



INTERNATIONAL TRADE SERVICES

IMPORT INFORMATION SHEET



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USEFUL CONTACTS, WEBSITES AND PHONE NUMBERS

Starting to Import – Information regarding EU and Non-EU Countries

- **UK Online Information:** www.gov.uk/starting-to-import/overview
- **Telephone:** 0300 200 3700 HMRC Helpline

Classifying your goods – Tariff Codes and Duties

All UK businesses must declare any imports or exports to HM Revenue and Customs. This is to ensure that any import VAT, duty, excise or levies are collected. It is your responsibility to classify your goods.

- www.gov.uk/trade-tariff
- **HMRC Tariff Query Email:** classification.enquiries@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk
- **European Binding Tariff Information:**
http://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/dds2/ebti/ebti_home.jsp?Lang=en

Customs and Duties Helpline

- **HMRC Telephone:** 0300 200 3700
- **HMRC Textaphone:** 0300 200 3719

TARIC – European Online Database

A multilingual database covering all measures relating to Tariff, Commercial, agricultural legislation and more. It provides a clear view of what you need when importing and exporting

- http://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/dds2/taric/taric_consultation.jsp

Market Access Database

Designed for companies who are exporting from the EU, The market access database contains information about import conditions in third world country markets, including:

- Tariffs
- Procedures and Formalities
- Statistics
- Trade Barriers
- SPS: Sanitary and Phytosanitary Issues
- Rules of origin
- Services to SME's

<http://madb.Europa.eu/madb/>

QUOTA (Tariff quotas and ceilings)

This database allows tracking the Overall EU usage of “First come first serve” quotas for certain third world countries. It displays the balance of each tariff quota applicable in the present and past year, also notifying when a particular tariff quota is exhausted.

- http://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/dds2/taric/quota_consultation.jsp?Lang=en



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Import Procedures

Following the correct procedures for goods that require permissions before you import will prevent you from avoiding transport and processing delays and avoid financial issues.

- www.gov.uk/guidance/getting-the-right-licences-for-international-trading

Government Import Controls

There are no single government import controls . You should consult the website below to see if your goods are controlled by another Government department or contact the specific department directly.

- www.gov.uk/guidance/import-controls

International Trade Regulations

International trade regulations may apply on materials, equipment, goods and appliances, chemicals and pharmaceuticals, aerospace and defence.

- www.gov.uk/government/collections/import-and-export-of-manufactured-goods

Finding Suppliers from Developing Countries

The Chamber can connect you to over 40 markets via the Overseas Business Network

For more information on this email exportbritain@gmchamber.co.uk

Foreign Embassies in London - Commercial Teams

Most foreign embassies based in London have commercial teams that support British importers wishing to connect to suppliers from their countries or setting up presence there. Depending on the country the Chamber can put you in touch. Email exportbritain@gmchamber.co.uk for more information.

If you have not found the answer to your query with the information provided above please contact:

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For more information on Greater Manchester Chamber's International Services please visit:

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