

UNITED KINGDOM & EUROPE

Customs overview

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CUSTOMS OVERVIEW

What is Customs clearance?

- Customs clearance is the essential process that goods must go through when crossing international borders. It involves a series of procedures and documentation to ensure that imported or exported goods comply with a country's laws and regulations. The primary objective of customs clearance is to facilitate the smooth and lawful movement of goods across borders while protecting the country's security, economy, and public health.
- The correct submission of documentation and providing the appropriate information is crucial to ensure the smooth transition for clearance
- There are two main methods when importing into Europe:

Barcode clearance

All French agents use this method when goods are destined for France directly –only certain agents can clear under this method when moving elsewhere across Europe.

Under T1 transit document

If moving across multiple EU borders and goods are dutiable.

- If the consignee has their own clearing agent, then we MUST be notified and informed of their details ahead of collection from UK shipper. This negates the need for any delays and allows for the smooth customs process and completion before arrival of vehicle.
- If our agents are to handle the clearance on behalf of any EU consignee then we must have letter of empowerment (POA) completed and returned by them, again ahead of collection from UK shipper.



THE PREFERRED METHOD

Customs via Dover

- Dover is the largest RO-RO port in the UK and consists of two main transport methods into Europe, Ferry & Eurotunnel based at Folkestone.
- This is the quickest sea route to France which is a popular choice with hauliers. Moving under barcode It allows for cargo to be cleared whilst on route to France, which can then move freely around Europe once arrived.

What is a barcode clearance?

- The majority of French agents use this preferred method for clearance, when goods are destined directly for France
 – unless moving under bond.
- JAGUFS have the facilities to clear goods under this method not only when moving directly into France but, when your goods are destined to other European locations under barcode clearance using our reputable agent, ensuring there is always a smooth process.



What is a T1 Transit document?

- TI document, also known as a Transit Document (TI), is an international customs document used in the European Union (EU) and certain non-EU countries. It is primarily used for the transportation of goods in transit through one or more customs territories. The primary purpose of a TI document is to facilitate the movement of goods from a customs office of departure to a customs office of destination, without the need to pay import duties and taxes in the transit country and only payable upon arriving at country of destination.
- The associated destination customs code referred to as NCTS code, is stated on the TI and is closed and discharged when vehicle arrives at delivery point.



Invoice requirements

Shipper address	Shippers EORI number / VAT number	Consignee's address	Consignee EORI / VAT number	Origin of goods
Description of the goods	Commodity code for the goods (8 digit export / 10 digit import)	Reason for Export (CPC code)	Price for the goods	Terms of shipment
Currency for the Invoice	Dimensions and weight (NW & GW)	Contact details for consignee	Commercial invoice only no proforma	Customs clearance instructions (Import only)



Via Dover barcode

- Customs invoice received from shipper with added requirements
- JAGUFS liaise with haulierto gather routing and truck details
- JAGUFS raise EAD (Export Accompanying Document) in house
- EAD will provide an MRN (Movement Reference Number)
- Copy of the document is provided to the carrier, for them to complete GVMS, which will include the MRN.
- A GMR (Goods Movement Reference Barcode) is then provided to the driver, for him to present at Dover customs prior to boarding.
- Import barcode clearance is raised against the vehicle registration and given to haulierfor reference.



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