



New requirements for traders, hauliers and operators at roll-on, roll-off ports and Eurotunnel in a no deal scenario

If you import or export goods through roll-on, roll-off (ro-ro) ports or via Eurotunnel, there are new requirements that you will need to comply with and key steps you'll need to take in the event that the UK leaves the EU without a deal. It's important that you understand what this means for your business.

This factsheet sets out the key changes and what you'll need to do to prepare.

Who is impacted?

If your business imports or exports goods through [ro-ro locations](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/list-of-roll-on-roll-off-ports) (view these at www.gov.uk/guidance/list-of-roll-on-roll-off-ports) or if you represent traders who import or export goods in this way, these new requirements will be applicable to you. You may also face new requirements if you are a business that facilitates trade through these locations – this includes hauliers, ferry operators and Eurotunnel. There are also changes to requirements for other goods movements, for example, those moving temporarily to or from EU countries.

What are the key changes?

When the UK leaves the EU, if you start a movement of goods from an EU country and intend to use ro-ro locations you will need to be ready to make customs declarations – by sending them to HMRC or making an entry in your commercial records for these movements. This will not be required for EU goods that have been moved to the UK before exit day.

There are a number of customs procedures and simplifications that you can use to make the process easier. You should decide which option works best for you, but you'll need to make your declaration before you check-in.

Transitional Simplified Procedures

One option will be to register for new [Transitional Simplified Procedures \(TSP\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/register-for-simplified-import-procedures-if-the-uk-leaves-the-eu-without-a-deal) which you can take advantage of following the UK's exit from the EU. HMRC has put in place TSP to make it easier for you to import goods from the EU using ro-ro locations. Register here: www.gov.uk/guidance/register-for-simplified-import-procedures-if-the-uk-leaves-the-eu-without-a-deal.

TSP will allow you to make a simplified frontier declaration, either pre-lodged to HMRC or within your commercial records when the goods cross the border. If you are registered for TSP you are not required to submit a full customs declaration in advance of the goods crossing the border. However, if you're importing [controlled goods under TSP](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/list-of-controlled-goods-for-transitional-simplified-procedures) you'll still need to send a simplified frontier declaration before you import the controlled goods into the UK (and a supplementary declaration shortly afterwards). See a list of controlled goods under TSP here: www.gov.uk/guidance/list-of-controlled-goods-for-transitional-simplified-procedures.

Entry Summary Declarations

The UK will phase in the requirement for Entry Summary Declarations (also known as safety and security declarations) on goods being imported from the EU over six months. After the six month period, carriers will be legally responsible for ensuring Entry Summary Declarations are submitted pre-arrival to HMRC.












This means that after the six month period:

- haulage companies will be responsible for submitting Entry Summary Declarations for accompanied goods
- ferry operators will be responsible for submitting Entry Summary Declarations for unaccompanied goods.

If you're exporting goods from the UK from a roll-on, roll-off listed location to the EU, you or your customs agent must complete a combined Export and Exit summary declaration and wait for permission to proceed before you move your goods to the departure port.

What do I need to do to prepare?

The steps you need to follow depend on the role you play in the movement of goods through ro-ro locations. The table below explains what you will need to do.

Make sure you...								
Audience key	Have a Government Gateway user ID and password	Have a UK Economic Operator Registration and Identification (EORI) number	Register for Transitional Simplified Procedures (TSP) – if using	Submit a combined Export and Exit Summary Declaration	Submit an Entry Summary Declaration (for accompanied goods only) Not required for six months after exit	Submit an Entry Summary Declaration (for unaccompanied goods only) Not required for six months after exit	Provide Haulier with a Movement Reference Number (MRN) or Entry Number	Make note of the MRN and EORI when you collect goods and pass to the driver*
Importers								
Exporters								
Haulage Company								
Ferry operator								

*MRN will be used if making a full or Entry Summary Declaration. EORI will be used if a declaration is made via Entry in Declarants Records (EIDR).

Where can I find more information?

If you'd like more information about the new requirements and how these may impact your business, please visit www.gov.uk/guidance/moving-goods-to-and-from-the-eu-through-roll-on-roll-off-locations-including-eurotunnel.