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## Updates to DHL Shipping Applications in Preparation to New Customs Regulations and the Provision of Good Quality Customs Data

Attention SMSA

Dear Mohannad Khayyat,

We would like to inform you of the three upcoming European Customs regulatory changes, including **BREXIT, Import Control System (ICS2) and the VAT De Minimis Removal**. As your International Specialists, we want to help you fully prepare for the potential impact to your business and your customers.

There will be three critical changes you need to be aware of:

- **BREXIT** (January 2021): Will require Customs Declarations for EU-GB-EU shipments. *Affects shipments from the European Union to Great Britain and from Great Britain to the European Union.*
- **ICS2 Import Control System** (March 2021): The enhancement of the Security screening program will require certain data elements be sent to the EU customs authorities for review and approval - **prior to loading at the country of export**. *Affects shipments from everywhere in the world to (or transiting) the European Union including shipments to Norway and Switzerland.*

**VAT De Minimis Removal** (July 2021): The abolition of the 22 Euros VAT De Minimis for imports into EU Resulting in formal customs clearance for all Inbound EU shipments and levying VAT. *Affects shipments from everywhere in the world to the European Union.*



With these changes, Customs authorities are further enforcing the regulatory requirements related to the provision of complete & accurate **customs data** in order to optimize security & safety screening, as well as combat counterfeiting and piracy, prevent unfair competition and ensure full collection of duties and taxes.

### **What does this mean for you?**

To avoid shipment delays, there are two major areas in which we will need to collaborate before the end of this Month:

- **Providing DHL an accurate Goods Description on your waybill.** This will enable Customs to identify the goods based on the data provided and conduct security & safety screening without stopping your shipment.
- **Providing DHL your Commercial Invoice data electronically.** This will help us to clear your shipments through Customs without delay.

### **Updates to DHL Shipping Applications in Preparation to New Customs Regulations and the Provision of Good Quality Customs Data**

DHL Express will be updating our shipping applications in response to the reinforcement and changes in customs regulations worldwide. These updates serve to support shippers in providing more accurate and complete customs data to prevent customs clearing delays.

It is of critical importance for your business to be compliant with Customs Regulations and Clearance processes and that you are aware of the upcoming European Regulatory Changes.

### **To avoid shipment delays, you need to take two important actions**

1. Provide an accurate goods description on your waybill.
2. Provide your commercial invoice data electronically.

### **Conforming to these new regulatory changes will enable you to:**

- Fully comply with Security/Safety Screening.
- Minimize unnecessary transit time and clearance delays.
- Enable correct assessment of duties and taxes.
- Reduce or eliminate the possible risk of fines and penalties.
- Avoid unnecessary customer-service contact for you and your customers to request additional information.
- Leverage the most simplified and beneficial Customs scheme / process for you.

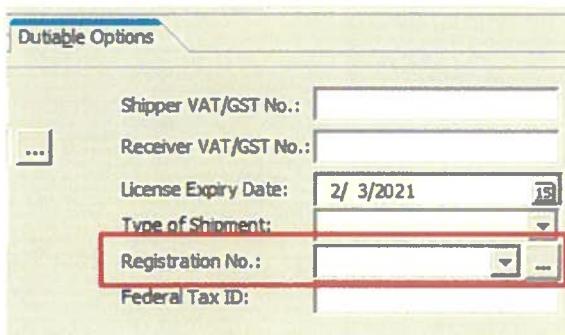


Please do note that in case you do not comply to these regulatory changes or could not provide Commercial Invoice Data electronically and or any customs data is missing and/or needs to be clarified, your shipments might be held on bonded storage until the information is provided for DHL Express to prepare the Customs Declaration, and the end-to-end transit time will be impacted as well as your shipments can be subjected to RTO (return to origin).

Please bare in mind even if you do not have any shipments to Europe, these changes are in fact still relevant to you, as most countries have similar requirements, and as a result Customs Authorities are increasing their focus and enforcement on compliance globally. Therefore, in order to avoid customs clearance delays or RTO shipments, please send the qualified customs data to DHL.

### EasyShip

- A new tab called 'Shipment Tax ID' is introduced to support various Shipment Tax IDs (e.g. IOSS, VOEC). Saved 'Shipment Tax IDs' can be selected in the 'Registration No' field during shipment creation validated against the receiver's country.



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- If you are uploading your own invoice, you may also provide your shipment's customs data electronically to hasten the clearing of your shipment. Furthermore, new fields are added to 'Commercial/Proforma Invoice' tab allowing you to provide detailed information such as customs document type, invoice and line item references, importer and exporter details, other charges.

Commercial/Proforma Invoice

Invoice Details Bill To Details Line Items & Charges

Receiver: [ ]

Customs Invoice Type: Commercial Invoice

Invoice Number: [ ]

Reason for Export: [ ]

Terms Of Payment: [ ]

Package Remarks: [ ]

Invoice Date: 2/ 3/2021

Named Destination Port: [ ]

Type of Export: PERMANENT

Incoterm: DDP

Comments: [ ]

Currency: USD

Decimals: 2

Shipment ID: [ ]

Extended Invoice Details:

Commercial Invoice Reference Type: [ ]

Add Importer Details:

Commercial Invoice Reference No.: [ ]

Add Exporter Details:

Customs Document Type: [ ]

Customs Document ID: [ ]

Please ensure that you keep the following key points in mind as you create shipments in our shipping applications;

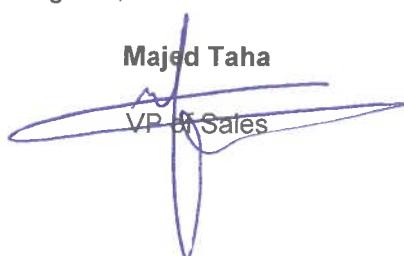
- Provide DHL Express with an Accurate Goods Description: This will enable Customs to easily identify the goods based on the data provided and conduct relevant security & safety screenings without stopping your shipment.
- Provide DHL Express with your Customs Invoice data electronically:
- This will help to ensure that complete information can be easily transmitted to relevant customs systems to clear your shipments through customs without delay.

For other information about the new EU Customs Regulations, which will take effect this year, visit [www.dhl-eucustoms.com](http://www.dhl-eucustoms.com)

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