

Export Declarations and the Goods Vehicle Movement Service

This message is to update both Hauliers and Declarants on the NI-GB Export changes from 16 May 2021 and how this will affect you.

In previous communications the government has confirmed that Northern Ireland businesses will continue to have unfettered access to the whole of the UK market. There is no requirement for Export Declarations for almost all Traders moving qualifying goods (goods that are in free circulation in Northern Ireland) directly from Northern Ireland to Great Britain.

There are some very limited exceptions where Export Declarations will be required for goods moving directly from Northern Ireland to Great Britain (declared into the Customs Declaration Service from 16 May 2021). These are; if the goods are under a Customs Special Procedure in Northern Ireland, in an authorised temporary storage facility, or on a list of goods for which specific processes apply based on specific international obligations. You can find a list of these goods here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/moving-qualifying-goods-from-northern-ireland-to-the-rest-of-the-uk#specific>

Both Declarants and Hauliers need to be aware of these changes to understand their obligations for submitting Export Declarations, where required, as these will now need to be “pre-lodged” when goods are moved via locations using the Goods Vehicle Movement Service (GVMS).

As the Ports of Belfast, Larne and Warrenpoint have adopted GVMS, you will need to:

- Register for GVMS and create a Goods Movement Reference (GMR) if you are new to GVMS
- Or – if you have already registered for GVMS, you will need to create a new GMR for this new movement. The GMR will need to be presented to the Carrier at check in.

Please refer to the action required by both parties below.

Action for Declarants

In almost all instances Export Declarations are not required when moving goods from NI to GB.

If as per the link above you are exporting goods from NI to GB under a Customs Special Procedure in Northern Ireland, in an authorised temporary storage facility, or on a list of goods for which specific processes apply based on specific international obligations, then you **must ensure “pre-lodged” Export Declarations are made in CDS** and provide the Haulier moving the goods with the following information to enable them to fulfil a Goods Movement Reference (GMR):

- Declaration Unique Consignment Reference (DUCR) – this will be generated by CDS
- Any necessary licences/permits for moving the goods

If you are moving goods under Common Transit Convention only the Transit Accompanying Document (TAD) and TAD MRN needs to be provided to the Hauliers.

If you are unsure whether you need to submit a Customs Declaration for Exports – please refer to the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/check-customs-declaration#NI>

Please note that to help with Declarations being made, you can register for the Trader Support Service (TSS). The free-to-use TSS supports all businesses when moving goods between NI-GB. Register here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/trader-support-service>

The TSS can complete Export Declarations on your behalf provided it is given the necessary information and your customers have also registered with TSS. You can access training courses and how-to guides through the TSS education portal and access the dedicated contact centre for additional support.

Actions for Hauliers

If the Declarant (the party responsible for completing Customs Declarations – who may be your customer) requests you move goods from NI to GB that are under a Customs Special Procedure in Northern Ireland, in an authorised temporary storage facility, or on a list of goods for which specific processes apply based on specific international obligations, they must provide you with a valid Declaration Unique Consignment Reference (DUCR) and any necessary licences/permits. If you are unsure – check with the declarant.

The DUCR is required as part of a Goods Movement Reference (GMR) when using Goods Vehicle Movement Service (GVMS). **As the Ports of Belfast, Larne and Warrenpoint have adopted GVMS, you will need to:**

- [Register for GVMS](#) and create a GMR if you are new to GVMS
- Or – if you have already registered for GVMS, you will need to create a new [GMR](#) for this new movement. The GMR will need to be presented to the Carrier at check in.

Please note that any goods moved as described will require “pre-lodgement” via CDS and it is the responsibility of the Haulier to ensure a GMR is completed - you will not be allowed to board any ferries without a valid GMR.

Please note, if you are moving goods under the Common Transit Convention, and the Declarant has provided you with a Transit Accompanying Document (TAD) MRN you should continue to include this information in your GMR.

Actions for Haulier at the Exiting NI Port

The action required at the exiting NI Port is dependent upon the type of goods you are moving:

- 1. If you are moving goods from NI to GB that are under a Customs Special Procedure in Northern Ireland or in an authorised temporary storage**

facility: then you must report straight to the Carrier check in at the exiting NI Port (Belfast/Warrenpoint/Larne)

2. If alternatively, you are moving any goods from NI to GB where specific processes apply based on specific international obligations i.e.:

- Endangered Species
- Fluorinated Gas
- Hazardous Chemicals
- Persistent Organic Pollutants
- Drug Precursor Chemicals
- Mercury and Mercury Added Products
- Rough Diamonds
- Genetically Modified Organisms
- Firearms
- Atlantic Tuna
- Dissostichus Spp (Toothfish)
- Torture Goods

Then you must ensure the following action is taken as per the table below, for the Port you are exiting through:

Belfast	Larne	Warrenpoint
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You must report to the DAERA facility before you check in at the Port of Belfast. This facility is located at: 8 Duncrue Street, Belfast, BT3 9BJ • When reporting to the DAERA facility you must present the Declaration Unique Consignment Reference (DUCR) provided by the declarant plus the necessary <u>evidence/certificates/permits</u> confirming you can move the goods – these will be inspected by Border Force officials • After checks have been completed, Border Force officials will either provide “Permission to Progress” to the exiting Port or alternatively will advise on what corrective action needs to be taken • If given “Permission to Progress”, the goods will be sealed by Border Force who will confirm you can continue to Carrier check in at the Port of Belfast • Upon arrival at the Carrier check in you must present your Goods Movement Reference 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You must check in with the Carrier at the Port of Larne and present your Goods Movement Reference – tell the Carrier at check-in that you are carrying goods for which specific processes apply based on specific international obligations (see point 2 above) • The Carrier will then confirm whether you can proceed and board the vessel or alternatively if a check is required • If a check is required, you must attend the DAERA facility onsite at the Port of Larne for inspection – you must present the Declaration Unique Consignment Reference (DUCR) provided by the declarant plus the necessary <u>evidence/certificates/permits</u> confirming you can move the goods – these will be inspected by Border Force officials • After checks have been completed, Border Force officials will either provide “Permission to Progress” to board the vessel or alternatively will advise on what corrective action needs to be taken <p>Important: failure to attend the DAERA facility at Larne when advised to do so may</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You must report to the DAERA facility onsite at the Port of Warrenpoint (outside of the Seatruck office Building) before you check in with the Carrier • When reporting to the DAERA facility you must present the Declaration Unique Consignment Reference (DUCR) provided by the declarant plus the necessary <u>evidence/certificates/permits</u> confirming you can move the goods – these will be inspected by Border Force officials • After checks have been completed, Border Force officials will either provide “Permission to Progress” to the exiting Port or alternatively will advise on what corrective action needs to be taken • If given “Permission to Progress” by Border Force, you can continue to the Carrier check in at the Port of Warrenpoint • Upon arrival at the Carrier check in you must present your Goods Movement Reference <p>Important: failure to attend the DAERA facility Warrenpoint in advance of your</p>

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