

## **CDS To CHIEF Migration**

CHIEF has served the UK well, but is nearly 30 years old and cannot match the technology that the Customs Declaration Service (CDS) offers. CDS aligns with the Government's trade growth agenda and the 2025 Border Strategy and will serve as the UK's single customs platform - all businesses will need to declare goods through the Customs Declaration Service from these dates.

Ahead of the closure, HMRC will withdraw CHIEF services in two stages

- 30 September 2022: new import declarations close on CHIEF
- 31 March 2023: new export declarations close on CHIEF / National Exports System

**Please note, Containerlift will be switching to CDS before the above closure dates, date TBC.**

### **Customs Declaration Service (CDS)**

The new CDS platform:

- Is more resilient, reliable, mobile, cost effective and adaptable.
- Is fully compliant with Union Customs Code (UCC) legislation and operates both the UK and EU Trade Tariffs.
- Has the flexibility to grow in line with the Government's ambitious trade plans to have the world's most efficient customs system by 2025.

### **Actions you need to do**

As Containerlift prepares to switch from CHIEF to CDS, there are things that we need you to do, to enable us to continue to support you.

#### **Duty Deferment Account**

Anyone who has their own Duty Deferment Account will need to register a new Direct Debit Instruction (DDI). CDS uses a separate HMRC bank account to CHIEF and a new CDS DDI will be required. It can take approx 24 hours before your new DDI is live and therefore any delay in setting up could delay your goods if not done prior to Containerlift migrating across to CDS.

Please note, you will need to grant Containerlift authority to use your Duty Deferment Account on your Government Gateway.

CHIEF DDI should not be cancelled - this is to settle outstanding CHIEF payments.

Link to setting up DDI for CDS

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/set-up-a-direct-debit-for-a-duty-deferment-account-on-the-customs-declaration-service>

## **EORI**

If you had registered for your GB EORI before 01/02/2019, then you'll need to subscribe to CDS via their Government Gateway. Please note, if a new GB EORI has been applied for since 01/02/2019 automatic registration to CDS will have occurred. However, please double check you are registered with CDS prior to the dates as outlined previously, an export or import declaration cannot be made on your behalf if your EORI is not registered to CDS and therefore goods will not clear customs.

### **Link to subscribing to CDS**

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/get-access-to-the-customs-declaration-service#giving-access-to-others-in-your-business>

### **CPC and Commodity Codes**

Please note that all CPC (Customer Procedure Codes) will change, and some commodity codes will require additional information. This may result on additional information being requested, which has not been needed in the past.

### **Useful links**

Below are some useful links regarding CDS

#### **CDS communication pack**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/customs-declaration-service-communication-pack>

#### **Traders check list**

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/1075026/Trader Checklist Moving to the Customs Declaration Service PRI NT .pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1075026/Trader_Checklist_Moving_to_the_Customs_Declaration_Service_PRI_NT_.pdf)

#### **CDS finance guide**

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/930057/8119 CDS Finance Factsheet v4 accessible.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/930057/8119_CDS_Finance_Factsheet_v4_accessible.pdf)

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