



# DPD Ireland's Brexit Guide

Keeping our customers informed






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# Brexit Plans

Brexit is due to come into effect on January 1st, 2021 - the transition period ends on December 31st, 2020. For all goods coming into or out of the Republic of Ireland from/to Great Britain, declarations will be required. For goods coming into NI from GB declarations will also be required. Declarations are not required for goods travelling from NI to GB via DPD.

## Here at DPD Ireland...

-  We've rolled out our new Brexit-ready Shipping Solution
-  We've established new direct linehaul routes to Europe
-  We've established new customs warehouses in Athlone and Dublin - our Irish customs colleagues will be based at our sites
-  We are establishing new customs warehouses in Northern Ireland
-  We've recruited our team of Customs Brokers and established the DPD Customs Academy

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Brexit Web Page [dpd.ie/Brexit-Update](https://dpd.ie/Brexit-Update)



# Our Strategy

Here at DPD our preparations for Brexit are continuing at a pace to ensure that we can maintain a smooth movement of parcels through the DPD Network.

- One of the best ways to minimise the risk of increased transit times and costs is to ensure data is accurate and complete.
- This means ensuring that you have the commodity code (Customs Harmonised System or HS code) for each of your products and a clear description against each one.
- For more information on this please visit the Enterprise Ireland website: [prepareforbrexit.com](http://prepareforbrexit.com)  
[dpd.ie/Brexit-Update-For-Shippers](http://dpd.ie/Brexit-Update-For-Shippers)

## Commodity Codes

- Commodity codes, also known as HS codes, represent the product or products that you're sending and can be recognised worldwide by all customs systems in countries that are members of the WTO, including the EU.
- This eliminates language barriers and issues with vague descriptions at customs clearance points.
- Basic commodity codes are 8 digits long, however to be fully compliant and ensure your products do not incur delays, we recommend classifying your products using the 10 digit format as this is universally recognised at both export and import level.





# Your Strategy

We're keen to know what your Brexit strategy is and what kind of help you might need in a post-Brexit world.

## How can you prepare for Brexit?

Whilst every business is different and your plans will be individual to the needs of your business and customers, DPD aims to help all of our customers prepare for Brexit in any way we can.

The next few pages will outline several areas that will help you get your business ready for Brexit and continue to ship successfully into the UK.

# Data

Trading under any kind of scenario post-Brexit will mean some form of customs clearance and the requirement for more detail about your goods than you currently provide.

- ❏ On the next page, we have detailed a list of additional information that we will need your business to provide us within your parcel data.
- ❏ For customers who **upload data files** or **request labels via an API call**, either to DPD directly or via a shipping platform, you will have to make adjustments to these files and/or API calls in order to comply with customs requirements. We have a full specification document available to help you with your preparations. Please contact [integrations@dpd.ie](mailto:integrations@dpd.ie)
- ❏ For customers who enter data manually via the **DPD Customer Dispatch System**, we will be introducing a new Shipping Solution over the coming weeks which provides fields for all the relevant information required to ensure that you are compliant.





# Essential Data for Shipping post Brexit

Additional data types are required in order to trade successfully with the GB from the UK.

In addition to the topics already covered in this guide, please consider how you would provide the following:

## Total Weight

The total weight of your parcel or consignment in KG (for products weighing less than 1KG, weight should be declared as a fraction of a KG and not in grams).

## Country of Manufacture

Also known as country of origin. Where the goods were manufactured. Customs will want to see this to ensure that nothing is imported that contravenes local laws.

## Invoice Value

The final total that you are declaring to customs. This should be the total value of the parcel or consignment plus any additional shipping charges.





## Reason for Export

The reason for export can affect how your shipment is cleared and how much duty/VAT is imposed on your shipment.

## Freight charges

**New Requirement from this year for HMRC.**

Freight charges need to be provided to HMRC separate from the invoice (intrinsic value of the goods. DPD's Shipping Solution and API and EDI specs will be updated to take these new fields - these will be rolled out to you later this month.

-  The Invoice Value should be the cost of the goods to the buyer, excluding the freight costs.
-  Freight charge is the price the seller is charging the buyer of the goods, NOT what the seller is paying for freight.
-  There is no such thing as "free shipping" in customs. Everything has a cost, even if the buyer is not charging the seller because they spent over a certain amount in the one sale. A cost should still be provided in this field.
-  Freight charges need to be in the same currency as the invoice value.

# Getting EORI Registered

In the EU, an Economic Operator Registration and Identification (EORI) number is assigned to importers and exporters by Revenue and is used during the customs clearance process for both import and export shipments travelling to or from the EU.

In a post-Brexit world it will be a mandatory requirement for a business to have an EORI number to ship into the UK from the EU.

You can register for an EORI number easily by visiting [Revenue.ie](https://www.revenue.ie).

It's free to get EORI registered and we recommend all customers do this as soon as possible.

For more information visit [Revenue.ie](https://www.revenue.ie)

# Shipping Multi-parcel Consignments

For customs clearance purposes, all multi-parcel shipments must be declared together to Revenue.



# Duty and VAT

When the UK leaves the EU, goods exported to GB or imported from GB will incur VAT and possibly duty.




## Exports

Post-Brexit, exports to GB will be subject to duty/VAT collection. If this is the case, you should be prepared to apply a zero rate for VAT, in the same way you may do now to non-EU destinations, so that VAT can be collected when the goods are cleared into the UK.

## Duty Rates

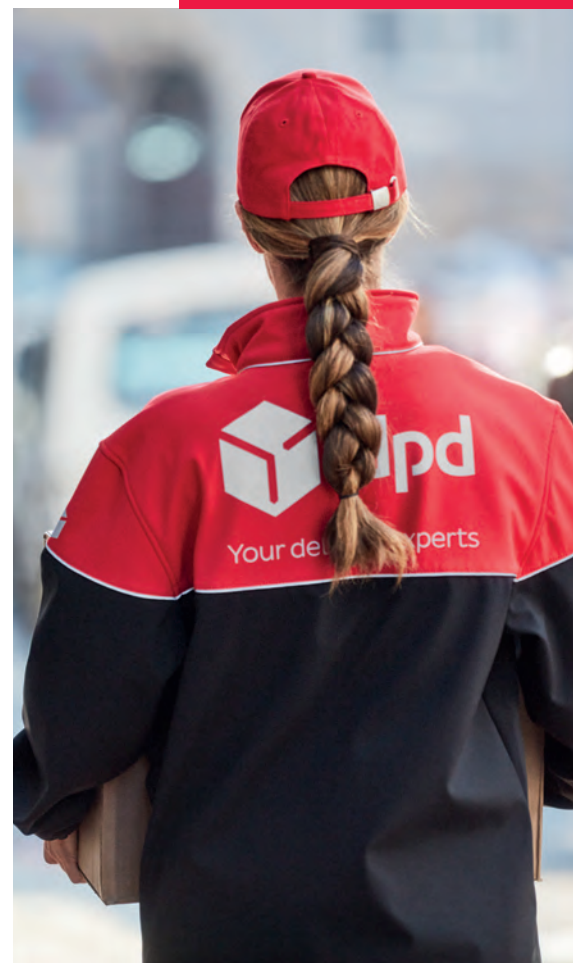
Duty rates are dependent on the commodity shipped, which is why we strongly recommend accurate commodity classification codes and accurate descriptions are provided, so that your customer pays the right amount of duty.

Some examples of duty rates for shipping from an existing third country to the EU under WTO rules are listed below:





-  Men's/Boys Shirts/T-shirts 12%
-  Leather Handbags 4%
-  Trainers 17%

For more information visit the [TARIC website](#)

**NB:** For guidance only and subject to change pending the final outcome of negotiations



## What can you do now?

-  Register with Revenue for an EORI number for international trade
-  Have your goods classified with the correct commodity code to ensure your sales and orders have the correct duty amounts applied
-  Ensure that all product values are declared accurately on accompanying invoices or data
-  Speak to your DPD Account Manager or contact [brexit@dpd.ie](mailto:brexit@dpd.ie)



## Terms of Delivery/ International Commercial Terms (Incoterms)

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Incoterms are a method of making clear who is responsible for importing goods and who is responsible for paying any outstanding duty/VAT.

### Terms of Delivery:

DAP (Delivered At Place)

This means that Taxes and Duties will be collected by DPD prior to delivery being effected.

Please contact your  
Account Manager or  
[brexit@dpd.ie](mailto:brexit@dpd.ie) for  
more information.





# Summary Checklist

Register with revenue.ie for your EORI number	<input type="checkbox"/>
Classify goods with the correct 10 digit commodity code (HS Code)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ensure product country of origin is declared with product data	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ensure all product values are declared accurately on accompanying invoices or data	<input type="checkbox"/>
Check product descriptions are accurate and compliant against the commodity code	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ensure recipient mobile telephone numbers, email and addresses are captured	<input type="checkbox"/>
Check that all additional required information is passed through to DPD in the data from your systems	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provide Freight Charges to HMRC separate from the invoice (intrinsic) value of the goods.	<input type="checkbox"/>

**For more info check out our FAQs on our website**

You can do this on the Brexit page of our website

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Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proforma	<input type="checkbox"/>		
1. Date of Invoice		2. Consignment No.			
3. Shipper's Name		8. Receiver's Name			
4. Shipper's Address		9. Receiver's Address			
5. Contact Name		10. Contact Name			
6. Contact Number		11. Contact Number			
7. Shipper's EORI No. *Mandatory for Businesses		12. Receiver's EORI No. *Mandatory for Businesses			
13. No. of pieces		14. Total Weight			
15. HTS Codes	16. Full Description of Goods	17. No. of Items	18. Unit Value	19. Total Value	20. Country of Origin
			21. Total Value EUR		
22. Reason for Export					
23. Terms of Delivery	DAP				
24. I declare that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. The exporter of the products covered by this document, declares that, except where otherwise clearly indicated, these products are of _____ preferential origin.					
I declare that the products covered by this document are not subject to any export or import prohibitions & restrictions.					
25. For and on behalf of the above named company:					
Signature:			Print Name:		

### When to Supply an invoice

If you send shipments through the DPD Ireland Network to a non-EU destination you will need to supply Customs paperwork in the form of a Proforma or Commercial Invoice in order to clear your shipment through Customs at its destination.

Invoices are not required for EU countries: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania.



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# The DPD Guide to Getting Brexit ready

