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As the leading global logistics chain director, Seacon Logistics gives you insight into the consequences of the United Kingdom leaving the EU, while also providing you with the right solutions for unimpeded goods transport!

The United Kingdom (UK) has left the European Union (EU) on 31 January 2020. This withdrawal from the European Union has caused trade with the United Kingdom to change in a wide range of aspects. Many regulations and procedures have changed. The UK's departure from the EU will have major economic and practical consequences for business, employment, and Europe in general, but also for the Netherlands in particular as a major UK trading partner. It is important that you are well prepared for this.

This whitepaper is intended to inform businesses and new and existing clients of Seacon about the points to consider when doing business with the United Kingdom. It also explains how we can support you in organising your shipments as efficiently as possible.



Aspects you will have to deal with:



1. The customs process

2. Certification

3. Chain management

The customs process

Customs declarations

Due to Brexit, a lot has changed when it comes to filing customs declarations. Many of these changes will be related to the formalities involved with regulations and procedures. These formalities correspond to customs declarations that also apply to other non-EU countries. The transport terms agreed between the customer and supplier determine which party is responsible for customs declarations (import and export). These conditions are described in the new edition of Incoterms 2020.

Good to know

- Seacon Logistics can submit your digital declaration to the customs authorities in the Direct Representation framework. We have the necessary software and knowledge to do this. You do need to sign an authorisation for us to do this on your behalf.
- Seacon Logistics will be happy to take care of applying for the necessary EORI number from customs.

Transit and transshipment

Do you use the United Kingdom as a transit or transshipment location for imports, for example from the United States? If so, you will need to take into account that the logistic process regulations and procedures have changed. We'll be happy to help you arrange everything as efficiently as possible.

Customs duties

Do you import goods from the UK? If so, you most probably have to deal with import duties, VAT and/or excise duties. This will depend on the product being imported from the UK. These rates are laid down in the UK Global Tariff. Are you entering the correct commodity codes or product descriptions? A detail such as this can even make the difference between success or failure in international business. As the leading logistics chain director, we will advise you on this and take care of everything for you.

Sales tax

The sales tax charged on goods exported to countries outside the EU is 0%. As an exporter, you can export goods to the United Kingdom duty-free. To be exempted from paying tax, you must be able to prove that the goods have actually been exported. You will need to compile a number of documents for this, such as customs documents, copies of delivery notes, and transport company invoices.

If you hold an Article 23 license (under the Dutch Sales Tax Act), you are not required to pay VAT immediately on import of goods from a third country. This will be transferred to the monthly VAT return.

Good to know

- Seacon stores all these documents securely for our clients, which enables us to provide the right support.

Certification required



It is necessary to hold certain export documents and permits to conduct trade with the United Kingdom. We list a number of these permits and certifications below. Be sure to organise these in plenty of time; we are of course able to assist you with this.



- **Certificate of Origin**
- **Statement of Origin**
- **ATA-Carnet**

Chain management

It is important to involve your supply chain partners who are involved in trade with the UK in your import or export activities. Be sure to have a thorough discussion of the responsibilities and coordination; this will limit the chance of unpleasant surprises.

Good to know

- Seacon can work with you to map out your goods flows. We mainly focus on the transport conditions in the supply chain. There may be other solutions and choices that are more efficient and cost-effective. Seacon advises you to help you make the right decisions, and can adjust your goods flow accordingly.
- There may be delays in the process due to additional procedures. Seacon will be happy to work with you and your customers to identify the bottlenecks and advise you on how you might be able to organise your supply chain differently.
- Will you be keeping buffer stocks in-house, or outsourcing them? It may then be an option to store buffer stocks in the UK. Seacon will support you in making an inventory of your customers' storage facilities in order to build up buffer stocks or advise you on the options to achieve this. In this way, the value of your goods, the cost of stock and the risks of stock shortages are adjusted optimally to your requirements.

Seacon Logistics is your global logistics chain director with a focus on Forwarding & Transport, Supply Chain Solutions, Warehousing and Customs. Our extensive experience and expertise within the multimodal logistics segment and our knowledge and creativity in the fields of supply chain solutions and engineering make Seacon your ideal partner to organise your total transport solutions.



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