

UK IMPORT REQUIREMENTS GUIDE

Country Guide Professional reference for international trade teams

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WORKFLOW OVERVIEW

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Structured trade knowledge for UK Import Requirements Guide 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

UK customs, VAT, and product compliance after Brexit trade rules. 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

- Customs declaration

- EORI reference

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COUNTRY REGULATIONS

- * CDS import declaration
- * GB EORI registration
- * Post-Brexit compliance awareness essential
- * GB EORI required EU EORI not sufficient

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 UK Import Requirements Guide following Country Resource Blueprint structure.

CHECKLISTS

- * Post-Brexit UK customs and CHIEF/CDS entry
- * UK VAT and EORI (GB) requirements
- * Product safety and UKCA marking references
- * Import declaration and broker roles
- * Commercial invoice
- * Packing list
- * B/L
- * 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 United Kingdom Import Requirements Guide cover? A: Customs, documentation, and compliance for shipping goods to the United Kingdom.
- * 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.
- * Q: Do EU EORI numbers still work for UK? A: UK requires GB EORI for imports into Great Britain verify current HMRC guidance.

BEST PRACTICES

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

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