

Brexit transition period ends 31 December 2020

Dutch ports are Ready for Brexit - are you?

As of 1 January 2021, customs formalities will apply to all freight traffic between the European Union and the United Kingdom. The Dutch ports are well prepared for this. A chain-wide solution for Brexit has been developed via [Get Ready for Brexit](#). This solution means that cargo can continue to move swiftly through the Dutch ports after Brexit. Are you ready for Brexit yet?

[This animation demonstrates how Get Ready for Brexit works in three minutes](#)

In 2021, transport with the United Kingdom will always begin with a declaration to Customs. Once this has been done, these customs documents must be pre-announced digitally at the terminals via Portbase (the Port Community System for Dutch ports). After Brexit, the digital pre-notification of customs documents will be mandatory at all ferry terminals and most shortsea terminals. Make clear agreements about who will perform this task within your logistics chain. Only then can your cargo continue to enter and leave the terminal swiftly.

No digital pre-notification means no access to the terminal. To prevent this, clear agreements on who does what is needed in all logistics chains. Get Ready for Brexit has brought that together in [5 easy steps](#).

Ready for Brexit in the Dutch ports in 5 steps

GET READY FOR BREXIT
Swiftly through the Dutch ports

EXPORT TO THE UK (Step 5) | **Steps 1 to 4**

IMPORT FROM THE UK (Step 5) | **Steps 1 to 4**

WAREHOUSE

Stakeholders: IMPORTER EXPORTER, CUSTOMS, FORWARDER CUSTOMS AGENT, TRANSPORTER, PORTBASE

Step 1. Register with Customs
As a new importer or exporter, you require an EORI number from Customs. Arrange this as soon as possible. Also if you let another party handle your import or export declarations for you.

Step 2. Decide who submits the import or export declaration to Customs
Will you submit the customs documents for your cargo yourself? Or will you use a forwarder or customs agent for this?

Step 3. Determine who will digitally pre-notify the customs documents at the terminal
After Brexit, the digital pre-notification of customs documents will be mandatory at all ferry terminals and most shortsea terminals. Make clear agreements about who will perform this task within your logistics chain.

Step 4. Subscribe to the Portbase services for pre-notification
You can digitally pre-notify customs documents at ferry terminals and shortsea terminals via the Portbase services Notification Import Documentation and Notification Export Documentation.

Step 5. Verify whether the terminal has the customs documents prior to departure
You can digitally verify this via the Portbase services Import Status and Track & Trace Export. Only correctly pre-notified cargo may enter and leave the terminal. No document means no access.

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Are you ready? Only together can we prevent delays!

