



Are you confident  
about your EU shipping?

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6

tips to help  
**Brexit-proof**  
your delivery

(no matter the outcome!)





**We want to give you clarity and confidence to continue shipping to the EU and Rest of the World, so that as Brexit approaches, delivery doesn't become a barrier to cross-border sales and international growth.**

That's why we've set out these 6 practical tips to Brexit-proof your delivery and put you in the best position to continue to drive your business forward in the EU (and worldwide) with confidence - regardless.

**So what do you need to do?**





# TIP 1.

## Make sure you have an EORI number

You will need an EORI number (European Union registration and identification) to move goods in or out of the EU after Brexit. If you do not have one, your shipments could get stuck at customs which will incur additional costs and delays.

You can apply for an EORI number online and it takes 5-10 minutes.

Apply for your EORI number here:  
<https://www.gov.uk/eori>







# TIP 2.

## Classify your products using HS Codes

The Harmonised Commodity Description and Coding System (HS Code) is the internationally recognised goods classification system that identifies the type of goods that are being imported/exported and is the basis for calculations of duties.

Many carriers will require these to process your shipments at Customs. If your HS Codes are incomplete or inaccurate, your shipments could be held at customs, or you could end up paying too much or too little tax – all of which could cost you.

Code example

Code	Meaning	Classification type
64	Footwear	HS Chapter
64 <b>06</b>	Parts of footwear	HS Heading
6406 <b>10</b>	Shoe uppers	HS Subheading
6406 10 <b>10</b>	Leather	CN Code
6406 10 10 <b>10</b>	Hand made	Taric Code
6406 10 10 10 <b>90</b>	Other	Taric Code

If you haven't done so already, it's vital you start compiling your HS Codes now.

**Not sure how?** You have two options:

1

**Look up codes manually -**  
you can find commodity codes here:

<https://www.gov.uk/trade-tariff>

2

**Enlist a 3rd party expert -**  
we recommend our partner AEB:

<https://www.aeb.com/uk-en/>



# TIP 3.

## Make sure your carriers are ready for Brexit

Some carriers are more prepared than others and will require various levels of data (such as product SKU, EORI number and HS codes). Some have done nothing at all. It's important you work out if your carrier has put plans in place, and what information you will need to provide to ensure that getting parcels and goods through Customs is as seamless as possible.

If you're not sure, we can help give you guidance and advice on which carriers are Brexit-ready to ensure smooth cross-border shipping after Brexit.







# TIP 4.

## Check that your shipping platform is set up to handle customs data

You will need to provide carriers with complete and accurate data for customs clearance. It's important that your labelling and shipping systems are equipped to capture and provide additional data such as HS codes and commodity descriptions. This minimises the risk of customer parcels being held up at customs, lost or worse, returned to sender.

Our multi-carrier labelling and despatch platform, **GFS Selector**, is already set up for this, helping you consolidate despatch across multiple countries, carriers and sales channels.





# TIP 5.

## Make sure your eCommerce platform is set up for Brexit

We strongly advise that you speak to your eCommerce provider directly to ensure that they are confident of their readiness to leave the EU. Use your leverage as a customer to find out what system updates and changes will be required and, if any, when this will need to be completed by.

GFS works with dozens of eCommerce providers and we continue to support and advise our partners, as we always have done. If you're unsure, we are always happy to help.





# TIP 6.

## Book your Brexit Health Check

As the industry's largest provider of multi-carrier delivery services, we have been preparing for Brexit for the last 18 months. Whether you think you're covered or not, we can advise either way, and flag what further actions you can take to make your delivery Brexit-proof.

During your Brexit Health Check, our delivery experts will run through a checklist of questions across carrier mix, customs data requirements and despatch systems to spot and advise on areas where you can reduce risk or cost in your logistics that you may have missed. Following your Brexit Health Check, we'll provide you with tailored recommendations to reduce risk and set you up for shipping to the rest of the world - at the same time.

In just one step with GFS, you can Brexit-proof delivery and open the borders for international growth.

**It only takes half an hour**, you have nothing to lose and everything to gain.

Contact us now to arrange your **FREE BREXIT HEALTH CHECK.**

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