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## Booking Through Shipments – Empties and use of UCR's

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Dear Customer,

You receive this letter to further inform you about three topics: 1) Use of DUCR vs MRN for EASTBOUND sailings, 2) Booking of through shipments post Brexit and 3) booking of empties and units containing return packaging where you wish to utilise the “oral declaration” process to obtain clearance.

**1) Use of DUCR vs MRN on EASTBOUND (UK -> EU) crossings.**

We experience a lot UK Export units not being released by customs which prevents units to effectively receive a permission to load. It would appear to happen where traders, after receiving the original MRN, are submitting an amendment to their export declaration and then receiving a new MRN on their UCR. If they do not update their records/inform you to update your booking in CWEB with the new MRN then CHIEF rejects it.

We advise to avoid this issue by making use of **DUCR's** wherever possible or ensure your customs broker always provides you with the latest information.

**2) Booking of through shipments post Brexit**

CLdN disposes of a Regular Shipping Service (RSS) permit for intra EU shipments. After the UK having left the EU, this permit does not cover shipments to and from UK anymore. For this reason the through shipments have to be booked in two separate legs. One leg UK-EU and a second leg EU-EU, the latter will be covered again by the RSS permit. There are several options how to go forward:

**UK - EU**

Using an Export Document to UK Port of Exit for the first leg, followed by T-1 or customs clearance in the first EU Port of Entry, to follow the onward journey, e.g. the second leg.

Alternatively issuing a T-1 covering the entire through shipment route until the final destination is possible, however still two separate bookings for both legs are necessary.

**EU - UK**

Equally, in the other direction, please ensure that the Customs Office of Exit is Rotterdam or Zeebrugge on the Export declaration and book the EU – EU leg as “Union goods”, and provide the export details for the EU – UK leg. We will subsequently present the export MRN to the office of exit in Rotterdam/Zeebrugge.

We are working on an alternative on the midterm to allow one booking for through shipments.

### 3) Booking of empties or Return packaging bookings with simplified oral declaration processes

#### A) Empties Eastbound (UK to EU) and Westbound (EU-UK)

Choose empty in C-Web, Border process: Temporary Storage and leave rest blank.

#### B) Units containing return packaging Eastbound (UK to EU) for **BE where you wish to use the Oral Declaration process**

- I. Border Process: Temporary Storage
- II. **NO** consignments needed
- III. Goods description to start with: "RETURN"
- IV. There is NO need for the word empty, in the goods description. In actual fact, that makes it worse as the system then treats it as empty, which it isn't.

#### C) Units containing return packaging Eastbound (UK to EU) for **NL where you wish to use the Oral Declaration process**

- I. Border Process: Temporary Storage
- II. **Consignments NEEDED**, but without document number (there is no document)
  - in order to get the consignments : work with the 'empty return'-hold
- III. Goods description to start with: "RETURN"
- IV. There is NO need for the word empty, in the goods description. In actual fact, that makes it worse as the system then treats it as empty, which it isn't.

Should you have any queries in relation to the above, please do not hesitate to contact us.



Best regards,

CLdN ro-ro S.A.