

# Customs Clearance Training



**The Brexit Transition Period ended on 31st of December 2020. As of 1st of January 2021, all Irish importers and exporters trading with the UK are required to lodge customs declarations with Revenue to account for their imports and exports.**

## **What businesses need to know about customs declarations?**

Completing customs declarations is not straightforward and usually businesses who trade internationally engage a specialist to perform this task.

An inability to make customs declarations will now directly affect the ability of traders to move goods and may threaten the viability of many businesses.

It is also widely accepted that there is a critical shortage of customs clearance agents to make declarations on behalf of traders and, therefore, many businesses are being forced to bring this function in-house in order to trade with partners in the UK.

## **What are the risks?**

If you are unable to complete a customs declaration or you complete a declaration incorrectly, your goods are at an extreme risk of lengthy delays at the border. This could result in you being unable to serve your final customer in sufficient time or a complete write off of your goods if they are perishable.

As well as this, you are now completing customs declarations and, as such, you are also liable to a customs audit. If Revenue find that you have completed incorrect customs declarations, you may be liable to fines or additional customs charges.

## **How can we help?**

BDO is offering a training course that will demonstrate how to make customs declarations that will enable your company to continue trading. This training is aimed at:

- Companies who have not engaged a clearance agent and plan to take this service in-house
- Those planning to outsource this service – we will prepare you to have all relevant information ready if you do utilise an agent.

Upon completion of the course, participants will be in a position to make their own declarations and/or engage and work with a clearance agent and continue to trade with the UK.

This course is a tutorial-based webinar which will allow you to understand how to move goods through customs.

## **Pricing**

The price of the course is **€995 + VAT per person** or **€1800 + VAT for 2 people**.

Grants are available through Intertrade that offer a voucher of *up to* €2,250 (or £2,000 if applying from Northern Ireland) to help SMEs seeking support and advice in relation to Brexit.

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## **Course Availability**

BDO is here to help you and your business through these uncertain times. **Our next customs clearance training workshop is on the 23rd and 24th September.**

If you are interested in attending one of these sessions or would like to find out more information, please contact [customstraining@bdo.ie](mailto:customstraining@bdo.ie) or visit [bdo.ie](http://bdo.ie)

## **Future Dates**

- **23 and 24 September**
- **28 and 29 October**
- **25 and 26 November**