

Update from CUPID team on changes for February 2025

Document Code 999L

Document code 999L will cease to be recognised by the tariff measures after 31st January 2025

When using 999L to claim a waiver from a tariff measure currently, an alternative waiver document code will need to be used instead of 999L

CDS will not reject declarations due to the presence of 999L but will reject if any measures do not include an alternative document code to satisfy the measure

Declarations submitted during January for consignments which are expected to be arrived in February, should include both the document codes to satisfy the current measures and the document codes to satisfy the measures as they will apply from 1st February 2025.

Supplementary Declarations with an accept date of 31st January 2025 or earlier will be validated against the tariff measures applicable on the accept date, so 999L can still be used for these.

Licence	Licence Document Code	Waiver Document Code
DCMS export licence for cultural goods	9107	Y903
Home Office Drugs Export Licence	9113	913Y
Export Authorisation for Radioactive Sources	9105	9Y08
Export Authorisation for Firearms	E020	Y934
Dual Use Export Authorisation	X002	9Y10
Export Licence for Military/Dual Use Goods	9104	9Y07
Authorisation for Torture Goods	9106	9Y06

Note – there are many other export waiver document codes included in Appendix 5A

Document Code Y999

From 1st February 2025 the use of document code Y999 will be restricted to export sanctions measures. DBT need to agree replacement codes with the individual sanctions owners within FCDO before they can replace Y999. We don't currently have a timetable for this. DBT are however committed to replacing Y999 because it is in the format of an EU document code.

Waiver Document Codes XW and XX

There will be a future change to remove document status codes XW and XX from document codes which have a waiver document code available for use instead. Advance notice will be provided before making this change.

We are currently looking a solution to the issue of multiple measures all requiring a single licence document code to be declared against multiple document codes on a single item e.g. exports which mandate a licence using document code X002 will often also require the same licence be declared against document code 9104. CDS will reject a declaration if a specific electronic licence ID is declared more than once on an item. This is to avoid multiple decrementing of a licence for the same goods. Status codes XW and XX will have to remain an option for these until we deliver an alternative solution.

Export controls on Mercury

On 1st February 2025, DBT are implementing an Environment Agency request to amend the document codes used for claiming waivers against mercury tariff measures. The Environment Agency want to be able to distinguish between exports which do not contain mercury and those which do contain mercury but are claiming a waiver from the export prohibition. Whilst this might look complicated at first sight, the expectation is that most goods will be using 9Y14 to declare that there is no mercury content. The remaining codes will only be needed in the exceptional cases when the goods do contain mercury.

9Y14 - Goods which do not contain mercury

921Y - Non-electronic measuring devices installed in large-scale equipment or those used for high precision measurement where no suitable mercury-free alternative is available under Article 5 of Regulation (EU) 2017/852 as retained in UK law.

922Y - Measuring devices more than 50 years old on 3 October 2007 under Article 5 of Regulation (EU) 2017/852 as retained in UK law.

923Y - Measuring devices which are to be displayed in public exhibitions for cultural and historical purposes under Article 5 of Regulation (EU) 2017/852 as retained in UK law.

924Y - For the purposes of laboratory-scale research or laboratory analysis under Article 3 of Regulation (EU) 2017/852 as retained in UK law.

925Y - Essential for civil protection and military uses under Article 5 of Regulation (EU) 2017/852 as retained in UK law.

926Y - For research, for calibration of instrumentation, or for use as a reference standard under Article 5 of Regulation (EU) 2017/852 as retained in UK law.

Ozone Depleting Substances

DBT are planning to update the tariff measures on Ozone Depleting Substances in the middle of February. We are still waiting for details of the changes from DBT and Tariff Team will publish a Stop Press Notice ASAP.

Excise Goods Guidance

The excise goods guidance currently contained in Tariff Volume 1 will be deleted on 1st February. A revised version will be added to the CDS Declaration Completion Instruction Appendices. This will include the new alcohol excise duty rates which apply from 1st February. Note that the wine easement will cease to apply after January 2025.

Tariff Volume 1 will be left with just import and export prohibitions and restrictions. We will be creating an updated version of these within the CDS Declaration Completion Instruction Appendices in due course, at which time Tariff Volume 1 will be deleted.