



CUSTOMS ACRONYMS & GLOSSARY

AAD	Administrative Accompanying Document	A paper document that goes with the shipment for excise taxation produced in the EMCS system. The document will be produced electronically in the future (e-AD).
AD	Accompanying Document	The TAD document (T1, T2...) is produced with a barcode to go with the freight.
ADD	Anti - Dumping Duties	Customs duties imposed on imports from specific countries in addition to the normal or preferential duty; additional duties can be introduced where the export price is below the normal value, so the import of the goods couldn't flood the market and threaten UK manufacturers.
AEO	Authorised Economic Operator	AEO is a operator who Customs, upon application, has granted the status of authorised economic operator. AEO is a status recognised in various countries across the world.
BCP (BIP)	Border Control Post (previously Border Inspection Post)	Most consignments of animals, animal products and products of non-animal origin from non-EU countries must come through a Border Control Post (BCP), previously known as a Border Inspection Post (BIP). Such products must undergo certain veterinary checks in accordance with European Directive 97/78/EC. These rules apply to both commercial and personal traffic.
BOI	Binding Origin Information	Written information issued by the customs authorities of the Member States on the preferential or non-preferential origin of specific goods to be imported or exported (Art. 12 CC). The origin decision is valid for 3 years in writing from HMRC.
BTI	Binding Tariff Information	Binding tariff information is a written decision on the commodity code applied to goods in writing from HMRC.
C88	Export or Import Declaration	Same as Single Administrative Document (SAD) UK transit.
C of O	Certificate of Origin	A specific document identifying the goods, in which the authority or body empowered to issue it certifies expressly that the goods to which the certificate relates originate in a specific country.
CAP	Common Agricultural Policy	The Common Agricultural Policy of the EU - a partnership between Europe and farmers.
CCT	Common Customs Tariff	Since the completion of the internal market, goods can circulate freely between Member States. The 'Common Customs Tariff' (CCT) therefore applies to the import of goods across the external borders of the EU.
CDS	Customs Declaration Service	CDS will replace the existing Customs Handling of Import and Export Freight (CHIEF). The Customs Declaration Service will deliver a modern system for importers and exporters who have to complete customs declarations when trading outside the EU.
CFSP	Customs Freight Simplified Procedures	A simplified import entry procedure used in the UK.
CHIEF	Customs Handling of Import and Export Freight	Customs Handling of Import & Export Freight (CHIEF) is the computer system of the United Kingdom's revenue and customs services, HMRC.
CPC	Customs Procedure Code	Code that identifies which regime the goods will enter or levy under (e.g. free circulation/ excise/gsp/ipr /opr)
CTC	Common Transit Convention	Facilitates the movement of goods across borders of member countries (EU Member States, Turkey, Iceland, Norway, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, North Macedonia and Serbia) by only requiring customs declarations and payment of duties when goods arrive at their final destination.
CUSDEC	Customs Declaration	This Customs Declaration Message (CUSDEC) - the declaration of goods for import, export or transit.

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CVC	Certificate of Veterinary Clearance	Certificate of Veterinary Clearance. A document issued by the official veterinary officer at a BIP controlling Products Of Animal Origin (POAO) and live animals entering the EC.
DEFRA	Department For Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	The Government department responsible, for UK policy in relation to CAP.
DEP	Designated Export Place	A place (not a port or airport) authorised by HMRC for the export clearance of freight.
e-AAD	Electronic Administrative Accompanying Document	European businesses trading in excise goods (alcohol, tobacco and energy products).
EAD	Export Accompanying Document	An EAD is a document that accompanies goods to the office of exit.
ECS	Export Control System	EU's common export system, which enables message traffic between different national export systems.
EFTA	European Free Trade Association	Free trade area consisting of Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland.
EIDR	Entry In Declarants Records	Allows you to enter goods to a customs procedure without the need to provide a full customs entry a later date.
EMCS	Excise Movement and Control System	A control system for excise goods moving under duty suspension.
ENS	Entry Summary Declaration	If you bring goods into the UK from outside the EU, you'll need to submit safety and security information about the goods.
EORI	Economic Operators Registration And Identification System	Businesses and people wishing to trade must use the EORI number as an identification number in all customs procedures when exchanging information with Customs administrations. Having one common type of identification number across the EU is more efficient, both for economic operators and customs authorities. It is also more efficient for statistical purposes and security purposes.
EUR1	Movement Certificate / Form	European Preference/Movement Certificate used between EU countries and countries with whom the EU has bilateral trade agreements. Confirms goods qualify under the origin rules of the agreement(s).
EXS	Exit Summary Declaration	Exit Summary Declaration under ECS. This is part of the Safety and Security Declaration and is known as the Exit Summary Declaration.
GMR	Goods Movement Reference	Number generate by the GVMS platform which groups movement references at consignment level.
GVMS	Goods Vehicle Movement Service	New platform being developed by the UK Govt to facilitate the movement of ro-ro traffic when importing and exporting.
HMRC	Her Majesty's Revenue And Customs	The UK Government Service which is responsible for the administration of Customs law and the collection of duties and taxes and which also has the responsibility for the application of other laws and regulations relating to the importation, exportation, movement or storage of goods (*).
ICS	Import Control System	Import control system used to declare goods arriving in the Union. A declaration, presentation of goods and the arrival declaration is required for all modes of transport.

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IPAFFS	Import of products, animals, food and feed system	IPAFFS is the domestic system for the import of live animals, animal products and high risk food and feed not of animal origin into Great Britain.
IPR	Inward Processing	The Customs procedure under which certain goods can be brought into the country, relieved from payment of import duties and taxes, on the basis that such goods are intended for manufacturing, processing or repair and subsequent exportation.
KAP	Kent Access Permit	From 01st Jan, all +7.5t vehicles need to register vehicle before entering Kent, travelling from Dover or Folkestone, EX KENT ONLY – (not needed France to GB) NB £ 300 fine if not completed.
LoA	Letter of Authority	A legal document that authorises a third party – often known as the ‘agent’ – to correspond with services on behalf of your or your business – known as the ‘principal’. The letter will specify the tasks the third party can handle for the principal.
MRN	Movement Reference Number	This is the unique reference number produced when an export or import declaration is produced.
NCTS	New Computerised Transit System	An electronic platform in the EU which is used for any goods travelling under Union Transit.
OPR	Outward Processing Relief	The system of giving relief on goods temporarily exported and reimported after process or repair in a country outside the EU.
PoA	Power of Attorney	A power of attorney or letter of attorney is a written authorisation to represent or act on another’s behalf in private affairs, business, or some other legal matter.
SAD	Single Administrative Document	Also known as the C88, this document is needed for imports and exports in and out of the UK.
SPS	Sanitary and Phytosanitary	The European Union’s measures to protect humans, animals, and plants from diseases, pests, or contaminants.
SSD	Safety and Security Declaration	All hauliers must completed the ENS (see ENS) when leaving GB. S&SGB is what is needed from 01.07.21 when entering GB from EU.
TAD	Transport Authorised Document	The TAD accompanies the goods where a transit declaration is processed at an office of departure by the NCTS.
TRACES	Trade Control and Expert System	ECs online platform for SPS required for the importation of animals, animal products, food and feed of non-animal origin and plants into the EU, and the intra-EU trade and EU exports of animals and certain animal products.