

Planned Civil Service Industrial Action at UK sea and airports on 1st February 2023

Dear Valued Customer,

We have been advised by 'BIFA' regarding the forthcoming industrial action on the 1st of February 2023 at UK ports and airports.

Impact of industrial action on 1 February 2023 at UK ports and airports

- You may have seen reports that up to 100,000 civil service members of the Public and Commercial Services (PCS) union will be going on strike on Wednesday 1 February 2023. HMRC members will not be taking part, but the industrial action will include UK-based Home Office members, including Border Force staff.
- The industrial action is likely to impact the movement of goods through UK ports and airports on this date, 1st February, as well as those travelling to the UK from UK Border controls in Calais, Dunkirk, and Coquelles in Northern France. There may also be some disruption on the morning of 2 February as business returns to normal.

What you can do

If you are able to move goods outside of this period, then we would advise to do so.

If you cannot delay your movements then please be aware that the industrial action could lead to disruption and delays at ports and Inland Border Facilities (IBFs). be prepared for these delays and we will check with the operator before starting the movement.

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

If you are 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, following this [guidance](#). If they cannot use the online service, the red point service at the port or airport 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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