

Changes to UK-EU trade post-Trade and Cooperation Agreement

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This is a summary of available guidance for UK wine and spirits companies following the implementation of the [EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement](#). Members may also wish to send the guide to businesses in the EU27 or third countries to ensure they are aware of changes to trade as a result of the end of the transition period on 31 December 2020.

This document links to both UK Government guidance and WSTA guidance which can be found on the Trade 21 hub. Please contact info@wsta.co.uk if you need a login or new password for the hub.

The following document is based on the best information the WSTA has to hand. It does not comprise an exhaustive list. It should not be seen as a blueprint for individual business decisions. It is recommended that where required, businesses seek relevant legal or other professional advice.

If you recognise an issue you would like to see included which is not currently listed, please get in touch with Bex (Rebekah@wsta.co.uk).

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Certification and VI-1s

Check Certificate of Origin requirements. This may be applicable if you are trying to claim a tariff free allowance, or if your EU importer specifically requests one.

The WSTA is currently checking these requirements and will circulate further information in due course.

<https://www.check-duties-customs-exporting-goods.service.gov.uk/selectdest>

Guidance on VI-1 requirements for moving wine between the UK, EU and NI

WSTA VI-1 guidance can be found on the [Trade 21 hub](#)

Geographical Indications (GIs)

Check if changes to GI schemes affects your business

The WSTA GI guide can be found on the [Trade 21 hub](#)

Incoterms

Find out if you need to change your incoterms.

The WSTA Incoterms guide can be found on the [Trade 21 hub](#)

IT and data

Budget for the implementation of new software

Check if you need to change your contract to keep accessing personal data from the EU, Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/using-personal-data-in-your-business-or-other-organisation-after-the-transition-period>

Labelling

If you are looking to export a product to the EU, make sure the product is labelled correctly, including an EU-based business address. The rules for labelling wine and

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spirits are different, and guidance can be found on the WSTA's Trade 21 hub.

If you are establishing a subsidiary in the EU to act as an EU FBO, ensure that the subsidiary meets the legal requirements of being a legal EU-27 entity.

If selling products in multiple EU countries, make sure that allergen information is in a language understandable by the consumers of the country the product is being sold in

Ensure that all products being sold in Northern Ireland comply with EU labelling rules

The WSTA “What does being established in the EU mean?” guide can be found on the [Trade 21 hub](#)

The WSTA wine and spirit labelling guides can be found on the [Trade 21 hub](#)

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Movement of goods and supply chain

If you buy chemicals from the EU, you will need to register on the new UK REACH system

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/how-to-comply-with-reach-chemical-regulations>

Changes to moving excise goods, including leaving the EU's EMCS system	Exporting: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/exporting-excise-goods-to-the-eu-from-1-january-2021 Importing: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/importing-excise-goods-to-the-uk-from-the-eu-from-1-january-2021
Moving goods into, out of, or through Northern Ireland from 1 January 2021	https://www.gov.uk/guidance/moving-goods-into-out-of-or-through-northern-ireland-from-1-january-2021
Data requirements for CHIEF and CDS (if you are trading with NI)	https://www.gov.uk/government/news/getting-ready-for-the-customs-declaration-service
Appointing a customs agent	https://www.gov.uk/guidance/appoint-someone-to-deal-with-customs-on-your-behalf
EORI number registration guidance	https://www.gov.uk/eori
Moving goods to the EU or Common Transit countries (EU, Switzerland, Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein)	https://www.gov.uk/guidance/what-you-need-to-move-goods-between-or-through-common-transit-countries-including-the-eu

Guidance for hauliers - ensure you are able to provide any information they require

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/carry-out-international-road-haulage-from-1-january-2021>

Organics

If you produce, process or import organic products make sure you are certified by a UK control body

The WSTA “Import and export of organic products” guide can be found on the [Trade 21 hub](#)

Check how to export organic food to the EU, and how to label and trade it

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People

Check if you need a visa or work permit to travel to an EU country

<https://www.gov.uk/visit-europe-1-january-2021/business-travel-extra-requirements>

Seasonal worker visa guidance

<https://www.gov.uk/seasonal-worker-visa>

Guidance on licences for employing workers from the EU, Switzerland, Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein	https://www.gov.uk/guidance/recruiting-people-from-outside-the-uk-from-1-january-2021
EU Settlement Scheme guidance	https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families

Trade agreements

UK trade agreements with non-EU countries	https://www.gov.uk/guidance/uk-trade-agreements-with-non-eu-countries
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Taxes and tariffs

Guidance on processes to avoid paying customs duty upfront.	The WSTA “Managing Tariff Status & Payments” guide can be found on the Trade 21 hub
Guidance for bulk bottlers on OPR/IPR - to avoid paying tariffs twice	The WSTA “Bulk bottlers – Inward Processing Relief and Outward Processing Relief” guide can be found on the Trade 21 hub

Guidance on import VAT

The WSTA “import VAT” guide can be found on the [Trade 21 hub](#)

Check when you can account for import VAT on your VAT Return from 1 January 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/check-when-you-can-account-for-import-vat-on-your-vat-return>

Check if you need to pay a tariff on the goods you import from 1 January 2021

The WSTA “tariffs” guide can be found on the [Trade 21 hub](#)

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/uk-tariffs-from-1-january-2021>

Check duties and customs procedures for exporting goods

<https://www.gov.uk/check-duties-customs-exporting>

Wood Packaging Materials (WPMs)

Wood packaging ISPM15 international standards guide

The WSTA Wood Packaging Materials guide can be found on the [Trade 21 hub](#)