

PCS Border Force industrial action 17-20 February 2023

Dear Valued Customer,

We have been advised by 'BIFA' that The Public and Commercial Services (PCS) union has announced Border Force industrial action going forward between 17 and 20 of February 2023

Impact of PCS Border Force industrial action between 17-20 February 2023 at Southeast ports:

- The Public and Commercial Services (PCS) union has announced industrial action that will impact Border Force operations between **Friday 17 February and Monday 20 February (until 7am)**.
- Border Force officers based in Dover, Calais, Dunkirk and Coquelles, who are members of the PCS, will be taking part in the action. This does not include HMRC staff.
- The industrial action will impact the movement of goods travelling to the UK through UK Border controls in the French ports of Calais and Dunkirk, and the Coquelles Eurotunnel Terminal.

What traders can do:

Businesses planning to move goods during this period should be aware there could be disruption and delays at Southeast ports and Inland Border Facilities (IBFs). Please take this into consideration when planning movements and to speak to carriers / operators.

Businesses can also check IBF site availability [online](#).

If traders planning to carry merchandise in baggage or more than £10,000 in cash and need to make a declaration:

For merchandise in baggage under £1500/1000kg which does not contain licensed items, the simplest way to declare goods is through the simplified [online declaration](#) form.

The simplest way to declare large amounts of cash is also online. See the following [guidance for more details](#). If the online service is unavailable, the red point service at the ports will be operational during this period but it is possible they will experience some delays.

Rest assured Beckchoice are doing all we can to keep you updated on current matters within the industry. We hope that this situation is solved as soon as possible and as always Beckchoice is doing their utmost to ensure this will not affect your cargo.

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