

Customs Declaration Service (CDS) Readiness

HMRC's customs declaration system is changing – this will impact the way you submit import and export declarations in the UK.



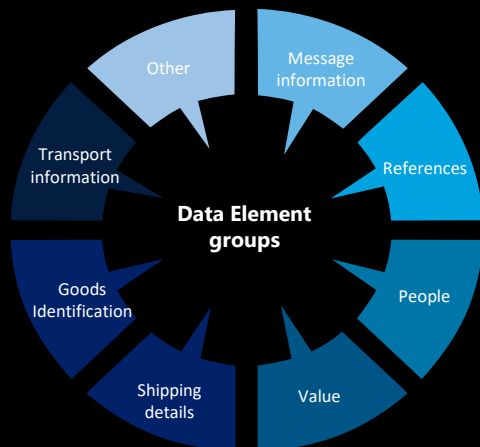
What's changing?

In a phased roll-out, the Customs Handling of Import and Export Freight (CHIEF) system will be replaced by the Customs Declaration Service.



How does CDS differ to CHIEF?

The migration represents a change from paper-based rules on CHIEF to data processing rules on CDS. The traditional 'boxes' (68 for imports and 45 for exports) in CHIEF will be replaced by 'data elements' divided into eight groups in CDS, as outlined below. Dependent on the type of declaration, traders can expect to complete 76 data elements for imports and 65 for exports on CDS.



What does this mean for you?

Traders making customs declarations are responsible for the accuracy of the information submitted to HMRC. The CDS rollout will change the way declarations are submitted and may impact the way you interact with third parties/software providers used for this purpose.

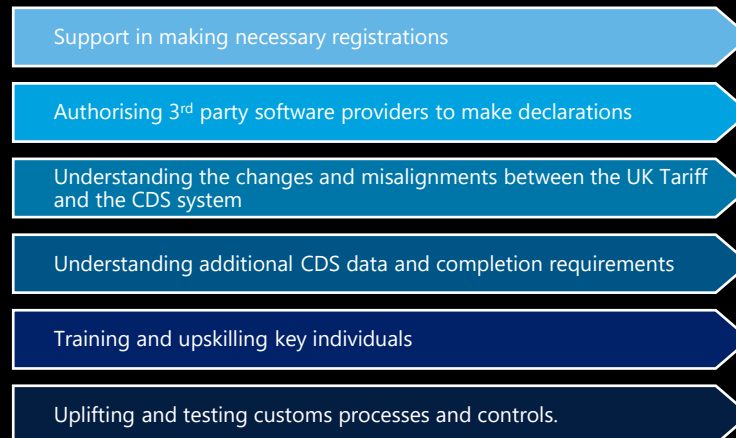
Non-compliant or inaccurate declarations can pose risks of potential border delays, increased costs and compliance errors.



What do I need to consider?

The migration to CDS will see changes in the way customs declarations are completed and businesses should take preliminary measures to ensure that declarations can be declared compliantly on CDS. Specific considerations for businesses include the following:

CDS readiness plan and your roadmap



How Deloitte can help

We have deep experience of making customs declarations through our Global Trade Bureau (GTB). We have also recently developed our own digitised customs declaration platform, **CustomsClear** which integrates directly with HMRC's CDS system. Through GTB and CustomsClear we have gained extensive knowledge from developing and testing our system and we have regular dialogue with HMRC, providing their valuable insights into the practicalities of the migration to CDS.

Deloitte can support with the following:

- Training sessions
- Registration and readiness for CDS
- Interface mapping and software selection
- Duty deferment mandate updates
- Gap analysis of data/ processes and mapping
- Testing and helpdesk support
- Resource support including project management
- Review and uplift of customs processes, procedures and controls
- Third party software and broker liaison including Trader Dress Rehearsal (TDR) support



Key contacts

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