

It only takes  
**10**  
**minutes**  
to apply for an  
EORI number



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## Economic Operator Registration and Identification (EORI) number



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## Introduction

An Economic Operator Registration and Identification (EORI) number is needed to trade goods into or out of the UK and to apply to be authorised for certain customs simplifications or AEO status.

If the UK leaves the EU without an agreement:

- UK EORI numbers will no longer be valid in the EU;
- EU EORI numbers will no longer be valid in the UK;

## Who needs an EORI number?

### Imports to the UK

- **Importers** - To enable the submission of import customs declarations to HMRC systems CHIEF and CDS;
- **Hauliers** - Entry Summary Declarations (also known as Safety & Security Declarations) for imports coming into the UK, although these will not be required for at least six months from the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019;
- **Ferry Operators** - To submit Entry Summary Declarations in ICS for unaccompanied imports. This will be a requirement for at least six months from the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019;
- **Customs Agents** – To submit the relevant customs declarations on behalf of UK Importers using HMRC systems CHIEF and CDS and/or submit Entry Summary Declarations in ICS on behalf of Hauliers / Ferry Operators.

### Important note:

Traders who import goods to the UK and export goods from the EU will need both a UK EORI and an EU EORI number. However, if a UK trader is not directly interacting with the EU Customs Authorities, for example, if they are using a haulier or Customs Agent to export goods from the EU, then that trader will not need an EU EORI.

## Exports from the UK

- **Exporters** - To enable the submission of the relevant export customs declaration to HMRC systems CHIEF or CDS. This is also a merged safety and security declaration, so there will not be a need to submit separate declarations;
- **Customs Agents** – To submit the relevant customs declarations on behalf of UK Exporters using HMRC systems CHIEF and CDS.

### Important note:

Traders who export goods from the UK and import goods to the EU will need both a UK EORI and an EU EORI number. However, if a UK trader is not directly interacting with the EU Customs Authorities, for example, if they are using a haulier or Customs Agent to import goods to the EU, then that trader will not need an EU EORI.

## Frequently asked questions

- **What happens if I don't have an EORI number?** - The Trader or their representative (Customs agent) will be unable to import or export goods. Haulage companies and ferry operators will be unable to submit Entry Summary Declarations.
- **Is a UK Business address required to obtain a UK EORI?** – No, Rest of World (RoW) traders can apply for a UK EORI, even if the business is not established in the UK.
- **How do I apply for a UK EORI?** - The application process is quite simple and takes around 10 minutes to complete the online application via: [www.gov.uk/hmrc/get-eori](http://www.gov.uk/hmrc/get-eori). You should expect a response within 3 days.
- **How do I apply for an EU EORI?** - You should request EORI registration from the customs authority in whichever EU member state your business is registered or where customs declarations will be submitted. The application can be made via: [https://ec.europa.eu/taxation\\_customs/national-customs-websites\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/national-customs-websites_en)



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