

## Customs Warehousing

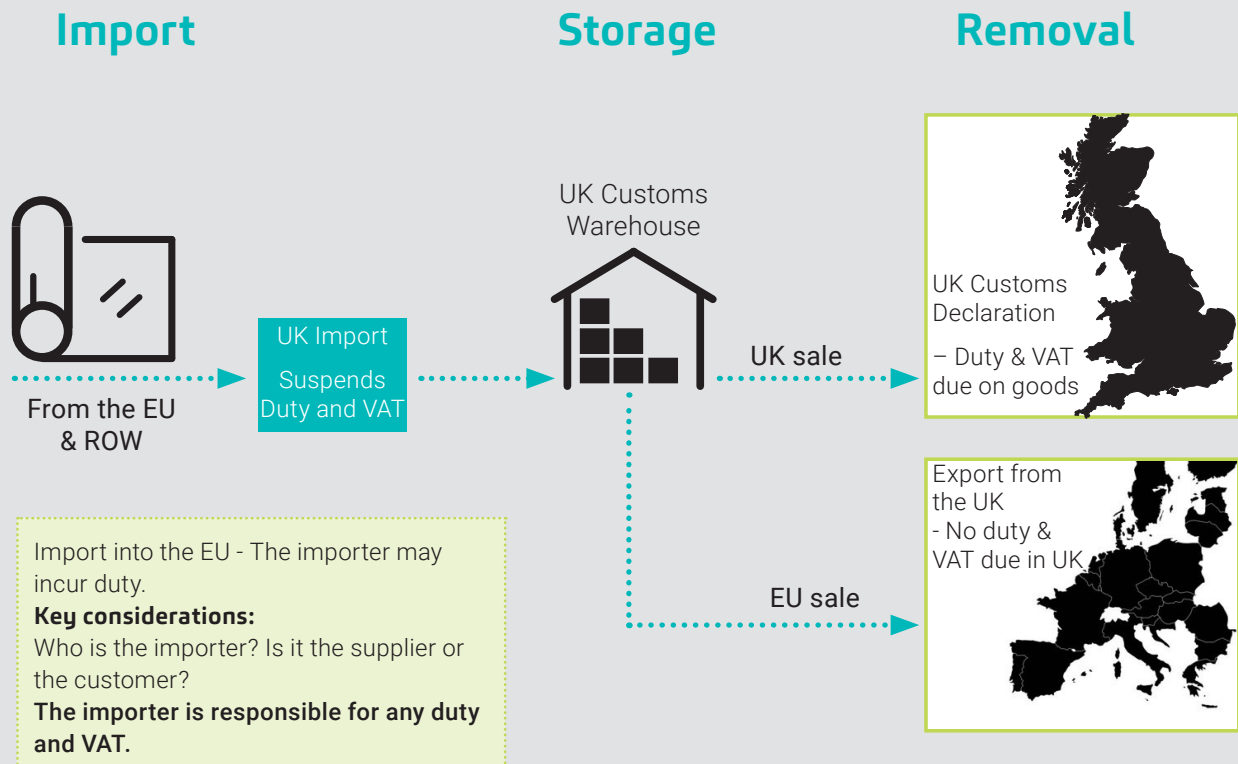
The importance of Customs Warehousing in a No-Deal Brexit scenario.

Customs warehousing means your business can import bulk consignments of goods into the UK, intended to be sold to UK, EU or worldwide customers without incurring customs duties and import VAT at time of entry into the UK. Customs duties only become liable on removal from the warehouse on sale into the UK market.

From the 1st January 2021, importing goods into the UK for onward supply to the EU raises the risk of "double-duties". On the goods entering the UK and again when they are imported into the EU. Unlike VAT, customs duty is non-refundable and is a bottom line cost to the business.

Potential border changes for Northern Ireland after Brexit, means that customs warehousing may minimise the duty impact within the UK as sales to Southern Ireland will become exports to the EU.

Along with customs warehousing businesses should consider using Customs Freight Simplified Procedures (CFSP). CFSP allows a warehouse to remove goods from their stock system and account for the customs duties using a duty management system. This simplifies matters where a business makes sales to wholesalers and end-users by allowing easier control of the management of customs duties.





## Customs warehousing should be considered by businesses in the following scenarios post-brexit:

UK company imports a consignment of goods from China for onward sale, but the customer is not known at time of importation. On arrival into the UK the goods are liable to customs duty and import VAT. The imported goods are later sold to companies based in the UK, France and USA. With a customs warehouse, customs duties would only be liable on the goods sold to UK customers as the sales to France and USA would be exports and therefore the customs duties are discharged. The use of customs warehousing would minimise the impact of the customs duties currently paid on goods sold to the EU.

A UK company imports a consignment of goods from the EU that are sold to UK or EU customers for use in manufacturing. The customer is not known at time of importation and the goods are liable to customs duty and import VAT. Sales are made to customers in the UK, Germany and Spain. The UK customer has Inward Processing Relief so the goods can be "transferred", whereby the duty liability is passed on. The goods sold to customers in Germany and Spain can be exported for import into an EU customs warehouse or IPR authorisations without paying the customs duties.



## Inward Processing Relief (IPR)

Does your company manufacture goods? If so, then IPR should be a consideration as part of its Brexit planning.

Inward Processing Relief (IPR) is a customs regime which allows companies to import goods from outside the EU for processing. Once the UK leaves the EU this will relate to all imports into the UK. The "finished" goods must be disposed of in an approved manner, such as re-export outside the UK, transfer to another IPR holder or sale into the UK.

Customs duties would only become liable where the finished goods are sold to UK companies who

do not have IPR authorisation. In this instance, the duties would be liable at time of sale on the value of the non-UK goods entered to IPR.

There are many scenarios where inward processing relief would be beneficial in a post-Brexit world, but they vary depending on your supply chain and customer base. Our experienced Customs Auditors can conduct a review of your international trade activities and identify how best your business could benefit from using inward processing relief to minimise the impact of Brexit.



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