

Dear trade partner,

Goods shipped from the Netherlands to the UK need to be cleared either before they leave the EU, or when they arrive at the UK border, as the easement allowing for delayed declarations ended 01/01/2022.

In the attached file you will find an authorization form to allow our regular partner, “SGS Customs Brokerage Service” to act on your behalf.

As this is a time sensitive process, we need to be able to guarantee a quick turnaround and so we cannot be dependent on other customs brokers.

Therefore, we kindly request you to sign this authorization form and agree to this procedure.

VAT does not require immediate payment and will be postponed to your VAT number. Any import duties, where applicable, will be deferred using your Deferment Approval Number. If you do not have one of these, we have facility to use SGS UK's deferment account, as long as prompt payment is assured.

From our experience in the last 12 months, it has become clear that handling customs declarations via third parties with whom we have no experience does not work. Since no deferment of customs clearance is allowed after 01.01.2022, we have no option than to opt for one specific partner, in particular because the communication regarding transport related data is essential. Every delay at the UK borders causes inordinate extra costs, the costs of customs clearance are charged to the sending party.

You can receive periodic reports from HMRC of all your customs clearance activity using your EORI number. These reports are simple, clear and of considerable importance; the reports show which data HMRC has received in an orderly way, listing imports, and if selected, exports too, in an excel spreadsheet for easy digestion.

More information and making an actual request can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/mss-supporting-guidance>

On request it is also possible to receive the actual C88 form: via your EU partner.

We request that you send the signed authorization form, either directly or via your EU partner to brexit@ifo.nl