

## Customs Declaration Service to become UK's single customs platform

In August 2021, HMRC announced they will be closing its Customs Handling of Import and Export Freight (CHIEF) system on 31 March 2023. From this date, all business will be required to declare goods through the Customs Declaration Service (CDS). Services on CHIEF will be withdrawn in two stages:

- After 30 September 2022 – UK import declarations on CHIEF will no longer be supported.  
**Agents will start moving over to CDS from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August**
- After 31 March 2023 – UK export declarations on CHIEF and National Exports System (NES) will also cease.

**Agents are aiming to switch UK Exports to CDS by the end of 2022**

The new CDS system will provide a more secure and stable platform, with the capacity and capability to grow in line with the Government's ambitious trade plans to have the world's most efficient customs system by 2025.

### **ACTION YOU MUST TAKE NOW...**

In order for us/our partners (or any customs broker in the UK) to continue handling UK Export or UK Import customs entries on your behalf, all businesses **MUST** register themselves for CDS through their own Government Gateway portal.

It takes less than 5 minutes to register and confirmation from Government Gateway is currently received within 24 hours. To access the link please click:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/get-access-to-the-customs-declaration-service>

A trader checklist is available from the GOV.UK website. To download, please use this link <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/customs-declaration-service-communication-pack/trader-checklist-moving-to-the-customs-declaration-service>

Please note that if you have not registered for CDS prior to the dates as outlined above, an export or import declaration cannot be made on your behalf. This will mean your goods are unable to export from UK (for UK departures) or clear UK customs (for UK arrivals).

## *More than just transport...*

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