

Dear customer

Needless to say that the upcoming Brexit will have a strong impact on our partnership. What exactly the consequences will be, is hard to say at the moment. A lot depends on whether the EU and the UK will still come to an agreement in the coming months. If a deal can be struck, we are probably looking at a transition period until December 2020 in which we will have sufficient time to prepare for the definite separation between Europe and the UK. If not, we are heading for a no deal Brexit, which means that the free movement of goods will be frozen as from March 29 at 11PM.

This communication is the first in a series of periodical Brexit updates. They will give you a better understanding of the practicalities that are required in the future.

### Customs formalities

We are currently investigating specialised companies who can help you with all customs formalities. Not with the intention to be the intermediary, but in an effort to put you into contact with the customs expert you need based on your specific activities.

### What we know so far:

1. Any company importing or exporting goods that require custom clearance, has to have a so-called **EORI number**, to accompany all customs declaration. Applying for such number is free of charge and easily done through your local government. Appointing a company for your customs duties does not relieve you from having an EORI number.  
Visit the dedicated [webpage](#) of the European Commission for more information.
2. All loads from and to the United Kingdom will have to be thoroughly documented. We will need to present following additional information for every shipment from and to the UK:
  - Name, address and EORI number of the recipient of the shipment.
  - Name, address and EORI number of the sender of the shipment.
  - (Optional) Name, address and email address for the person responsible for your customs clearance in case he/she has to be notified upon delivery.
  - Place of origin (UN location code)
  - Place of destination (UN location code)

- Type of customs document
- Document number: MRN code. Please be advised that containers/trailers are never admitted to terminal without the MRN code. Delays are inevitable if this number is missing.
- Validity date of the document.
- Place of validity (valid to) for specific documents.

If a unit contains different types of cargo, we need the following information for every type:

- Shipping marks (mark and number of the goods)
- Amount of packages
- UN code of packaging types
- HS code
- Description of the goods
- Gross weight (kg)
- Net weight (kg)
- In case of ADR or IMO cargo: UN number
- In case of ADR or IMO cargo: technical designation
- For cargo going into the UK: volume (m<sup>3</sup>)

We are working on adjusting our IT systems to capture these additional data.

Please be aware that this information is subject to change and solely based on what we know today.

### Contact

Under the guidance of Fred Willems, our Brexit coordinator, we have put together a Brexit team. They are available for all your questions through their dedicated email address [brexit@cldncargo.com](mailto:brexit@cldncargo.com). Your personal contact within our company can also count on the project team to help answer your questions on the subject.

We feel this message as well as the following Brexit newsletters we plan to send you in the future, will help you in dealing with Brexit. If you already have this information, then please revert to us and we will strike your contact details from our mailing list.

Useful websites for Brexit & logistics related information:

<https://www.portofzeebrugge.be/en/business/business-logistics/brexit>

[https://ec.europa.eu/info/brexit\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/brexit_en)

<https://www.tln.nl/> (in Dutch)