

## 1. Changes required for imports of animal origin and animal by-products

A recent change has been implemented into the Customs Declaration Service (CDS) tariff affecting imports of products of animal origin (POAO) and animal by-products (ABP) from the EU (not including the Republic of Ireland).

Importers of these products should have been making pre-notifications on the [Import of products, animals, food and feed system](#) (IPAFFS) since January 2022 and including references from IPAFFS in the customs declarations for these goods.

This is now required and to ensure your movements are not disrupted you should make these pre-notifications on IPAFFS and include the reference from your pre-notification in your customs declaration. For further information visit [customs declarations completion requirements](#) or the [online tariff](#).

If you've already pre-lodged your declaration, you should amend it before the goods arrive in the UK to include the correct pre-notification reference from IPAFFS.

If you've pre-lodged your declaration and your goods have already arrived in the UK, you will need to re-submit your declaration with the correct pre-notification reference.

## 2. All export declarations must be made through the Customs Declaration Service by 30 November 2023.

Any business that completes export declarations will need to move declarations from our CHIEF system to the Customs Declaration Service by this date.

Different groups will be able to start making export declarations through the Customs Declaration Service at different times, so we've set out some key dates below to help you plan ahead.

- **From late February 2023** - export declarants that only move goods through ports in the UK that use the Goods Vehicle Movement Service (GVMS) - also known as non-inventory linked ports – will be contacted with details of how to start making export declarations through the Customs Declaration Service using third-party software. Declarants that use Designated Export Place (DEP) movements will need to wait until September 2023.
- **From May 2023** – we will contact export declarants that currently use the National Export System (NES) web service to submit export declarations on CHIEF to let them know how to start making export declarations through the Customs Declaration Service using our new make an export declaration online service.
- **From September 2023** – export declarants using inventory-linked ports and DEPs will be contacted with details of how to start making export declarations through the Customs Declaration Service using third-party software. All routes will be open for making declarations from September 2023.
- **After 30 November 2023** – all export declarations need to be made through the Customs Declaration Service.

To receive updates and notifications about the Customs Declaration Service, please make sure we have your [preferred email address](#).

### What you can do now

If you have not already done so, you can carry out the following steps to prepare your business for making export declarations through the Customs Declaration Service:

- 1 [Apply for an Economic Operator Registration and Identification \(EORI\) number](#) beginning with 'GB'.
- 2 [Subscribe to the Customs Declaration Service](#) so you will be able to submit export declarations from your software through the Customs Declaration Service.

Read the latest [Customs Declaration Service guidance](#) on GOV.UK - including the updated [Customs Declaration Service Toolkit](#) and ['Key differences between CHIEF and the Customs Declaration Service'](#) guidance and our introductory [UK exports guide](#).