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MSMEs exporting goods valued at EUR 6,000 or less, which is to be sent by mail or courier to the UK, are still able to benefit from duty free treatment. These shipments usually require relatively liberal proofs of origin.

To get more information on the procedures to export goods to the UK, visit <https://www.gov.uk/import-goods-into-uk>



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STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE TO EXPORTING TO THE UK

How can businesses in the TCI export their goods to the UK without paying duties at the UK border?

WHAT IS THE UK-OT TRADING ARRANGEMENT?

The UK Arrangement for Import Duty on Trade in Goods from certain British Overseas Territories (OTs) entered into force on 9th December 2020.

The United Kingdom confirmed its commitment to ensuring that **all goods originating from the Turks and Caicos Islands continue to enjoy tariff-free market access to the United Kingdom** notwithstanding its exit from the European Union.

WHO CAN BENEFIT?

There are 12 beneficiary countries, including the Turks and Caicos Islands:

Anguilla; Bermuda; British Antarctic Territory; British Indian Ocean Territory; British Virgin Islands; Cayman Islands; Falkland Islands; Montserrat; Pitcairn, Henderson, Ducie and Oeno Islands; St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha; South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands; and **the Turks and Caicos Islands.**



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(Source: GOV.UK)

- The importer must apply for an EORI number (i.e. Economic Operators Registration and Identification number)
- Decide who will make the customs declarations and transport the goods (Find out someone to hire to deal with customs for you)
- Find out the commodity code for your goods and work out the value of your goods.
- Find out if you can reduce your customs duty.
- Check if you need a license or a certificate for your goods.
- Check the labelling, marking and marketing rules.
- Get your goods through customs.

RULES OF ORIGIN

Goods can qualify for duty-free treatment if they are wholly produced in or contain materials from the Turks and Caicos Islands, any other beneficiary country, CARICOM countries, or the Dominican Republic.

Wholly Produced Goods - e.g., live animals, vegetables and minerals - **must be raised, harvested or extracted in the TCI.**

Any materials, parts or products from beneficiary countries, CARICOM and the Dominican Republic used to manufacture a good **must conform to the rules of origin criteria applicable to that good.**

Importantly, goods must be assembled in the TCI in the form in which they are to be exported to the UK.