



# BREXIT ... AND ITS CONSEQUENCES FOR YOUR BINDING TARIFF INFORMATION

Are you currently using a British BTI for your trade operations with the European Union and are you wondering how Brexit will affect this? Read this document carefully and prepare yourself for a possible Brexit as of today.

## **BREXIT SCENARIO**

When the United Kingdom leaves the EU definitively on March 29, the Union Customs Code will no longer apply to the United Kingdom. As a result, all BTI's delivered by the British customs authorities will immediately cease to be valid, as well as the BTI's delivered by the Belgian customs authorities to holders with a British EORI number.

## **WHO WILL BE AFFECTED?**

As a consequence, companies will no longer be able to use their invalidated BTI's and find themselves in a situation of legal uncertainty. Therefore, they would be well advised to ask for a new BTI in an EU member state as soon as possible in order to secure their future import and/or export transactions to or from the European Union.

## **WHY APPLY FOR A NEW BTI IN BELGIUM?**



You can submit an application to the Belgian customs office to receive a new BTI as a replacement for an invalid BTI. An accelerated procedure has been put in place.



## ACCELERATED PROCEDURE

### CONDITIONS?

- Be in possession of a valid EORI number.
- Fill in the reference number of your old BTI and the commodity code on the application form (section 5)! This is absolutely necessary for your application to be valid!
- Transmit all available information about the product to the customs authorities, such as:
  - Technical file
  - Material Safety Data Sheet
  - Certificates of Analysis
  - Composition and function of the product
  - Production process
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### HOW TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION?

- In one of the national languages of Belgium (NL/FR/DE); however, British companies are allowed to submit their application form in English.
- Normally by ordinary post, but British companies can submit a one-time electronic application by sending an e-mail to [da.lex.tariff@minfin.fed.be](mailto:da.lex.tariff@minfin.fed.be).
- As of October 2019 all applications will be submitted electronically.
- If ordinary post: send the standard form to:  
General Administration of Customs and Excise – premium rate  
Koning Albert II-laan 33 - PO box 37 - A8  
1030 Brussels (Belgium)

You will receive a letter (for applications by ordinary post) or an e-mail (for e-mail applications) acknowledging receipt of your BTI application. A file administrator will convert the old UK BTI into a new, identical Belgian BTI.

When issued, the original BTI will be sent to the British holder by registered post. A copy of all documents will be transmitted electronically to the customs representative to make sure the correct BTI is immediately available. The procedure takes **ten working days** at most.

Please note that the BTI is delivered in one of the national languages of Belgium (NL/FR/DE), without exception.

### LEARN MORE ABOUT BTI

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