 – Article 217(1) – Article 221(1) – Common Customs Tariff – Obligations on the part of the guarantor of the debtor of a customs debt – Procedures for the communication of the customs debt – Duty corresponding to that debt which has not been lawfully communicated to the debtor – Whether the customs debt is payable by the joint and several guarantors

#### Questions

(1) Must Articles 195, 217 and 221 of the Customs Code mean that the customs administration may not demand payment of a customs debt from the joint and several guarantors when the duties have not been lawfully communicated to the debtor?

(2)(a) Does observance of the rights of defence, including the right to present observations before any measure adversely affecting a person, which is a fundamental principle of EU law, mean that where, in the case of non-payment of the customs debt by the debtor within the prescribed period, its recovery is sought from the guarantor, the customs administration must first place the guarantor in a position in which it can effectively make known its views as regards the information on which the customs administration intends to base its decision to enforce payment?

(b) Is the fact that the debtor of the customs debt has itself been placed in a position in which it can effectively make known its views before the communication of the duties relevant to the answer to Question 2(a)?

(c) If Question 2(a) is answered in the affirmative, what is the decision adversely affecting the guarantor before which there must be an inter partes phase: the conclusion of the customs administration to enter the duties in the accounts and to notify them to the debtor of the customs debt or the decision to enforce payment from the guarantor?

Decision

Article 195, Article 217(1) and Article 221(1) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 of 12 October 1992 establishing the Community Customs Code, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 648/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 April 2005,

It must be interpreted that customs authorities may not demand payment of a customs debt from the guarantor referred to in Article 195 when the amount of duty has not been lawfully communicated to the debtor.

[Access the Judgement](#)

## EU Biosecurity & Veterinary Border Updates

### ASF rules amended – Outbreak in Greece

- African swine fever is an infectious viral disease affecting kept and wild porcine animals. Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/594 lays down special disease control measures by the Member States for a limited period of time.
- The areas listed as restricted zones I, II and III in Annex I to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/594 are based on the epidemiological situation of African swine fever in the Union, the level of risk for further spread of that disease, scientifically based principles and criteria for geographically defining zoning due to African swine fever, and international standards.
- In April 2023, one outbreak of African swine fever in kept porcine animals was observed in the Serres Region in Greece.
- This new outbreak of African swine fever in kept porcine animals in Greece constitutes an increased level of risk, which should be reflected in Annex I to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/594.
- To take account of the recent developments in the epidemiological situation of African swine fever in the Union, new restricted zones of sufficient size should be demarcated and listed as restricted zones I and III in Annex I to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/594.

[Access the Law](#)

## EU ADD & CVD Updates

### ADD on Chinese high-tenacity yarns of polyesters

The EU has imposed a definitive antidumping duty on imports of high-tenacity yarns of polyesters originating in the People's Republic of China.



[Access the Law](#)

[Access the Law \(specific company\)](#)

## United States Customs & Global Trade Updates

### U.S. Customs Updates

#### Customs Bulletin Weekly

Customs Bulletin and Decisions provides a weekly compilation of decisions, rulings, regulations, notices, and abstracts concerning customs and related matters of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, and the U.S. Court of International Trade. Vol. 57, May 10, 2023, No.18

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#### Customs Rulings Online Search System (CROSS)

CROSS is a searchable database of CBP rulings that can be retrieved based on simple or complex search characteristics using keywords and Boolean operators. In addition, CROSS has the added functionality of referencing rulings from the initial search result set with their modified, revoked or referenced counterparts. CROSS was last updated May 10, 2023, 10:45 AM, with one ruling, bringing the total number of searchable rulings to 212381. The most recent ruling is dated May 4, 2023.

[Access the latest version of CROSS Now](#)

#### Latest CBP Trade-Related Federal Register Notices

- [Notification of Termination of Temporary Travel Restrictions Applicable to Land Ports of Entry and Ferries Service Between the United States and Canada;](#)
- [Notification of Termination of Temporary Travel Restrictions Applicable to Land Ports of Entry and Ferries Service Between the United States and Mexico;](#)
- [Request for Applicants for Appointment to the Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee \(COAC\)](#)

#### Heat-treated forged steel rods under HTSUS 7228.40.00

The Court of International Trade ruled that heat-treated forged steel rods are correctly classified as other bars and rods, not further worked than forged, under HTSUS 7228.40.00, subject to Section 301 tariffs on imports from China. The plaintiff argued that these goods are classifiable as grinding balls and similar articles for mills under HTSUS 7326.11.00, which is not subject to the China 301 tariffs. However, the plaintiff interpreted two explanatory notes as holding that goods otherwise classified under heading 7228 will not be classified thereunder if subjected to working that causes it to assume the character of articles or products falling in another heading. The CIT found two problems with the plaintiff's argument that the subject rods' use is not an essential consideration in their

classification. First, the court found that the subject rods are classifiable under heading 7228, which rejects the plaintiff's argument that they do not have a solid cross-section along their entire length.

The court also determined that the subject rods are of other alloy steel and contain 0.3 per cent or more chromium. Finally, the court found that the subject rods are classifiable under HTSUS 7228.40.00, which covers bars and rods not further worked than forged, rather than HTSUS 7228.30.80.

### **Thermopaper AD/CV Duty Orders**

- CBP found substantial evidence that an importer of record evaded antidumping or countervailing duty orders on thermal paper from China, Germany, and Korea by transshipping goods through Malaysia and misrepresenting their origin in a final determination under the Enforce and Protect Act.
- CBP found that the alleged Malaysian company imports large thermal paper rolls from China, Germany, and Korea, unrolls them, separates them into strips, and rerolls them into smaller rolls for export to the U.S. CBP says this technique doesn't change the paper's origin.
- CBP shall suspend or continue to suspend liquidation of all applicable entries, rate adjust entries already extended, alter them to type 03, maintain suspension, and review the importer's enduring bonds after its determination.
- Under CBP regulations implementing the EAPA, any interested party, including competing importers and federal government agencies, may allege AD/CV duty evasion by misrepresenting the goods' country of origin, shipping and entry documentation, or physical characteristics. In 90 days, CBP can investigate these allegations and interrupt a supply chain. In addition, AD/CV duties and civil or criminal investigations may follow avoidance.

### **Tighter Sea Bass Import/Export Regulations**

The Department of Commerce's National Marine Fisheries Service recommends the following modifications to its trade monitoring programme for fresh and frozen *Dissostichus* species, sometimes known as Chilean sea bass or Patagonian toothfish. By June 5, comments on this proposed rule are due. The wish is to state that any shipment that is found to have been taken, possessed, transported, or sold (1) in violation of any U.S. treaty or foreign law or regulation or (2) in violation of any binding conservation measure adopted by an international agreement or organisation to which the U.S. is a party will not receive the preapproval certificate needed to import these goods legally. Under specific circumstances, NMFS will reject papers for export or re-export. Authorisation is required for exports and re-exports. Permit toothfish imports from the Southern and Indian Oceans (FAO Statistical Areas 51 and 57) will also be required.

### **Wildlife Import/Export Declaration Updates**

The Fish and Wildlife Service says it may change FWS Form 3-177, the declaration for imports and wildlife exports. Comments due July 5. The Endangered Species Act prohibits importing or exporting fish, animals, or plants without first completing an ESA or CITES declaration or report. Unless exempt, anybody importing or exporting fish or wildlife must complete out Form 3-177 and submit it to the FWS. Form 3-177 now demands the item's common and scientific names, country of origin, import

and export dates, licence and permit numbers, port of clearance, and the importer, exporter, customs broker, shipping agent, and freight forwarder's names and contact information.

The FWS suggests adding fields to this form to collect the following data.

- a. Container number for ocean freighted fish or animals to help FWS inspectors identify seaport shipments.
- b. U.S. permit numbers other than CITES (such as those needed by the Lacey Act, Marine Mammal Protection Act, or ESA) would help the FWS better evaluate what is being imported or exported and relate it to what is authorised.
- c. A port exemption permission number to help FWS track permits and ensure importers and exporters may utilise their preferred ports.
- d. A CITES tag or marking number for sport-hunted wildlife species that require one for import, export, and in-transit shipments (such as black rhinoceros, crocodiles, elephants, leopards, and markhor) to improve FWS's capacity to inspect shipments, speed up inspections, and improve enforcement.

### **Proposed Reclassification of Anchovy Oil**

- The Customs Bulletin and Decisions released on May 3, 2023, proposed that anchovy oil be categorised as animal fats and oils under HTSUS 1516.10.0000 (7 cents/kg tax) rather than as vegetable fats and oils under HTSUS 1516.20.9000 (8.8 cents/kg duty).
- The commodities are anchovy oil products imported in steel barrels with a net weight of 190 kg. Deacidification, esterification, washing, molecular distillation, reesterification, winterisation, deodorisation, decolourisation, and the addition of an antioxidant (tocopherols) are just a few of the processing processes this product will go through.
- Since anchovies are regarded as animals, CBP claims that it was improper to classify anchovy oils as vegetable oils.
- A revision would be made to rule NY N311042 to reflect the proposed categorisation. On or by June 2, comments on this plan must be sent.

## **U.S. Trade Policy & Free Trade Agreement Update**

### **Future of U.S. Trade Policy**

The Biden administration has become more open about its intention to alter U.S. trade policy substantially. However, it now faces opposition from influential figures on both political spectrums. For example, National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan has suggested substituting initiatives to develop diverse and resilient supply chains, strengthen labour and environmental regulations, combat corruption, and reform corporate taxes for tariff liberalisation. However, several commentators have



criticised Sullivan's remarks and assumptions, particularly his description of U.S. trade policy as historically centred on lowering tariffs and his attributing several contemporary evils to that effort. Previous administrations have reacted to digital commerce, elevated labour and environmental concerns, and strengthened multilateral institutions and standards to increase the number of nations included in the global economic system. As a result, over the past 30 years, the US has created 45 million net employment, and those relying on trade earn 15–20% more than those not.

Achieving objectives like establishing labour, environmental, and anti-corruption pledges may be helped by lower tariffs. The United States exports may increase if foreign taxes were lowered and other trade restrictions were lifted, but Reinsch thinks the US should be prepared to make trade concessions. Gresser and Reinsch contend that trade policy may be utilised to deal with more significant challenges, such as establishing the economic policy framework in Asia and fending off a U.S. isolationist posture.

## U.S. Sanctions

### U.S. Sanctions Programs and Country Information

OFAC administers several different sanctions programs. The sanctions can be comprehensive or selective, blocking assets and trade restrictions to accomplish foreign policy and national security goals. Read more information about OFAC's Sanctions Programs:

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- [Iran Sanctions](#)
- [North Korea Sanctions](#)
- [Cuba Sanctions](#)
- [Counter Narcotics Sanctions](#)
- [Cyber-related Sanctions](#)
- [Venezuela-related Sanctions](#)
- [Complete List of Sanctions Programs and Country Information](#)

### U.S. Notices and Guidance on Sanctions

OFAC updates its website with alerts and guidance regularly. We monitor this for you every week; however, for completion, here are essential links you need for your daily work.

- [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) about Sanctions](#)
- [General Licenses Issued by OFAC](#)
- [Civil Penalties and Enforcement Information](#)
- [Report Blocked and Rejected Transactions to OFAC](#)
- [Guidance for Specific Industries](#)
- [Sanctions Legal Library](#)
- [Other Sanctions-Related Resources](#)



## U.S. Sanctions Update

### **Mexican Cartel Sanctions**

OFAC sanctioned Joaquin Guzman Lopez, three Sinaloa Cartel members, and two Mexico-based entities. These sanctions are part of a Sinaloa Cartel network overseen by Los Chapitos and responsible for a significant portion of the illicit fentanyl and other deadly drugs trafficked into the United States. The Sinaloa Cartel is one of the most prominent and notorious drug trafficking organisations in Mexico. The Sinaloa Cartel traffics multi-ton quantities of illicit drugs, including fentanyl, heroin, and methamphetamine, into the United States. In addition, four of Guzman Loera's sons, known as "Los Chapitos", are indicted on U.S. federal drug trafficking charges in one or more jurisdictions. OFAC previously designated them in 2012 and 2021.

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### **Issuance of Russia-related General License**

OFAC is issuing Russia-related General License 8G, "Authorising Transactions Related to Energy".

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## Your Supportive Documents

Download extra materials, factsheets, Q&As, PowerPoint presentations, Excel spreadsheets, reports, and notes to support your work. Click on the link to download the document

### UK Border Target Operating Model

#### [UK Border Target Operating Model 60+ Explainer PowerPoint Presentation \(April 2023\)](#)

**YouTube:** [UK Border Target Operating Model \(TOM\): Essentials for Exporters, Importers & Customs Gurus To Know](#)

**YouTube:** [UK Border Target Operating Model \(TOM\): Zoom in on New SPS Controls - What Food Importers Need To Do](#)

**YouTube:** [UK Border Target Operating Model \(TOM\): Safety & Security Declarations: Carriers & Agents Watch Out!](#)

**YouTube:** [UK Border Target Operating Model \(TOM\): UK Single Trade Window](#)

**YouTube:** [UK Border Target Operating Model \(TOM\): Most Effective Border in the World](#)

### CDS

[Completing Export Declarations using CDS](#) (edition 18 - 2023 – May 2023)

### Customs Compliance

[E-Book: 'Due diligence when making customs declarations.'](#)

### NCTS & Transit

[NCTS 5 Briefing: What is it, what changes, and what should you do?](#)

### Customs Authorities Helplines & Points of Contact

[HMRC Helplines, Points of Contact](#)

[UK Border Force customs offices list](#)

[Download the document on the latest UK Government Helplines](#)

## ADD

[List of EU ADD measures notified to WTO \(of April 2023\)](#)

## AEO

[Changes to the AEO Trade Compliance Programme in the U.S. CTPAT gets an upgrade](#)

## Trade Agreements

[Overview of EU FTA negotiations and other trade negotiations as of 12 April 2023](#)

[CTPPT - What has been agreed for the UK - Briefing for Customs and Trade Professionals and UK Importers and Exporters](#)

[CPTPP – Our Briefing: Rules of Origin and origin procedures explained](#)

[CPTPP – Our Briefing: Rules of Origin and origin procedures for Textiles and Apparel goods](#)

[CPTPP - Veterinary and SPS matters](#)

[CPTPP - Legal Text](#)

[CPTPP - Download the Product specific Rules of Origin and other provisions](#)

[CPTPP - Certificate of Origin TEMPLATE EXAMPLE](#)

[CPTPP - Read the manual for obtaining preferential tariff treatment when exporting and importing goods](#)

[UK-Australia FTA – Rules of Origin Buster and Step-By-Step Walk Through](#) (Edition 19-2023, April)

[EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement Analysis](#) (Edition 18-2023, May 2023)

## Northern Ireland (Windsor Framework)

[EU publishes legally binding Joint Decision of EU-UK on Windsor Framework – Special Briefing \(April 2023\)](#)

[UK Analysis on EU law on sanitary and phytosanitary goods relating to the Windsor Framework \(April 2023\)](#)

[Our Explainer Guide for Northern Ireland \(incl. Windsor Framework\) – March 2023](#)

[Customs Manager’s Webinar on Windsor Framework - SLIDES \(March 2023\)](#)

[House of Commons Study on the Windsor Framework \(March 2023\)](#)

[Sector Explainers for the Windsor Framework \(March 2023\)](#)



## Excise Duty

[UK Alcohol Reform Proposals – Action Your Business Can Take Now \(27.03.2023\)](#)  
[Report on UK Alcohol Reform Proposals - by UK Gov \(March 2023\)](#)

## Customs Declarations

[Report: 'Due diligence when making customs declarations'](#).

## Brexit

[Benefits of Brexit \(official government document\)](#)  
[Briefing on Retained EU Law in the UK – How many are left to scrap, and why does it matter to businesses? \(Edition 19-2023 – May\)](#)

## Global Trade

[Standard, Commercial, Pro-Forma & Customs Invoice: Guide to Issuing the Correct Invoice for Global Trade Success \(Edition 17-2023 – April\)](#)

## Transit

[Briefing on NCTS](#)

## Biosecurity & Veterinary Controls (SPS)

[13-Page Briefing on New UK Biosecurity and Veterinary Border Controls: Risk Categories & Streamlined EHCs \(Edition 17-2023 – April\)](#)

## Trainings & Events

For all bookings: [www.customsmanager.org](http://www.customsmanager.org) -> Events

All courses are virtual

### **25 April 2023 – Weekly Virtual Online Free Networking Event**

Join us to connect with others and network, get your questions answered by peers and discuss new laws and regulations. Reserve a slot for free and get immediate dial-in details at [www.customsmanager.org](http://www.customsmanager.org) -> Events

### **CITES - Trade in Endangered Species & Products**

**08 May, 13:00 – 17:00 BST**

This course develops the competencies professionals need to deal with all aspects of the CITES regulation, including identifying endangered species and licensable products, applying for permits, and designing an effective compliance system. (Course ID: E-FA 08)

### **Prohibitions, Restrictions & Licences (includes Export Controls & Sanctions)**

**11 May, 09:30 – 13:30 BST**

This course develops the competencies that professionals need to identify and manage, prohibitions & restrictions (incl. export controls and sanctions) (Course ID: OC08+22)

### **Origin of Goods & FTA**

**12 May, 13:00 – 17:00 BST**

This course develops the competencies that professionals need to carry out activities required to determine the economic nationality of goods. (Course ID: OC07)

### **Tariff and Customs Classification**

**15 May, 09:00 – 13:00 BST**

This course develops the competencies professionals need to deal with all aspects of tariff and classification of goods, including HS code determination, application, validation, and usage of tariffs and online databases, GIRs and ATR (BTIs). (Course ID: OC03)

### **25-26 May 2023 - European Customs Practitioners' Conference, Vilnius, Lithuania**

Law. Technologies. EU-UK TCA. Green cross-border trade. From the big picture to daily practice - for European importers, exporters and everyone involved in cross-border Trade. Let's meet in **Vilnius, Lithuania, on May 25-26, 2023!** Online attendance is also possible. Registration will start on January 20, 2023. The registration form and all the related information will be available on the LCPA website. The conference, including all materials, will be held in English. Simultaneous translation into Lithuanian and Russian (the working language in Central Asia) will be provided on the first day of the conference. The second day will be held in English only.

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- European Union laws and regulation
- Import, export and customs for businesses
- Import, export and distribution of food
- UK Mission to the WTO, UN and Other International Organisations (Geneva)
- Export controls and licensing
- Sanctions
- Customs declarations, duties and tariffs (import and export)
- HM Revenue & Customs
- Department for International Trade
- Legislation.gov.uk
- Parliament

### EU

- Official Journal
- DG Trade
- DG Taxud
- EU Commission
- EU Parliament
- CIRCA BC

### U.S.

- Cargo Systems Messaging Service
- CBP
- Federal Register
- OFAC
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