

EU CUSTOMS OVERVIEW

Country Guide Professional reference for international trade teams

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WORKFLOW OVERVIEW

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Structured trade knowledge for EU Customs Overview from Trade Knowledge Foundation

* Primary customs valuation and trade settlement document listing goods, value, and terms.

* Details packages, weights, and contents must align with invoice and transport document.

BUSINESS BACKGROUND

EORI, VAT, CE marking references, and common import documents for EU. enterprise trade guide with workflow, examples, FAQ, and related tools.

* Exporters, importers, and trade operations teams

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STEP-BY-STEP PROCESS

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REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Document / Requirement

- Commercial invoice
- Packing list
- B/L/CMR
- Customs declaration
- CE dossier if required
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COUNTRY REGULATIONS

- * Union Customs Code import entry
- * EORI registration
- * EU-wide regulations (CE, REACH, GDPR in trade data)
- * Import VAT cash flow deferment schemes vary by member state

INDUSTRY NOTES

- * CE Machinery Directive (EU)
- * Product safety & technical files
- * HS Chapters 84 85 classification
- * FCC (US), CE/RoHS (EU), CCC (China)
- * Lithium battery transport (IATA/IMDG)
- * Anti-dumping duties on select HS lines
- * CE Machinery Directive
- * ISO 9001

PRACTICAL EXAMPLES

- * Authoritative content for EU Customs Overview following Country Resource Blueprint structure.

CHECKLISTS

- * EORI registration for EU customs
- * VAT and IOSS/e-commerce rules overview
- * CE marking and product compliance references
- * Common import documents across member states
- * Commercial invoice
- * Packing list
- * B/L/CMR
- * Customs declaration

COMMON MISTAKES

- * Missing Incoterms
- * Invoice/packing quantity mismatch
- * Undervaluation
- * Weight mismatch vs B/L
- * Missing marks & numbers

FAQ

- * Q: What does the the European Union Import Requirements Guide cover? A: Customs, documentation, and compliance for shipping goods to the European Union.
- * Q: Is this a commercial invoice template? A: No downloadable country compliance PDF, not a fillable invoice.
- * Q: Who should use this resource? A: Exporters and forwarders planning shipments to this market.
- * Q: How often should rules be verified? A: Before each new product line or contract regulations change.
- * Q: How to use with Trade31? A: Download PDF, use landed-cost tools, and review related knowledge articles.

BEST PRACTICES

- * Wooden crates ISPM 15
- * Anti-static bags and foam
- * Pre-shipment inspection (PSI) when contracted
- * Functional test sampling

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