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Trader Support Service (TSS)

Weekly bulletin: Key updates to support you

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TSS tips: making the most of the Assisted Completion Service

Have you used the [TSS Assisted Completion Service](#) for one of your Supplementary Declarations?

With the Assisted Completion Service, a TSS agent will complete up to five Supplementary Declarations a month on your behalf. This includes data submission on the portal and help with resolution of any errors.

Simply click the **Assisted Completion** button on each of your five declarations on the [TSS Portal](#) and a TSS agent will complete these declarations on your behalf!

All you need to do is provide the agent with some important information from your Commercial Invoice and Packing Slip using a provided template. The 'Help' and 'Examples' tabs on the data template provided by the TSS agent will show you how to extract the information required from these two documents.

An overview of where to find the data required can be found in the image below.

Example of where goods movement data can be located on a Commercial Invoice and Packing List

Commercial Invoice										
Date:		Invoice No.:								15 In-voice number
Exporter:		Consignee:								
Address:		Address:								
City/State/Zip Code:		City/State/Zip Code:								
Country:		Country:								
Phone/Fax:		Phone/Fax:								
Contact Person:		Contact Person:								
Tax ID No (EIN):	Total Gross Weight:	Transportation:	Tax ID No (EIN):	Terms of Sale:						17 INCOTERMS
Other:	Total # of Pieces:	A/W/L #:	Currency:							12 Currency
Commodity Description:	HS:	Country of Manufacture:	City:	UCM:	Unit Price:	Total Amount:				13 Item price/value
These commodities, technologies or software were exported from the United States in accordance with export administration regulations. Diversion contrary to United States law prohibited. We certify that this Commercial Invoice is true and correct.					Subtotal:					
					Freight Cost:					19 Freight charge (GBP)
					Insurance Cost:					
					Total Invoice Value:					
(We hereby certify that the information on this invoice is true and correct and that the contents of this shipment are as stated above.)										
Name:	Signature:	Date:								

Packing List										
Exporter:		Invoice No. & Date:			Exporter ref:					
		Buyer's Order No. & Date:			(Other references):					
Consignee:		Buyer (if other than consignee):								
		Country of origin of goods:								
		Country of final destination:								
Pre-Carriage by:	Place of Receipt by pre-carrier:	Handling information if any:								9 Net mass (kg)
Vessel/Flight No. / S/N:	Port of Loading (BOM):	Net weight:		Gross weight:						6 Gross Mass (kg)
Port of Discharge:	Final Destination:									
Mark & Numbers:	No. & Kind of Package:	Description of Goods:	Quantity:	Remarks:						7 Description of goods
Container No.:										
Carton No.:	L x B x H cm* / 6000 -									
Box No.:	L (mm) x B (mm) x H (mm)									
1)	Volumetric weight		Kgs							
2)	Actual weight		Kgs							
3)	Total Net weight		Kgs							
4)	Total Gross weight		Kgs							
5)	Signature / Date / Co. Stamp									
6)										

Note: The Assisted Completion Service is available to all TSS registered users for Supplementary Declarations, except where already using a customs agent or intermediary on TSS. For additional information, see the [detailed service guide](#).

Northern Ireland Protocol Bill: update on new legislation

On 27 June, the Foreign Secretary Liz Truss led the second reading of the Northern Ireland Protocol Bill. The UK Government published a document earlier this month that summarises the issues arising from the Northern Ireland Protocol as it stands, and how the Bill seeks to resolve them. You can access the document on [GOV.UK](#).

For now, and as the new legislation progresses through Parliament, current arrangements will remain in place; with businesses able to continue to move goods into and out of Northern Ireland in the same way they do now.

Error code guidance – CDS40013

If when submitting your declaration you encounter the **CDS error code CDS40013**, this is because an invalid value has been added (e.g. an invalid commodity code).

How to find the error

The error message displayed on the declaration will point to the field that should be reviewed. In the example below, the error is with the commodity code in the first goods item.

Error Message

```
CDS40013 Data element contains invalid value
:->Shipment->Item Line(1)->Commodity->Classification;FriendlyName: Commodity Classification
: Invalid nomenclature codes
```

Check out [this video](#) for support with reading error messages.

How to solve the error

The exact solution for the error will vary based on the field causing the issue. Once you determine which data field is causing the issue, review the exact requirements for that field in the [declaration data guide](#).

In the example above, the error message indicates that the error is caused by an issue with the commodity code. The TSS [declaration data guide](#) will refer you to the [Northern Ireland Online Tariff on GOV.UK](#) to validate that you have the right commodity code. Make sure that you have entered the correct date of import when you use the online tariff tool as commodity code numbers may change year to year.

If you need any further support resolving this error code, please contact the [TSS Contact Centre](#) on 0800 060 8888.

TSS tips: claiming preference under the TCA

Traders can claim preferential tariffs as a result of the EU–UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA) for Great Britain to Northern Ireland movements if they meet certain Rules of Origin criteria.

The TCA grants tariff-free access for trade between the UK and EU for the majority of goods, subject to the goods entering the EU meeting UK origin requirements.

Traders moving goods that can be proved to be of UK origin under the TCA can claim preferential tariffs, if the goods moved directly from Great Britain to Northern Ireland. The applicable EU duty would then be zero.

A quick overview of Rules of Origin

Rules of Origin determine the nationality of a product. When trading under the terms of a Free Trade Agreement, importers/exporters must prove that the goods originate in the UK to access preferential tariff rates when moving goods into NI/EU. A good can be classified as originating from the UK if it is fully manufactured within the UK (including all component parts) or if some component parts imported but there has been either:

- A substantial transformation of that product in the UK, **OR**

- A change in tariff classification in the UK

Confirming whether your goods movements satisfy Rules of Origin can be difficult. There are different rules for different commodity codes that determine how much 'content' needs to come from the UK or EU to qualify for preferential rates. More information on rules of origin can be found on [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk) and you can reach out to the [TSS Contact Centre](#) for support with any questions.

How to declare preference under the TCA on your TSS declarations

To declare preference under the TCA on your TSS declaration, you need to follow the instructions outlined in section 4.8 in the [tariff guide on NICTA](#). This includes:

- Selecting the 'Preference under the TCA' within the **NI Additional Information Code** field
- Populating the **Preference** field
- Populating the **Country of Preferential Origin** field
- Populating the **Document Reference** tab with the required **Document Code, Document Reference** and **Document Status**

For more support with claiming preference under the TCA, review the tariff guide on NICTA or reach out to the [TSS Contact Centre](#).

TSS in action: supporting a freight services company with a Rules of Origin query

Do you have questions about the origin of goods and moving them Great Britain to Northern Ireland? If so, we're here to help.

Goulding Freight Services Ltd. provides freight forwarding, warehousing and distribution services. Their customs coordinator, Issy Foulder-Hughes, contacted TSS about goods they wanted to move from Great Britain to Northern Ireland. She had realised that the goods had originated in Russia and was concerned this was a Russian sanctions issue.

During the call, it became evident that the goods had moved Russia – Portugal – GB. The TSS consultant asked for the Russian export details and determined that this was not a sanctions issue. The goods were in warehouse storage in London, and it was unclear if they had been released for free circulation, as there was no UK import documentation. TSS advised that once the trader has proof of free circulation the goods could move from GB to NI.

In a follow-up email, Issy was very appreciative of the help she had received: "I needed some professional advice regarding Russian origin goods – which were the first ones I had ever seen in my career. I submitted my case on TSS and you came to the rescue. I really appreciated not only your knowledge and professional advice but also the time you took to update me on your findings as well as help me develop my own knowledge."

If you are in need of any support or guidance on Rules of Origin and the Northern Ireland Protocol, then please do not hesitate to contact the TSS Contact Centre on 0800 060 8888 or via the TSS portal.

Apply for and use your own Duty Deferment Account (DDA)

Using your own Duty Deferment Account (DDA) allows you to delay paying most customs or tax charges when you import goods or release goods from an excise warehouse.

Both traders and agents/intermediaries can apply for a DDA.

As an agent or intermediary submitting customs declarations on behalf of a trader, you may use either your own DDA or your trader's, provided that your trader has authorised you to act on their behalf.

To apply for a DDA for use in Northern Ireland, please provide all required information for your application to be processed. HMRC aims to process the application as soon as possible but it may be longer before you are able to use your DDA as a Customs Comprehensive Guarantee (CCG) is also needed for all Northern Ireland DDA applications.

You should aim to apply as soon as you can. More information about how to apply can be found [here](#).

Once your application has been successful, refer to this [guidance](#) on NICTA on how to add the DDA details to your TSS profile and your Customs Declaration Service (CDS) financial dashboard.

Apply to the UK Trader Scheme (UKTS) to declare goods not 'at risk' of moving to the European Union

If you are moving goods from Great Britain to Northern Ireland and those goods are to remain in Northern Ireland, you can declare your goods as being not 'at risk' of moving into the EU to avoid becoming subject to EU import duty. Becoming authorised under the UK Trader Scheme (UKTS) is the simplest way to be able to declare goods not 'at risk'.

To review the eligibility criteria and make an application, [visit the UK Trader Scheme page on GOV.UK](#). We recommend that you allow sufficient time for the application process and apply at least a month before you intend to move your goods.

Some key points to consider:

- You should be moving goods from Great Britain to Northern Ireland, with your goods for sale to, or for final use by end consumers located in the UK
- You will need to demonstrate that your goods are:

- Not 'at risk' of moving to the EU by being able to show records, systems, controls, and evidence of your Great Britain to Northern Ireland movements
- For sale to, or provided for final use by, end consumers located in the UK
- You must meet the [qualification criteria](#) for the scheme

For further information about how to apply click [here](#).

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