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## Let's meet in Barcelona & Paris! Look out for a special offer on Tuesday!

My fellow Customs & Global Trade Professionals,

We must meet and discuss Customs and Global Trade Matters whenever we can. Do you agree? Meeting online is fine, but we can get a lot out of meeting each other face-to-face. So I would like to invite you to meet up with me when I am in **Paris and Barcelona** over the following weeks. We start with **Barcelona, where I am this weekend**. Meet me in **Paris from 15<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023**. We can talk about all matters of customs and global Trade, you can ask me questions, and you be part of our YouTube videos, if you like, and get your voice heard. To get together, e-mail [info@customsmanager.org](mailto:info@customsmanager.org) or **what's app** me at **+44 7914650183**.

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Over to the news, a big week – AGAIN – for the **EU**.

- The new EU-NZ FTA deal promises to unlock export markets for the EU and protects EU farmers and food producers through GIs. On the Rules of Origin front, we are introduced to “full bilateral cumulation” – offering more ways for goods to originating by allowing single production steps outside NZ (e.g. from Australia) to count for preferential purposes.
- The EU is also targeting third-country companies that help Russia circumvent EU sanctions in the EU's 10<sup>th</sup> Sanctions Package – as we near the unfortunate anniversary of the Ukraine-Russia War. Iranian companies have already been identified to help Russia and are punished by the EU, are Chinese companies next?
- DG TAXUD on Twitter confirmed that ICS 2, Phase 2, is going ahead. So, no transition period and no delay. Technical details have now been published to help fast parcel operators and others get ready (see details later in this update).
- Also, the EU is continuing their internal reform efforts. Therefore, ensure you fully understand the EU Green industrial plan (see EU Council Conclusions in this edition), as this will impact

you and your company and lead to a need for Green Customs initiatives. We will look at this in this edition of the update.

- Don't forget that EU VAT reform is still on the table. If you need any proof, look at the latest VAT GAP report of the EU – the VAT gap is as big as the entire GDP of Slovakia. So, be sure that the EU will push ahead with reforms.

## UK

Over in the UK, all eyes are back on Northern Ireland. Will a deal finally be reached? You can download a 10-page explainer on Northern Ireland, which makes you look very knowledgeable to your boss and colleagues when the deal is finally announced. You're welcome! Besides that, the UK was quiet – no noticeable customs or CDS changes. Can you believe that?

## US

This week, there is much activity in US customs, not in OFAC or BIS. Nevertheless, we provide you with CBP's weekly Customs Bulletin and inform you about the expanded partnership to secure e-commerce supply chains. In addition, there are some important events with NCSO February-March 2023 Webinars, the Green and the Forced Labor Technical Expo.

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OJ legislation we analysed for you:

17/02/2023	<a href="#">L050</a>	<a href="#">C060</a> <a href="#">C061</a>
16/02/2023	<a href="#">L048</a> <a href="#">L049</a>	<a href="#">C057</a> <a href="#">C058</a> <a href="#">C059</a>
15/02/2023	<a href="#">L047</a>	<a href="#">C056</a> <a href="#">C056A</a>
14/02/2023	<a href="#">L044</a> <a href="#">L045</a> <a href="#">L046</a>	<a href="#">C055</a> <a href="#">C055A</a>
13/02/2023	<a href="#">L043</a> <a href="#">L043I</a>	<a href="#">C053</a> <a href="#">C053I</a> <a href="#">C054</a>

## EU Council Conclusion

### European Council conclusions, 9 February 2023

On 9 February 2023, the European Council adopted conclusions on Ukraine, economy, migration, Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue, and the earthquake in Türkiye and Syria.

### EU Green industrial plan

In December 2022, the European Council underlined the importance of an **ambitious European industrial policy** to make the economy fit for the green and digital transitions and reduce strategic dependencies. To ensure **resilience and competitiveness**, leaders invited the Commission to conduct an analysis and to make proposals by the end of January 2023 to mobilise all relevant national and EU tools and improve framework conditions for investment, including through streamlined administrative procedures.

### What is net zero?

Net zero means reducing greenhouse gas emissions to as close to zero as possible. This can be achieved by cutting emissions and investing in green technologies and environmental protection. The Commission then tabled a communication entitled 'A Green Deal Industrial Plan for the Net-Zero Age' on 1 February 2023.



With this plan, the EU wants to speed up the **net-zero transformation of industry** by massively increasing the technological development, manufacture and installation of net-zero products and energy supply in the next decade. In addition, the plan aims to lay the necessary foundations to attract investment in the net-zero industrial base and green industrial innovation while strengthening the EU's industrial competitiveness.

The plan should set Europe on the path towards **climate neutrality** and global leadership in the net-zero industrial age in terms of both technology and combating climate change.

It will complement ongoing efforts to transform the EU industry under the European Green Deal and the industrial strategy.

- [European Green Deal \(background information\)](#)
- [European Council, 15 December 2022](#)
- [Commission communication 'A Green Deal Industrial Plan for the Net-Zero Age.'](#)

### **A robust EU trade agenda**

Pursuing an ambitious and robust trade agenda while supporting the WTO and a multilateral rules-based system will strengthen Europe's prosperity and sovereignty.

To that end, EU leaders stressed the importance of fair and transparent free trade and investment agreements, as they can help the EU:

- ensure a proper level playing field
- develop resilient and reliable supply chains
- access new markets

They also called for further efforts to diversify supply chains, particularly critical raw materials. They stated that the EU must safeguard its interests when facing unfair practices using trade defence instruments.

In this context, they called on the Council and the Commission to swiftly advance work on the economic governance review.

More details: <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/eu-free-trade/>

### **The European response to the US 'Inflation Reduction Act.'**

MEP Filip De Man (ID) asked: The Inflation Reduction Act (2022) includes extensive tax concessions for several sectors, infringes WTO rules and saddles European manufacturers seeking to export their products to the US with a competitive disadvantage.

1. What does the Commission think the impact of this law will be on European industry?
2. What measures will the Commission adopt to tackle inflation in the eurozone?
3. With what concrete measures does the Commission intend to support and anchor industry in the Union?

EU Commissioner Mr Breton answered that the industry would undergo a significant transition in the next decade. EU talent, innovation, and infrastructure enable clean energy technology development and worldwide competition. However, the discriminatory and extensive US tax credits and subsidies laid out in the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)<sup>1</sup> may drive EU firms to invest in crucial renewable energy technology industries in the US. It follows vigorous efforts to lure European industrial capacity to China and others. The Commission will diversify Europe's energy supply and provide affordable access to renewable energy as Russia's illegal actions in Ukraine and high energy costs fuel eurozone inflation. The political agreement on funding REPowerEU<sup>3</sup> initiatives in Member States' recovery and resilience plans will support this goal. This and other initiatives to decrease dependency and supply chain disruptions will lower energy costs and retain the European industry. In addition, the Commission submitted a Green Deal Industrial Plan<sup>4</sup> on February 1, 2023, including a NetZero Sector Act to boost EU net-zero industry competitiveness and accelerate carbon neutrality. The Commission will work with the US government to eliminate or mitigate IRA's most troubling characteristics.

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## EU confirms on Twitter: ICS2 – Stage 2 is coming in March: Keep Air Shipments Flying On Time

More requests for support with the ENS 2 Phase 2 preparations have come in, so we have uploaded a wealth of documents for your information and support.

The EU's new advanced cargo information system, "Import Control System 2 (ICS2)", ensures the security of European citizens and the single market by supporting adequate risk-based customs controls. Operators have to complete the ENS dataset for all goods in air transport. Furthermore, all goods transported by air in postal, express and general cargo consignments will be subject to pre-loading filing requirements to complete pre-arrival ENS data requirements.



**From 1 March 2023, all goods transported by air in postal, express and general cargo consignments will be subject to pre-loading filing requirements to complete pre-arrival ENS data requirements.**

### New Data Requirements

Important to note that new data requirements will enter into force on 1 March 2023, with the launch of ICS2 Release 2, as set by the Annex B of the Union Customs Code Implementing Act & Delegating Act.

Declarants should pay particular attention to specific new data requirements. Notably, they will have a legal obligation to provide in the ENS particulars:

- **The HS commodity code** (6 digits) of the goods of a commercial nature (i.e. B2B and B2C). [View here](#)
- **The EORI** of the consignee established in the EU if the such number was assigned to this party.

The screenshot shows a tweet from EU Tax & Customs (@EU\_Taxud) dated 1 March 2023. The tweet text reads: "#ICS2 Release 2 goes live on 1 March 2023. For information on data filing requirements for goods transported by air in postal, express, and general cargo consignments, use our factsheets available here. europa.eu/ITpYNJT". Below the text is a large graphic with the headline "KEEP AIR SHIPMENTS FLYING ON TIME" and a sub-headline "GET ON TRACK FOR ICS2 RELEASE 2". The graphic features a laptop displaying a factsheet titled "ICS2 Release 2: Pre-arrival" with various sections and a large white arrow pointing down. At the bottom of the graphic, it says "1 MARCH 2023" and "#ICS2".



Parties need to make their EORI number available to the ENS declarant. [The EORI number can be validated at the following web service of the EU Commission to be sure that the data is correct: EOS](#)

### **Additional Documentation, Guidance and Support Materials**

Please find here download the following:

- [ICS 2, 2 Overview](#)
- [ICS 2 Pre-Arrival Data requirements](#)
- [ICS 2 Technical Preparation Documents](#)
- [ICS 2 New Requirements](#)

### **ICS 2 – Phase 2 YouTube Video**

#### **ICS 2 End-to-End (E2E) testing campaign**

The EU has designed an ICS 2 End-to-End (E2E) testing campaign to execute the ICS2 business workflow in a way that is as close as possible to actual business operations to ensure that the IT system of the economic operators is functioning correctly. The E2E testing is designed to ensure that the economic operators' IT systems are in working order before they start performing the safety and security checks required by the ICS2 process. Each Member State can choose whether to execute the E2E testing campaign. However, doing so is strongly recommended, as this will increase assurance for Member States and economic operators before the go-live on 1 March 2023.

Further ICS2 project documentation for Release 2 can be consulted here.

- [ICS2 R2 Go-live](#)
- [ICS2-GLP-R2-EO-\(2023-02-07\)-v1.00 SfA TCG.pdf](#)
- [ICS2 Release 2 Go-Live procedure for Economic Operators](#)
- [ICS2 EO Self-Conformance Documentation](#)
- [ICS2 NSD Contact List](#)
- [ICS2 Transition from R1 to R2](#)
- [DG TAXUD-ICS2-Transition from R1 to R2 strategy-\(2023-01-31\)-v1.11 Sfl.pdf](#)

#### **ICS 2 Phase 2 E-learning module**

Have you studied the new eLearning module? It will introduce you to the ICS2 E2E testing goals and focus on how to perform all the required steps in an E2E testing campaign. By the end of this course, you will know about the main goals of the system and its functionalities. You will have learned the following:

- How E2E testing campaigns are organised;
- How to create ENS filings for testing purposes;
- How to execute the test scenarios.



[Access it here](#)

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Please find here download the following:

- [ICS 2 Phase Course Leaflet](#)
- [ICS 2 Phase 2 Main Course Takeaways](#)

Target audience

Additionally, declarations that aren't appropriate will be rejected or the subject of intervention, with fines, levied for non-compliance. Please get in touch with us for more details regarding ICS2 by e-mailing [info@customsmanager.org](mailto:info@customsmanager.org)

### **Minutes of the 114th meeting of the General Customs Legislation Section of the Customs Code Committee - 31 January 2023**

The Customs Code Committee's General Customs Legislation Section (CCC/GEN/114) decided on the drafted Implementing Decision offering a concession to certain Member States under Regulation (EU) No 952/2013.

→ **UCC IA & DA Reform:** The EU Commission (COM) informed participants that the UCC IA and DA amendments were progressing and that the IA amendment would be approved shortly.

→ **EU Single Window:** Allowing the Customs Expert Group to examine the Single Window Customs Environment in its Rules of Procedure was considered by the Customs Code Committee. Unit B1 will administrate the Single Window Section. The CBG, an expert group, may debate all preliminary provisions and other Single Window texts, but the CCC must vote.

→ **IT derogation:** COM also discussed an IT derogation resolution. This decision influences information exchange, storage, and the application of Member State regulations. Its requirements may create a precedent for derogation requests. The COM cautioned members that if it were not adopted, it would create a legal vacuum and solidify the stance of Member States who were not ready to connect to ICS2 on March 1. MS emphasised business continuity and the protection of EU residents. The essential components are that two Member States endorsed the preceding two Member States' views. At the same time, another MS raised concerns about paragraph 2 of Article 1 of the draught decision, namely the need to provide information through CRMS. Another MS echoed the problems of the previous MS, stating they would vote in favour but that some of their colleagues did not understand English well and found the CRMS challenging to use. MSs requested CRMS training since the programme was unlikely to be deployed by June 30. COM authorised a temporary exemption but noted that ENS' now registered in ICS are no longer required if an air carrier is connected to ICS2 since carriers must lodge the ENS in that system. This decision might be used to assess prospective solutions to Trans-European system delays. COM established and documented the communications necessary in the business continuity strategy and built a waiver to streamline information flow to limit risks and send critical MS information. This derogation comes with implementation help and requires fewer resources than a BCP default. As a result, CRMS would collapse, according to COM. The COM said that the implementation guide would be released after the meeting, and one MS queried if the AN and PN guidelines had been cross-checked with this derogation decision. COM. Described the recitals and conditions in the law draughts, 25 MS voted in favour, one (BG) was not represented, and one voted against. The Committee endorsed the decision, and the Commission said it would be carried out.

**📖 Additional Documentation, Guidance and Support Materials**

**Please find here download the following:**

- [Summary Minutes of the 114th meeting of the Customs Code Committee – General Customs Legislation Section \(CCC/GEN/114\)](#)
- [Draft Regulation to delay ICS 2 in some Member States](#)



## EU Free Trade Agreement Update

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## NEW TRADE DEAL: EU concludes deal with New Zealand

The Commission has sent the EU-New Zealand trade agreement to Council for signing.

The accord may boost EU commerce by 30% and investment in New Zealand by 80%.

It will also provide new export opportunities for businesses by eliminating tariffs on EU exports, opening the New Zealand services market, ensuring non-discriminatory treatment to EU investors in New Zealand and vice versa, improving access for EU companies to New Zealand government procurement contracts, facilitating data flows, predictable and transparent rules for digital Trade and secure online environment for consumers, and preventing unjustified data localisation requirements.



### What will the agreement mean for Trade in goods?

The agreement will eliminate tariffs on 100% of EU exports and provide a level playing field for EU goods in the New Zealand market, which is expected to increase EU exports to New Zealand by up to 47% over time.

In addition, the EU-New Zealand Trade Agreement safeguards the list of EU wines and spirits, 163 of the most famous traditional EU goods, dairy products, cattle and sheep meat, ethanol and sweetcorn, and the most comprehensive sustainability requirements ever in a trade deal.

#### What are the key provisions of rules of origin?

Products wholly obtained in either party (by agriculture, mining, fishing etc.) qualify as originating and products containing foreign inputs as long as they meet specific requirements for a local production called product-specific rules.

Materials from New Zealand can be counted as originating in the EU and vice versa, as well as any processing done on non-originating materials in either party. This is called full bilateral cumulation.

For products not meeting the product-specific rules, there is an additional tolerance of 10% in value for all products except for textiles and clothing, which have a special tolerance.

#### What else is in there?

The EU-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement, signed in June 2022, also contains a sustainable food systems chapter, a trade and gender equality clause, and a fuel subsidies reform provision.

When the European Parliament approves the text and the Council signs the decision, the agreement may take effect.

Draft decisions for the Council on the [signature](#) and [conclusion](#) of the EU-New Zealand trade agreement

- [EU-New Zealand trade agreement page](#)
- [Factsheet EU-NZ trade agreement](#)
- [Factsheet EU-NZ trade agreement - Trade and Sustainable Development](#)
- [Factsheet EU-NZ trade agreement - Agriculture](#)
- [Q&A](#)
- [Memo](#)
- [EU-New Zealand trade relations](#)
- [EU Trade and Jobs Report](#)

#### Rules of Origin, Tariff Quota details:

- [Table of contents](#)
- [Consolidated text of all chapters, including the Preamble](#)
- [Consolidated text of all annexes except for tariff schedules and the List of Geographical Indications](#)
- [EU headnotes and tariff schedule](#)
- [New Zealand headnotes and tariff schedule](#)
- [List of Geographical Indications](#)



### New Diagonal Cumulation Opportunities in PEM Euromed Free Trade Agreement

Importers may benefit from free trade agreements through customs duty reductions or eliminations on preferential origin goods. For countries in North Africa, the Western Balkan region, Turkey, the EU, EFTA States, and Switzerland, the Paneuromed/PEM Convention defines the origin rules to meet. As you may know, these are being modernised, but some countries protest. So, the EU created temporary rules of origin enabling diagonal cumulation between relevant Contracting Parties in the pan-Euro-Mediterranean (PEM) zone. Consequently, most states in this zone have adopted the new, usually more flexible norms without waiting for the Paneuromed Convention to be updated. As a result, companies in these countries may now select which rules to obey (historic or transitional). The EU publishes these rules on their website; please contact us if you have any questions.

#### New transitional regulations apply to whom?

On 10.2.2023, the EU updated the Paneuromed "transitional legislation" matrix. The Paneuromed/Balkans zone nations that apply these laws and those that agree to treat materials from other partner countries as if they came from their own are listed in this matrix. This accumulation already existed in the original Paneuromed Convention, but the new one allows extra "alliances" that enable firms to avoid customs duties.

Simplified overview of diagonal cumulation possibilities under the transitional rules of origin in the pan-Euro-Med zone on 1 February 2023

	EU	CH (+LI)	IS	NO	FO	JO	PS	AL	BA	KO	MK	RS	ME	GE	MD
EU		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
CH (+LI)	X		X	X				X			X	X	X		
IS	X	X		X				X			X	X	X		
NO	X	X	X					X			X	X	X		
FO	X														
JO	X														
PS	X														
AL	X	X	X	X					X	X	X	X	X		X
BA								X		X	X	X	X		X
KO	X							X	X		X	X	X		X
MK	X	X	X	X				X	X	X		X	X		X
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To benefit, companies must:

- Assess the customs duty savings for client countries from such preferred origin.
- Are transitional rules more interesting than historical rules for the things in question?
- Use the matrices to identify who "intersects" with whom.

Top tips:

- For items from the chosen context, get supplier declarations attesting to their origin (historical Paneuromed or transitional Paneuromed).
- Use the accompanying documents to declare the origin to the receiving country accurately.

[Download the matrix](#)

## EU VAT Update

### VAT losses

According to the 2022 European Commission VAT Gap Report, EU Member States lost €93 billion in VAT revenues in 2020. Though still extremely high, the "VAT Gap"—the estimated difference between expected revenues in EU Member States and the revenues collected—dropped by €31 billion compared to 2019. Government support measures for the COVID-19 pandemic, which required tax payment, may have increased VAT compliance. Nevertheless, the VAT Gap remains a significant issue when governments need stable revenues to weather economic uncertainty.

### VAT Gap: Why?

Tax fraud and inefficient tax collection cost EU Member States billions in VAT revenues. The VAT Gap estimates revenue loss from tax fraud, tax evasion, tax avoidance and optimisation, bankruptcies, financial insolvencies, miscalculations, and administrative errors. Economic trends and national statistics may also affect the VAT Gap. According to the 2022 European Commission VAT Gap Report, EU Member States lost €93 billion in VAT revenues in 2020. Though still extremely high, the "VAT Gap"—the estimated difference between expected revenues in EU Member States and the revenues collected—dropped by €31 billion compared to 2019.



### WHAT CAUSES THE VAT GAP ?



[Find out more here](#)



## EU Sanctions

	<i>How We Can Support You</i>
<b>Consulting &amp; Advice</b>	Come to us for thorough sanctions guidance across all regions worldwide and industry sectors. Use our Hotline service for easy questions or schedule a bespoke call.
<b>Analysis, Audit &amp; Impact Assessment</b>	We provide analysis and audits of supply chains and third-party risk trade controls, impact assessment of OFAC and EU, UK regulator laws and assistance with Sanctions' licence management.
<b>Screening Service</b>	We offer cost-effective sanctions screening services to ensure you never fall foul of sanctions' regulations, and crisis management
<b>Vision &amp; Mission Documents SOPS &amp; KPIs</b>	We write vision & mission documents for sanctions, processes and procedure documents Standing Operating Procedures and help you develop KPIs
<b>Training &amp; Education</b>	Public, In-House or Online Training Courses. For a certified education, join our <b>Diploma in Export Control Competences</b>

## ONE YEAR OF UKRAINE – RUSSIA WAR: EU's 10<sup>th</sup> Sanctions Package proposed

The EU is proposing a 10th package of sanctions:

### 1) New bans on industrial goods exports

The EU proposes almost €11 billion in export prohibitions to deny Russia key technologies and industrial commodities. They target several industrial commodities Russia needs but cannot purchase from foreign nations for maximum effect. Electronics, specialised vehicles, machine components, truck and jet engine parts. The EU is targeting Russia's military antennas and cranes.

### 2) Further export restrictions of tech products found on the battlefield

Dual-use and high-tech exports will be limited. We suggest restrictions on 47 new Russian drone, missile, and helicopter electronics: rare earth metals and thermal cameras.

### 3) Russia's dual-use sanctions extend to third-country entities, including China?!?.

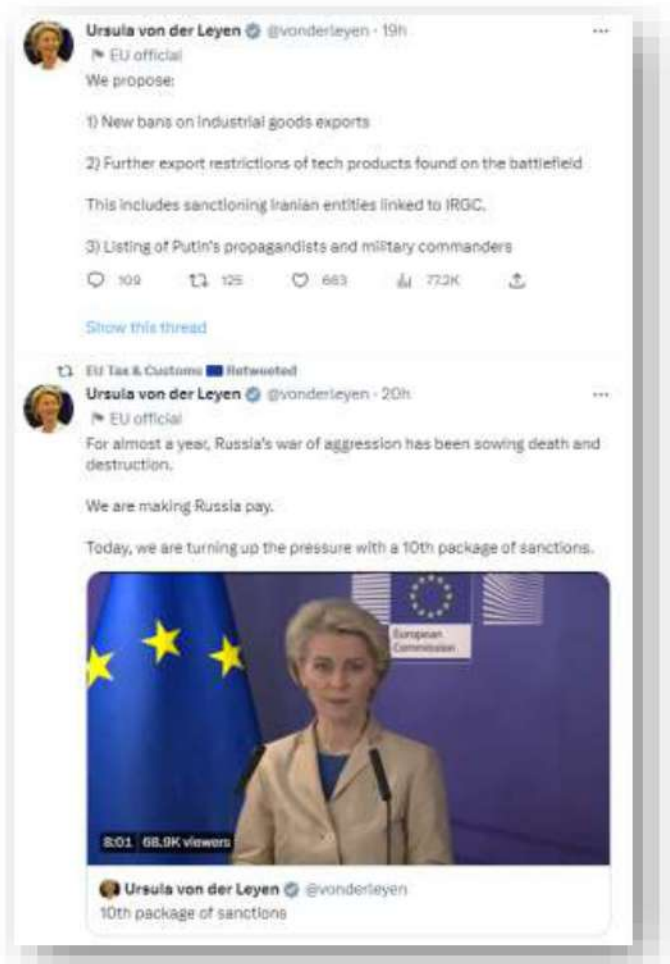
For example, Russia uses Revolutionary Guard Shahed drones to strike Ukrainian civilian facilities. The EU's dual-use regime currently encompasses seven Iranian organisations. In addition, the EU will include other Iranian and third-country organisations transferring sensitive technologies to Russia. This should deter foreign dealers and corporations.

### 4) Listing of Putin's propagandists and military commanders."

Putin's propagandists and misinformation networks fight publicly. Their falsehoods divided society. The EU will list Putin's propagandists and military and political leaders. The EU says they will find oligarchs evading sanctions. They will publish the Russian central bank's frozen EU assets with Member States.

### 5) The EU will fight circumvention with Member States, operators, and partners. Furthermore, the EU will hold a Sanctions Coordinators Forum with international partners and Member States to improve enforcement.

[Link with more details](#)



## EU ADD Updates

### *How We Can Support You*

Globally, antidumping, countervailing tariffs and safeguards are increasing. Now you can tap into our trade remedy knowledge. We have represented international clients in many anti-dumping and other trade remedy proceedings. We support you with all types of hearings, negotiations, refund and anti-circumvention investigations, and assessments. Utilize our global knowledge to manage trade remedy risks and provide solutions that support your international business objectives.

<b>Consulting &amp; Advice</b>	We build a defensive or offensive plan under tight timeframes. We assess the potential for adapting current trade remedies to your company's best interests. Plan a chat with us to explore how we can assist you.
<b>ADD &amp; CVD Application</b>	We assist you in developing a strong application for your ADD & CVD case and walk you through the application procedure, liaising with the relevant authorities on your behalf.
<b>ADD &amp; CVD Defence</b>	Affected by CVD or ADD? When your goods are subject to ADD measures, we provide help and investigate solutions to lessen the duty burden. You will profit from our expertise to make complicated computations and conduct successful conversations with investigative authorities during ongoing proceedings.
<b>Trade Intelligence</b>	We assist you in monitoring pricing and analysing trade flows so that you may obtain early indications of impending trade remedy risks—an crucial aspect of global company commercial strategy.
<b>Training &amp; Education</b>	Public, In-House, and Online Training Courses on ADD, CVD and more. Join our Diploma in Customs Competencies for a credentialed education.

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### **Imports of certain hot-rolled flat products of iron, non-alloy or other alloy steel originating in Ukraine stopped**

The investigation hadn't found anything that showed that this kind of firing wouldn't be in the Union's best interest. Because of this, the Commission thought the review investigation should end as far as imports from Ukraine are concerned. However, the Commission will keep looking into imports from Brazil, Iran, and Russia as part of its review. [Link](#)

### **EU to look into Chinese manganese dioxide exports to the EU**

Chinese manganese dioxide exports to the EU are now under EU anti-dumping investigation (2023/C 57/07). CN code ex 2820 10 00 is being examined (TARIC code 2820100010). Local prices and costs in the country concerned seem inappropriate. [Link to Notice](#)

### **EU acts against dumped ceramic tiles from India and Türkiye**

The Commission imposed definitive anti-dumping measures on imports of ceramic tiles from India and Türkiye for five years. This follows an investigation initiated in December 2021 which showed that dumped imports from India and Türkiye harmed EU producers. The injury sustained by EU producers of ceramic tiles resulted in a loss of sales despite a growing EU market for ceramic tiles. The measures imposed will defend EU producers – primarily small- and medium-sized enterprises that employ 55,000 people across the EU – by reestablishing fair competition between imported and EU-produced tiles. Ceramic tiles are produced across the EU, with exceptionally high concentrations of producers in Spain, Italy, Poland and Portugal. The welfare of producers in such clusters markedly impacts other up- and downstream industries and their employees. The anti-dumping duties imposed range from 6.7% to 8.7% for ceramic tiles from India and from 4.8% to 20.9% for ceramic tiles from Türkiye. In addition to the measures on ceramic tiles originating in India and Türkiye, anti-dumping measures are currently in place on imports of ceramic tiles from China, as well as on ceramic tableware and kitchenware from China.

[Definitive Measures](#)

[EU Trade Defence Policy](#)

[Anti-dumping measures](#)

[Press Release](#)

### **Costa Rica removes discriminatory tax on beer imported from the EU**

Costa Rica has removed a 10% tax on imported beers which had been discriminating against EU beers. These taxes disadvantaged EU beers by making them more expensive than local beers. With the removal of this tax, EU beers will now have equal access to the Costa Rican market and benefit from growing EU beer exports to this Central American country. The EU has been working with Costa Rica in the framework of our Association Agreement to resolve this long-standing issue. Until now, Costa Rica had applied a tax of 10% on the selling price of alcoholic beverages - except for Costa Rican beer. Thanks to this continuous dialogue, enough support was created in the Costa Rican Parliament and the Costa Rican administration to see the tax removed, with the Parliament voting overwhelmingly (39-11) in favour on 15 December 2022. The president of Costa Rica, Mr Rodrigo Chaves, signed the law on 15 February 2023. The law will enter into force as soon as it is published in the Costa Rican Official Journal.

[Announcement by the Government of Costa Rica](#)

[EU-Central America Association Agreement](#)

[EU trade relations with Central America](#)

[EU Delegation to Costa Rica](#)

## EU Veterinary & Biosecurity Zones

### EU updates protection and surveillance zones for HPAI

Highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) is a virus that can significantly impact poultry farming and make it hard to trade with countries inside and outside the Union. Therefore, countries like the Czech Republic, Germany, France, the Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Romania, and Slovakia have set up protection and surveillance zones to stop the spread of HPAI. The protection and surveillance zones set up by the Czech Republic, Germany, France, the Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Romania, and Slovakia should be reflected in the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/641. [Link to the law](#)

#### How We Can Support You

Biosecurity, Veterinary and SPS Controls are complicated to protect the health of humans, animals and plants. Importers and exporters of SPS products need a knowledgeable partner by their side. We have supported food and plant product importers and exporters for many years and have expertise in this field.

<b>TRACES Filing</b>	We file TRACES and CHED's for you declarations into EU & GB systems for you.
<b>Veterinary Certificates</b>	We can help you identifying, obtaining and completing your veterinary health certificates from all your trade partners.
<b>Impact of EU Veterinary Border Controls on your supply chain</b>	We advise on veterinary border controls of the EU and how this fits into your supply chain. We will advise what you need to do and how to do it.
<b>Trade Intelligence</b>	We assist you in monitoring law changes in the field of veterinary controls so that you are aware of animal disease outbreaks, changes to certifications and laws.
<b>Training &amp; Education</b>	Public, In-House, and Online Training Courses on ADD, CVD and more. We have dedicated training on SPS measures and practicalities.

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## EU Export Control Updates

### Highlights of the Twenty-Fourth Annual Report exports of military technology and equipment

The paper talks about the exports and licences of conventional weapons from EU Member States in 2021. It also includes the implementation of Council Common Position 2008/944/CFSP by the EU and its member states. It explains how the common rules for controlling weapons exports are being put into place in a coordinated way. We present essential highlights:

#### I. IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMON POSITION 2008/944/CFSP

The Council Working Group on Non-Proliferation and Arms Exports (COARM) subgroup on conventional weapons exports talks about ensuring that the COMMON POSITION 2008/944/CFSP standards for arms exports are always followed:

- The User's Handbook has guidelines that have been approved for putting Common Position 2008/944/CFSP into action and figuring out what its criteria mean. Export licencing authorities use the User's Handbook, which practically combines the rules and procedures of each Member State for controlling the export of weapons. The Handbook has good practices made by COARM based on national best practices and feedback from key stakeholders, such as civil society, to make it easier to put Common Position 2008/944/CFSP into action. The best practices should be used by licencing officers and other government workers who do similar jobs. The decisions are based on what these authorities know about the area, the law, the courts, technology, development, security, and the military. [You can find the Guide for download here.](#)
- The EU Common Military List (CML) includes the military items for which the Member States shall require export licences, in line with article 12 of the Common Position. It's the same as the list of products related to a defence attached to Directive 2009/43/EC. The EU CML considers the changes made to the Wassenaar Arrangement's Munitions List at its Plenary meetings. The EU CML that will be used in 2021 was published on March 13, 2020, in the Official Journal of the European Union (15). However, since the Wassenaar Arrangement Plenary did not take place at the end of 2020, there was no update to the EU CML in 2021.
- COARM is preparing for the review of Council Common Position 2008/944/CFSP, which will be finished in 2024 based on the Council Conclusions from September 16, 2019. In the EU defence environment, which is constantly changing, COARM is committed to ensuring that arms export policies continue to fit well into the bigger picture of EU security and defence. In this situation, COARM is thinking about how changes in EU defence, like the European Peace Facility and the European Defense Fund, affect export controls.

[Download the full report here.](#)



## France: Customs & Global Trade Updates

### Let's meet in Paris and discuss DELTA Import – Export



As you know, I am coming to Paris on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of March 2022, and I would like to meet you to discuss the changes to French Customs Declarations.

So please get in touch if you would like to meet up. It would be fantastic to discuss this with you. So please e-mail [info@customsmanager.org](mailto:info@customsmanager.org) or whats app +44 79 14 650 183 to get together.

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It was used across the European Union and in Switzerland, Norway, Liechtenstein, and Iceland as the foundation for customs procedures.

#### The latest customs form

The customs declaration is intact. An operator must continue designing a customs process for imported and exported products. To satisfy the criteria of the Union Customs Code on the dematerialisation of customs procedures, only its format is altered. The 56 boxes of the SAD will be replaced with an electronic data set, serving as the new customs declaration.

The DGDDI urges you to review the newly issued information sheet on the revised customs declaration to address inquiries from operators. This document explains this new statement's origin, goals, and structure. It notes that enterprises already give the majority of customs-related information. It is reinforced with an appendix detailing how the data is organised according to primary topics (merchandise, participants, places, etc.).

There are several types of declarations, with their data set corresponding to specific uses. Every declaration is identified by a two-character alphanumeric code (listed in Annex B of Delegated Regulation 2015/2446). For example, on import, release for free circulation, placing under the customs procedure 42 or the end-use

procedure is done utilising an "H1" declaration. The "H7" declaration is also a declaration for release for free circulation, but only the low-value consignments (value of up to €150) benefiting from customs duties relief on import.

The organisation of the new customs declaration has been expanded from two to three segments, creating a general segment, "GS". The different levels in a declaration in which the data is to be served are the following:

- D: Data element required at declaration header level
- GS: Data element required at goods shipment level (general segment)
- SI: Data element required at the goods item level

In the new customs declaration, some data may appear in several segments. In this case, the rule for filling out the order is as follows: if the data is the same for the whole declaration, it must be provided to the general segment; if the data is different for each item, it will be mentioned at the item level.

- [Understanding and preparing for the import-export overhaul](#)
- [Progress report](#)
- [Regional customs information centres in France](#)

#### **Additional Documentation, Guidance and Support Materials**

**Please find here download the following:**

- [A descriptive guide to the new French customs declaration \(in English\)](#)



## Germany: Customs & Global Trade Updates

### Imports to Germany from the UK or Japan

After the further development of the legal interpretation of the European Commission, a declaration of origin for multiple consignments whose validity period begins before the date of issue can also be recognised on import into the EU. However, the issue date must always be before the preferred application date. Regarding previous refusals of preferential treatment for the reason above, there is the option of submitting a refund application following Art. 117 UZK within three years of notification of the customs debt at the responsible main customs office. Reference is made to the minimum limit of Art—116 Para. 2 UZK (minimum reimbursement amount of 10 euros).

### Additional Documentation, Guidance and Support Materials

Please find here download the following:

- [Information Notice by German Customs on UK preference](#)
- [Information Notice by German Customs on Japan preference](#)

### German Trade in goods with Côte d'Ivoire and Madagascar

The European Commission published a notice on the application of the European Union registered exporter system by Côte d'Ivoire and Madagascar in the Official Journal (EU) Series C 23 on 23 January 2023, according to the EU-Côte d'Ivoire Interim EPA and the Interim EPS between the EU and the countries of East and Southern Africa. This notification, in addition to the publication in Official Journal (EU) C 452/06 of 29 November 2022, informs that Côte d'Ivoire has informed the European Commission that exporters from Côte d'Ivoire must be registered in the European Union Registered Exporters System following circular no. 2226/MBPE/DGD of 16 November 2022. [More details](#)

### German Trade in goods with Ghana

On August 20, 2023, the "authorised exporter" system will be replaced by the "registered exporter" system for Ghana-origin imports into the EU. On August 20, 2023, the "authorised exporter" system will be replaced by the "registered exporter" system for Ghana-origin imports into the EU. Moreover, only an exporter registered under Ghanaian law may provide declarations of origin for consignments containing origin items with a value exceeding EUR 6,000 per consignment once the three-year term has passed. Therefore, imports of Ghana-origin commodities into the EU will get preferential tariff treatment under the Interim Economic Partnership Agreement beginning on 20 August 2023, pending the filing of the following:

A certificate of origin issued

- by any exporter for shipments comprising items of origin with a value not exceeding EUR 6,000; or,
- by an exporter registered under Ghanaian law for shipments containing products of origin with a value exceeding EUR 6,000.

In the instances specified in Article 26, arising products receive the agreement's benefits without submitting proof of origin.



## Irish Customs & Global Trade Updates

### Transporting Goods Between GB and ROI – A summary & Reminder

Business owners shouldn't let bureaucratic hurdles at customs slow them down. However, the specific import and export paperwork you must file for shipping goods between the EU and GB will vary from nation to country. Here, we'll give you the lowdown on customs procedures and cover the essentials for complying with them (from/to whatever nation you're shipping from/to). Today's topic is the Irish Republic (ROI). Does your business include moving items between the Republic of Ireland and Great Britain?

Here's what you'll need.

#### Exporting from GB to ROI

Securing cost-effective transport for your goods is only the first step in transporting them between Great Britain and the Republic of Ireland. Once this has been organised, you will need to provide the following:

- Export declaration (exporting from GB) – *We can file this for you!*
- Import declaration (importing into ROI) - *We can file this for you!*
- GMR - *We can file this for you!*
- PBN - *We can file this for you!*
- ENS - *We can file this for you!*

#### Importing into GB from ROI

If you are exporting your goods out of the Republic of Ireland and importing them into Great Britain, the customs documents you will need will be slightly different. When importing into GB, you won't need to provide an ENS. Instead, you will only need the following:

- Export declaration (for exporting from ROI) - *We can file this for you!*
- Import declaration (for importing into GB) - *We can file this for you!*
- GMR - *We can file this for you!*
- & PBN - *We can file this for you!*

While businesses importing into GB from ROI will benefit from needing to provide slightly less documentation, much work is still required to meet these customs obligations.

#### How can Customs Manager Ltd help?

Due to Brexit, there is no doubt the difficulties European importers, exporters, couriers, hauliers, and other firms face. There are many challenges, even for the largest firms with staff devoted to making travel easy. That's why it's crucial to seek the counsel of professionals like Customs Manager Ltd., who has a proven track record of providing excellent service in the customs field. We at Customs Manager Ltd. work nonstop to make it easy for our clients to transport goods throughout Europe. Our services last year included assisting a broad spectrum of clients with border clearance and customs declaration filing to facilitate the smooth transport of their products from Great Britain to the Republic of Ireland.

### **AIS & Excise changes**

As previously advised in eCustoms Helpdesk Notification Ref 25/2022, Revenue is upgrading both AIS and EMCS to facilitate the cross-validation of specific data elements declared on the Import Declaration and the eAD (Electronic Administrative Document). This upgrade went live on the 13th of February, 2023. This removed the current manual procedure where you must e-mail “advanced notification” documentation to the import stations at our ports and airports before the goods are released. The new requirements apply for excisable goods being simultaneously released for free circulation and a warehouse procedure. On submission of the import declaration into AIS, we will use the ARC (Administrative Reference Code) reference number and procedure code to cross-check automatically with EMCS that the ARC is valid and in the correct state. Once all is in order, the declaration will be processed as usual. Full details of the types of movements, declaration requirements and new business rules are contained [here](#).

## United Kingdom

### Northern Ireland Update

#### Deal or No Deal?

The Northern Ireland Protocol is being "sorted out" again. A Northern Ireland Protocol deal is imminent after a year of talks. The Northern Ireland post-Brexit business restrictions have split politics since 2021. Prime Minister Rishi Sunak visited Belfast to discuss options with Stormont legislators. The Protocol's most vocal opponents, the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP), thinks this is a "critical moment" towards a deal. How would a deal work? Will it satisfy system critics?

#### Lanes in green and red

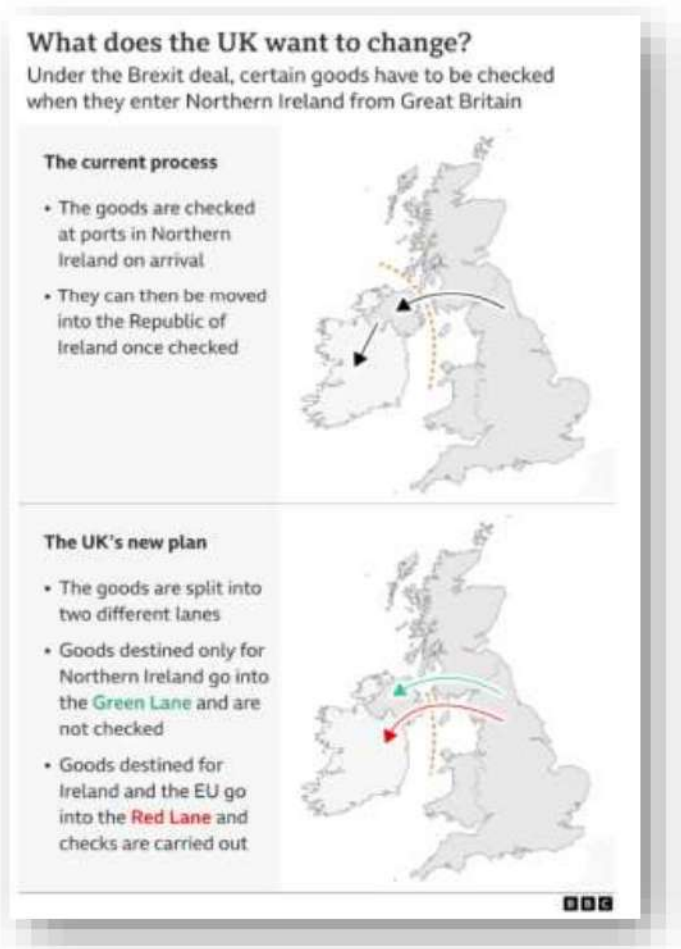
The [BBC reports](#) that products headed for Northern Ireland will utilise the green lane, needing fewer checks and documentation. "Express lane" was coined by the EU. The main question is how far such rules are relaxed or eliminated. Northern Ireland companies have struggled more with paperwork, such as customs declarations, than physical inspections. Therefore a green lane must be minimally bureaucratic. The two sides approved a UK trade data-sharing mechanism, advancing the pact. This "real-time" data will enable the EU to monitor what crosses the Irish Sea and enters their single market.

#### The European Court of Justice will continue to play a role.

Northern Ireland follows EU trade restrictions under the accord. The European Commission notified member states "clearly" that it would let the European Court of Justice (ECJ) decide single-market issues. The UK wanted the ECJ's oversight role eliminated. Expect language that downplays the court and emphasises alternative arbitration.

#### VAT and state assistance

Northern Ireland businesses obey EU standards on state assistance and VAT. This implies that tax advantages and UK government subsidies to Northern Irish enterprises must adhere to EU guidelines. But, according to BBC sources, there will be "fudge" in areas that have proven less totemic than the Irish Sea commercial border and administration.





### What comes next?

Reaching a line timing agreement is uncertain. Early next week, a likely announcement on Tuesday and a House of Commons session on Wednesday are being contemplated. Others foresee a Monday announcement. EU ambassadors are on standby after the European Commission warned them of a fast-paced situation. "The closing miles are the hardest," one EU diplomat expressed concern.

[Read and Watch Reactions to the negotiations on BBC News](#)

### **Read our Explainer Document on the Northern Ireland Protocol for Customs Professionals**

You have been sending us lots of questions regarding the Northern Ireland Protocol. Our explainer tells you everything you need to know about the Protocol, including why it was made, what it says, what it means for the government, and more. We answer the following of your questions

- Why is a Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland in place?
- What is included in the Protocol negotiated by the Johnson Administration?
- Is Northern Ireland now part of the EU or the United Kingdom's customs territory?
- How are 'at risk' items identified?
- Is the Irish Sea now a regulatory border?
- Is Northern Ireland required to adhere to EU regulations?
- What steps have been taken to improve the movement of products into Northern Ireland?
- Is the Protocol wholly implemented?
- Does the Protocol limit the United Kingdom's use of state aid?
- Is the Protocol causing additional issues?
- Do firms in Northern Ireland have 'unrestricted access' to the rest of the UK?
- Is the Protocol affecting the rights of Northern Irish citizens?
- How does the Protocol affect people's travel on the island of Ireland?
- What rules regulate the Protocol?
- What safeguards are incorporated into the Protocol?
- How are Protocol disagreements settled?
- Is it possible to end the Protocol?
- What are Northern Ireland's political perspectives on the Protocol?
- What is the Protocol's current state of play?
- Have any modifications to the Protocol been agreed upon?
- Are there any additional suggestions for altering the Protocol?
- Exist any alternatives to the Protocol?



## **Additional Documentation, Guidance and Support Materials**

Please find here download the following:

→ [The Ireland/Northern Ireland Protocol Explainer For Customs Professionals](#)

### **Why the DUP's 7 Tests must be met in this negotiation**

In the May 2022 elections, the DUP placed second behind Sinn Féin, a republican party that supports the Protocol. This is because a new Northern Ireland government cannot be formed without its participation. However, before returning to power-sharing, the party has said it must be satisfied with any deal. In 2022, the DUP leader set out seven tests which he says will need to be passed if his party is to support any special post-Brexit arrangements for Northern Ireland. Sir Jeffrey Donaldson set out the tests during a House of Commons debate. They include no new checks of any sort on goods being traded between GB and NI. That excludes pre-Brexit checks on livestock and goods moving onward from NI.

The other tests are:

- Compatibility with the Act of Union, which says all parts of the UK should be on equal footing when it comes to trade
- Avoiding any diversion of trade where NI customers are forced to switch to non-GB suppliers
- No border in the Irish Sea
- NI citizens to have a role in any new regulations which impact them
- No further regulatory barriers between GB and NI unless agreed by the NI Assembly
- Honouring the 'letter and spirit' of NI's constitutional position as set out in the Good Friday Agreement by requiring upfront consent of any diminution in the constitutional status.

[BBC News Article](#)

### **[Get the authority to use another trader's deferment approval number in Northern Ireland](#)**

Use form HM8 when you need authority to account for excise duty by using another trader's deferment approval number (DAN).

### **[Apply for approval as a certified trader in Northern Ireland](#)**

Use form HM3 to apply for approval as an accredited trader if your goods are being delivered from an EU member state into Northern Ireland or from Northern Ireland to an EU member state.

**See also under UK Excise**

## **UK Customs Updates**

### **Impact of trade in goods data collection changes on UK trade statistics: update on Staged Customs Controls**

Analysis of recent trends to help understand the possible impact of Staged Customs Controls on trade-in goods data for imports from the EU in 2022. [Link](#)



## UK Excise

### [Draft regulations: Alcoholic Products \(Excise Duty\) Regulations](#)

The government welcomes views on these draft regulations, which relate to the first phase of changes under the Alcohol Duty Review measure and support the new primary legislation previously published.

### [Excise duty drawback](#)

This notice is about excise duty drawback, which is a refund of UK excise duty. This notice has been amended to describe changes to drawbacks in Northern Ireland, where the goods are dispatched to the EU on or after 13 February 2023.

### [Tell HMRC about business partners when registering for an Excise scheme](#)

Use form EXCISE102 to provide details of partners for registered consignees, certified consignees or tax representatives.

### [Apply for approval to import duty-paid excise goods from EU countries into Northern Ireland](#)

Use form HM4 to request to import excise goods bought duty-paid in an EU member state into Northern Ireland.

### [Send a return of excise duty for registered consignees or certified consignees in Northern Ireland](#)

Use the form HM2 to submit your return of excise duty as a registered consignee or certified consignee.

### [Claim for repayment of excise duty in Northern Ireland](#)

Use form HM6 to claim a repayment of excise duty if your goods are delivered from an EU member state to Northern Ireland.

## UK Sanctions

### **Understanding OFSI: An Introductory Webinar**

Nearly one year after Russia's illegal invasion of Ukraine, join HM Treasury's Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation for an introductory webinar following an intense year of change in financial sanctions. Representatives across OFSI will explain its role and powers in its mission to ensure that economic sanctions are properly understood, implemented and enforced in the United Kingdom. This one-hour webinar will take place on **Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> February**, at 10:00 AM GMT on Microsoft Teams Live. [Click here to register](#)

### **Financial Sanctions, Global Anti-Corruption**

UK financial sanctions are in place for persons involved in serious corruption or linked to those interested in serious corruption. This document provides a current list of designated persons. Current list of designated persons: Global Anti-Corruption pdf updated.



## UK ADD & CVD Updates

### *How We Can Support You*

Antidumping, countervailing duties, and safeguards are expanding globally. Now you may use our trade remedy expertise. We have represented clients in several antidumping and other trade remedy cases. We provide assistance for all sorts of hearings, discussions, refund and anti-circumvention investigations, and evaluations. Use our worldwide expertise to mitigate trade remedy-related risks and assist your international company ambitions.

<b>Consulting &amp; Advice</b>	We develop a defensive or attacking strategy under strict time constraints. We evaluate the possibilities for adjusting existing trade remedies to the best interests of your firm. Schedule a conversation with us to see how we might help you.
<b>ADD &amp; CVD Application</b>	We support you in preparing a compelling application for your ADD & CVD case and guide you through the application process, communicating on your behalf with the necessary authorities.
<b>ADD &amp; CVD Defence</b>	Affected by heart disease or ADD? When your products are subject to ADD measures, we assist and examine duty-reduction options. Throughout ongoing processes, you will benefit from our experience to do complex calculations and engage productive dialogues with investigating authorities.
<b>Supply Chain Analysis</b>	We help you in monitoring pricing and analysing trade flows so that you may acquire early warnings of emerging trade remedy risks—a critical element of the commercial strategy of a worldwide firm.
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### **Review of tariff quotas on steel from developing countries**

The Trade Review Authority (TRA) is expanding the scope of its Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) review on steel products imported into the UK from over 120 developing countries. It will examine developing country exclusions on rebar, one of the UK's steel protection categories. The TRA will determine whether developing country exclusions need to be changed based on revised import statistics. Before

February 27, 2023, firms may register on the TRA's online case portal. The UK's Trade Remedies Authority (TRA) determines whether trade remedies are required to defend the UK industry from unfair foreign trade practices and unexpected import surges. It follows WTO standards and may analyse imports that may need a trade remedy action at the border. Tariff rate quota evaluations examine country-specific import tariffs. For example, the TRA will review UK imports from developing nations subject to the steel protective mechanism. It may suggest that imports from a developing country be subject to the measure if imports have grown over 3%. [Read more detail](#)

### **TRA recommends changes to tariffs on road wheels from China**

In its initial conclusions, the Trade Remedies Authority (TRA) proposes retaining tariffs on imports of forged aluminium road wheels from China. The TRA also wants cast-wheel import tariffs eliminated. As the UK left the EU, this policy was transferred to the UK system, and the TRA is examining it to determine whether border charges are still needed to protect the UK road wheel market from unfair imports. The TRA decided that forged aluminium wheels may hurt the UK's wheel manufacturing industry, while cast aluminium wheels do not. The TRA advises breaking the Act into two categories and keeping forged wheel tariffs for five years while abolishing cast wheel charges. This will save UK specialised wheel producers and lower a 22% China cast wheel charge. By Tuesday, February 28th, interested parties may comment on the TRA's public file. [Read more](#)



## UK Biosecurity / Veterinary Controls Updates

### *How We Can Support You*

Biosecurity, Veterinary and SPS Controls are complicated to protect the health of humans, animals and plants. Importers and exporters of SPS products need a knowledgeable partner by their side. We have supported food and plant product importers and exporters for many years and have expertise in this field.

<b>IPAFFS &amp; TRACES Filing</b>	We file IPAFFS and CHED's for you declarations into EU & GB systems for you.
<b>EHC &amp; Veterinary Certificates</b>	We can help you identifying, obtaining and completing your veterinary health certificates from all your trade partners.
<b>New Veterinary Border Model</b>	We advise on the new veterinary border model of the UK and how this fits into your supply chain. We will advise what you need to do and how to do it. For supply chain planning using the new Target Operating Model of the UK, get in touch.
<b>Trade Intelligence</b>	We assist you in monitoring law changes in the field of veterinary controls so that you are aware of animal disease outbreaks, changes to certifications and laws.
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### **What did the UK Agri Minister say in the US?**

The UK Secretary of the Environment, Thérèse Coffey, addressed the NASDA Conference in Virginia. Here are some highlights:

- Environment, global demand, and food inflation threaten the United Kingdom's self-sufficiency of sixty per cent.
- UK regulations will enable cutting-edge food inventions.
- The United Kingdom adopted its first agricultural strategy in fifty years to combat past flooding, drought, pests, and diseases.
- The UK government is planning, developing, and implementing new and improved financial programmes with farmers without imposing on them and making the application process simple and tempting for businesses of all kinds.



- The UK's purpose is to give a menu of activities farmers may be paid to undertake so each firm can pick what works best to boost productivity, profitability, sustainability, and resilience.
- Through learning and collaborating, NASDA can be the ideal partner and do the right thing for future generations.

[Read the speech](#)

### **Import of Frozen Beef and Veal Quota (GATT) under Statutory Instrument 2020 No. 1432**

The remaining quantity available under this quota is 6,194,162kgs of frozen beef and veal (expressed as boneless meat), falling within CN codes 0202 and 0206 2991, which must be frozen with an internal temperature of -12°C or lower. The Common Customs Tariff duty applicable to this quota is 20% ad valorem. [Download the Tariff Notice here](#)

### **Foot and mouth disease in North Africa and the Middle East**

Preliminary outbreak assessment of the foot and mouth disease in North Africa and the Middle East. It is updated with the latest outbreak assessment. [Link](#)

### **High-risk food and feed of non-animal origin (HRFNAO): official certificates**

Official certificates in English and EU languages to export or move HRFNAO to the EU or Northern Ireland. Updated the official certificates for HRFNAO listed in annex 2 of regulation 2019/1793. [Link](#)

### **Import eggs to Great Britain**

New Guidance on importing and moving eggs to Great Britain (England, Wales and Scotland). [Access the Guidance here](#)

### **Export eggs out of Great Britain**

New Guidance on exporting and moving eggs from Great Britain (England, Wales and Scotland) to the EU, Northern Ireland and non-EU countries. [Guidance here.](#)

### **Imports, exports and EU trade of animals and animal products: topical issues**

Current issues relating to imports and exports of animals and animal products. [Updated the Bovine spongiform encephalopathy \(BSE\) risk status of the trading partners section.](#)

### **African swine fever in pigs in South East Asia and Oceania**

Preliminary and updated outbreak assessments for African swine fever in South East Asia. [Here.](#)

### **Find a professional to certify export health certificates**

A list of organisations in England, Scotland and Wales that inspect and certify animals and animal products for export. The list does not include every certifier. [Here.](#)

## UK Export Control Update

### *How We Can Support You*

Regarding export controls, our service provides prompt, comprehensive, and industry-specific support for all UK businesses – in Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

<b>Consulting &amp; Advice</b>	We advise on the UK Export Control Order, product, destination, end-use and end-user controls for your business.
<b>Export Control Rating Service</b>	We perform export control classification services to help you determine your export control classification number.
<b>Licence Applications</b>	We help you successfully apply for OGELS, SIELS, OILS, brokering licences, and much more. If you are in NI, we help you with relevant EUGEAs.
<b>Audit, ICPs and export control management services</b>	As per UK legislation, we carry out assessments related to end-use and end-user requirements. We assist you in designing your ICP and setting up an efficient and effective export control management system. We evaluate if your transactions require a licence and offer an ongoing continuous screening service against ever-changing export controls.
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### **£3.6 million for unlicensed strategic exports**

HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) sent over £3.6 million worth of settlement offers to 4 UK exporters in November and December 2022. These were about the illegal export of goods with more than one use, military goods, and other things that The Export Control Order 2008 controls. The four payments that UK companies made were:

- The Export Control Order 2008 said that exports of dual-use goods without a licence were fined £745,620,000 in November 2022.
- In December 2022, there was a payment of £994,074.74 for the illegal export of military goods controlled by The Export Control Order 2008.

- In December 2022, a fine of £1,000 was given for selling military goods without a licence, which is against the law.
- In December 2022, £1,883,442 was paid for exports of military goods without a licence controlled by The Export Control Order 2008.

HMRC ensures that export controls on strategic goods and sanctions are followed and that any violations of these controls are considered. HMRC can offer a compound penalty instead of making a file and sending it to the Crown Prosecution Service when appropriate.

### [Details](#)

#### **General Trade Licence: Earthquake relief efforts in Syria and Turkey**

This is a temporary general trade licence to help facilitate humanitarian assistance for earthquake relief efforts in Syria and Turkey. [Link](#) [Notice](#) OFSI has updated General Licence INT/2023/2711256 about humanitarian activity in earthquake relief efforts in Syria and Turkey. The General Licence took effect from **11:59 PM on 15 February 2023** and expires at 11:59 PM on 15 August 2023. In addition, the General Licence has been updated to clarify that the permission does not allow the use of economic resources owned, held or controlled by a Designated Person except where a Designated Person has received funds, goods or services in exchange for those financial resources from a Relevant Person to perform Relevant Activities. Any persons intending to use General Licence INT/2023/2711256 should consult the Licence for full details of the permissions and usage requirements along with the General Guidance. If you have questions about this e-mail or the general licence, don't hesitate to contact us.



## UK Trade Agreements Updates

### *How We Can Support You*

#### **Consulting & Advice**

Come to us for guidance across any Free Trade Agreement and their Rules of Origin. Use our Hotline service for easy ROO or schedule a bespoke call.

#### **FTA Optimizer**

We carry out a detailed analysis into your supply chain and identify which FTAs you can use to reduce duty spent and speed up your supply chain. This can save you millions. Contract is for free high level scan.

#### **FTA Management**

We manage the entire FTA process for you in your company. We can set up a compliant and efficient ROO process and implement it, too. We request, manage and keep updated proofs of origin and supplier declarations.

#### **Audit & Automation benchmarking**

We audit the imports where you claim preference for compliance and report any inconcintencies, compliance challenges and opportunities. We help you sleect the more useful FTA automation software through clever benchmarking and our in-depth experience.

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### **Going Global for next St. Valentine's Day for British Sweets and Chocolate Businesses**

Under the UK's new Free Trade Agreements, exports to Australia and New Zealand would be tariff-free by Valentine's Day 2024, giving British chocolate industries a boost (FTAs). The UK-Australia and UK-New Zealand trade treaties, the first negotiated from scratch since leaving the EU, are predicted to benefit the UK economy by £2.3 billion and £800 million, respectively. Australian couples will spend £280 million on Valentine's Day, rising 16.9% from 2022, while the candy and snacks sector is valued at £13.2 billion in 2023 and predicted to expand by 1.64%. The bargains might boost Valentine's sales for British bakers and chocolate makers. The FTAs with Australia and New Zealand are intended to enhance trade, economic growth, and better-paying employment, helping British firms in Asia-Pacific markets. The deal eliminates duties on all items and expedites food and drink exports, giving firms

export stability. London might gain £395 million and £130 million from the FTAs. Get in touch if you would like us to assist you with leveraging FTAs. [Link to Press Release](#)

### **1st UK Civil Society TCA Meeting – outcome for trade in goods**

The first meeting of the Civil Society Forum of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA) between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, took place in Brussels in a hybrid format on 4 October 2022. Between 100 and 150 (online and in person) EU and UK representatives from Businesses, Trade Unions and other Non-Governmental Organisations followed and participated. The agenda included: trade in goods, energy, a level playing field and sustainability. Participants raised specific issues concerning customs and taxation, technical trade barriers, and sanitary and phytosanitary measures. This included trade in live animals, variability of health certification for whisky across EU member states, calendar for the introduction of complete sanitary and phytosanitary requirements in the UK, digitalisation of custom and sanitary phytosanitary documents and procedures, and the resumption of exports of UK live bivalve molluscs to the EU. Participants also raised UK Conformity Assessment (UKCA) markings, EU third country audit of the UK and VAT fiscal representatives' requirement for exports to the EU, and the exchange of information on consumer safety issues. Some participants also raised questions about the risk of divergence of UK and EU standards, including in the area of EU REACH and stressed the importance of regulatory cooperation – including through the TCA's Working Groups. [Link](#)

### **UK-Jordan committee documents**

Decisions, documents and meeting minutes from the UK-Jordan committees:

- [19 January 2023: Decision No 1/2023 of the UK-Jordan Association Council on Adopting Rules of Procedure](#)



## United States

### US Customs

#### Customs Weekly Bulletin

Customs Bulletin and Decisions compiles weekly decisions, rulings, rules, notifications, and abstracts from the US Customs and Border Protection, Federal Circuit, and Court of International Trade on customs and related subjects. This week's content:

- Advance Passenger Information System: Electronic Validation of Travel Documents
- Modification of One Ruling Letter and Revocation of Treatment Relating to the Tariff Classification of Paper Face Masks
- Withdrawal of Proposed Revocation of Three Ruling Letters and Proposed
- Revocation of Treatment Relating to the Tariff Classification of Wireless Headphone Sets

#### U.S. Court of International Trade Slip Opinions

- Leco Supply, Inc., Plaintiff, v. United States, Defendant, and
- M&B Metal Products Co., Inc. Defendant-Intervenor Grupo Acerero S.A. de C.V., Grupo Simec S.A.B. de C.V., et al.,
- Plaintiffs, and Gerdau Corsa, S.A.P.I. de C.V.,
- Plaintiff-Intervenor, v. United States, Defendant, and Rebar Trade Action Coalition, Defendant-Intervenor

[Link](#)

#### CBP Expands Partnership to Secure E-Commerce Supply Chains

The Section 321 Data Pilot, a public-private collaboration that reduces risk and speeds up lawful low-value e-commerce exports, is seeking more members. The pilot has improved CBP risk assessment, adjudication, and hold times. CBP believes that 85% of US imports are tiny parcels under \$800. Since August 2019, the Pilot has handled over 380 million cargo for CBP. On August 22, 2019, the Section 321 Data Pilot tested the risk segmentation advantages of receiving advance data from e-commerce supply chain partners. CBP is thrilled to extend the pilot because adding partners will enable the agency to test new technologies and gather non-traditional data to uncover further facilitation advantages for the trade community and CBP. Incoming and current pilot volunteers must provide CBP with some mandatory data components and may send optional data items to explore the possibility of sharing more information. CBP will accept unlimited volunteers for the enlarged experiment, which will terminate in August 2025 unless extended. [Details](#)

#### Steel Derivative Product Taxes Upheld Under Section 232

The Section 232 tariffs on steel derivatives put in place by the Trump administration were upheld by an appeals court. Since June 2018, Section 232 duties of 25% have been set on steel products with HTSUS subheadings 7206.10 through 7216.50, 7216.99 through 7301.10, 7302.10, 7302.40 through 7302.90, and 7304.10 through 7306.90. In February 2020, nails, staples, and tacks were added to the list of things with tariffs. In April 2021, the Court of International Trade said that the president's order



to raise Section 232 tariffs on steel derivatives was illegal. The CIT noted that the declaration broke Section 232's time limit and went beyond what Congress had given the executive branch power to do.

The court said that the declaration was "illegal because it was against the law," and it ordered that the entries in question be cancelled or refunded with interest. On February 7, the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals ruled against the CIT and upheld the declaration (and, therefore, the Section 232 tariffs on steel derivatives). In an earlier case in 2021, the CAFC said that the president's power under Section 232 "includes the power to set up and carry out a plan of action that allows changes to individual measures, such as increasing import restrictions, as the plan is carried out over time." The court said that charging for steel derivatives was necessary because rising imports had stopped before taxes from making local steel production more efficient and stable. The court said, "There is no textual basis in the Act for a specific time limit on adjustments under a rapidly implemented plan." It also noted that Section 232 provisions "have been changed more than once, many years after they were first made." The Section 232 tariffs were put in place by the Trump administration, but the Biden administration supported them as national security measures that could not be challenged in the WTO. As the Trump administration makes more links between economic security and national security, more Section 232 tariffs could be implemented.

### **Mango and Oha Leave Imports Authorized**

Since Feb. 15, 2023, the Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service will allow Grenada mango and Nigerian Oha leaf imports. Here, phytosanitary precautions will apply to such substances.

### **Two Nations Limit Pork Imports**

Thailand and North Macedonia are now African swine fever-affected by APHIS. Thailand was added on Jan. 20, 2022, and North Macedonia on Feb. 3, 2022. Unless processed and treated in compliance with USDA requirements or sent to an APHIS-approved site for additional processing, pig and pork products from African swine fever areas cannot be imported. African swine fever-affected pig casings are likewise prohibited from importation by USDA.

### **NCSD February-March 2023 Webinars**

The National Commodity Specialist Division, Office of Trade, is excited to present the next round of approximately 35 commodity-specific, educational webinars to support our internal and external stakeholders. Beginning February through September 2023, each webinar will commence at 1:30 PM Eastern time and run for about an hour. We are now registering attendees for the webinars scheduled for February and March and will proceed with monthly registrations for the remaining webinars. Attached is the complete 2023 webinar schedule

- ["Let's Get Informed!" – Unformed/Formed Uppers – February 28, 2023](#)
- [Classification of Stamps of Heading 9704 – March 21, 2023](#)
- [NCSD 2023 Webinar Schedule.pdf](#)

### **Green Trade Innovation and Incentives Forum**

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is excited to announce that the Green Trade Innovation and Incentives Forum will take place on Tuesday, May 23, 2023. The open forum will be hosted virtually and live in Alexandria, Virginia. The Green Trade Innovation and Incentives Forum is an opportunity for members of the trade industry, research and academic experts, NGOs and government personnel to solicit and share ideas related to green trade innovation and incentivisation

of clean and sustainable supply chains and trade decarbonisation. The Green Trade Innovation and Incentives Forum will act as a starting point for CBP's Green Trade Strategy to foster collaboration between key stakeholders in the climate and trade space. [Details](#)

### **EAPA Case 7743: LTT International Trading Co.**

CBP has started a formal investigation under EAPA CBP is looking into whether LTT International Trading Co. (LTT or the importer) got around anti-dumping and countervailing duty orders on quartz surface products (QSP) from China by sending them to the US via Taiwan. Because LTT may not have met its AD/CVD obligations, CBP is sending a formal notice of inquiry (NOI) and taking other steps. [Read charge letter](#)

### **Forced Labor Technical Expo**

The Forced Labor Technical Expo welcomes industry event attendance and stakeholders (max two per company) impacted by the need to comply with UFLPA and §19 U.S.C. 1307. The audience includes the U.S. importing community, partner government agencies with a nexus to forced labor enforcement, and non-governmental organisations. The event will be held at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center (RRB), 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Atrium Concourse Level, Washington, DC 20004. [Details](#)



## **US Export Controls**

### **Disruptive Technology Strike Force**

The Justice and Commerce Departments created the Disruptive Technology Strike Force in over 10 locations to defend U.S. sophisticated technology from nation-state enemies. The strike team will target illegal actors, reinforce supply networks, and secure critical technical assets with government expertise. Undersecretary Attorney General Matthew G. Olsen of the Justice Department's National Security Division and Assistant Secretary for Export Enforcement Matthew Axelrod of the Bureau of Industry and Security will co-lead it. The Disruptive Technology Strike Force targets unlawful transfers of sensitive technology to foreign enemies. It will investigate and prosecute criminal export law breaches, encourage private sector and foreign collaborations, use sophisticated data analytics and all-source information, train regularly, and improve strike force-Intelligence Community communication. [Link](#)

### **Export Licences for rescue equipment and humanitarian aid for earthquake victims in Turkey and Syria**

After the terrible earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) of the United States Department of Commerce has accelerated the processing of export licence



applications for commodities necessary to help survivors. Heavy machinery, telecommunications gear and software, portable generators and other power production equipment, medical gadgets, water purification and sanitation apparatus, and shelter materials might benefit from a streamlined licencing process. None of these things should restrict the delivery of humanitarian and recovery supplies to the Syrian people directly or via NGOs. [Link](#)



## This Week's Supportive Documents

Subscribers to the FULL Edition will also get extra materials and instructions to aid in their task and upgrade. Moreover, you may learn more about the topics covered in this week's update by reviewing the factsheets, Q&As, PowerPoint presentations, Excel spreadsheets, reports, and notes. They are easily accessible through the e-mail attachment and our secure website. In addition, you will get the following this week:

- [ICS 2, 2 Overview Document](#)
- [ICS 2, 2 Pre-Arrival Data requirements](#)
- [ICS 2, 2 Technical Preparation Documents](#)
- [ICS 2, 2 New Requirements](#)
- [Summary Minutes of the 114th meeting of the Customs Code Committee – General Customs Legislation Section \(CCC/GEN/114\)](#)
- [Draft Regulation to delay ICS 2 in some Member States](#)
- [A descriptive guide to the new French customs declaration \(in English\)](#)
- [Information Notice by German Customs on UK preference](#)
- [Notice by German Customs on Japan's preference](#)
- [The Ireland/Northern Ireland Protocol Explainer For Customs Professionals](#)

## NEW: Helpline & Subscribers' Questions

Got a question? Got a concern?

Did you know we offer a cost-effective helpline to answer all your customs questions with no time limits or restrictions? For example, take our LinkedIn post from two days ago.

You have read that all CTC countries must switch from NCTS version 4 to version 5 before December 2023, including the UK.

Here we share one of the critical questions we answered this week:

### Question:

*“What if we start our journey in Hamburg in NCTS4 before 16 November 2023 but have not yet arrived at our destination in Leeds after 16 November 2023 when the UK switched to NCTS5”?*

This is the answer we gave:

*“ NCTS allows pre-lodgement of UK departure declarations to be submitted up to 30 days before the movement's departure. Movements started before 16 November 2023 in NCTS4 will continue their journey as they do currently. If any of those movements have not reached their destination by 30 November 2023, HMRC will perform a manual action to ensure the movement is closed correctly and the guarantee is released.*

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## Events

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### **European Customs Practitioners' Conference**

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.

## How to Empower Yourself and Your Team

Part of our suite of solutions to empower customs managers, our Trade Intelligence update allows global trade professionals to save time and free up skilled staff to carry out more strategic tasks. Subscribers or current clients receive a professionally curated compilation of legislative changes that occurred in the prior week, created by experienced trade specialists and quality assessed before release.

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