

New HMRC Import & Export Declaration System (CDS)

We are sure that you have been seeing or hearing various reports around your industry about the upcoming changes to the UK's Customs Entry Systems for the Import & Export of goods. This is just a short note to highlight to you the upcoming change and to assure you that Beckchoice Ltd are working closely with our industry body BIFA (British International Freight Association) our software provider and HMRC to be in the best position to manage this change.

Since 1994 the system employed by HMRC to process import and export declarations has been CHIEF (Customs Handling of Import and Export Freight). In the coming months, this system is being replaced by the HMRC Customs Declaration Service (CDS), although we hope there will be no unscheduled change from CHIEF to CDS, HMRC timelines and their ability to provide the necessary information to the software providers does mean that the development timeframes are fluid and once we have definitive dates for the transition we will advise. Current timelines for implementation remain flexible, and it is anticipated that we will be able to declare all importers goods on the CDS system by the end of the year, with export declarations following at a later date.

The new system will facilitate import and export declarations as now, although there will be some differences and improvements required to meet the Union Customs Code (UCC). From your perspective as an importer or exporter although you do not need to make any immediate changes to the way you currently interact with us on declarations, however there will be more detailed information required from you to be able us to process declarations through CDS and we will contact all our clients individually with those requirements over the coming months for the information that we will need from you to enable processing of your entries through CDS.

We will keep you updated in the coming months and for ease of reference below is a link direct to HMRC web pages on CDS and most recent update.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/customs-handling-of-import-and-export-freight-chief-replacement-programme>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/launch-of-the-customs-declaration-service-begins>

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