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# Safety & Security Declaration Information Round Up

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# Safety and Security (S&S) import declarations – FAQs

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\* Any new or amended Q&A since the previous version are underlined \*

## End of the EU waiver

### **Why are you delaying the introduction of S&S declaration requirements for EU imports?**

- We have been working closely with Ministers to review plans for the introduction of Safety & Security declarations for EU imports, as well as listening to industry about the time it will take them to prepare.

### **Why are S&S declarations on EU imports needed if you've managed without them for this long?**

Those who export from Great Britain, or import from Rest of World, are already required to make S&S declarations. The Government introduced a temporary waiver on S&S declarations for EU imports into Great Britain due to concerns about trader burdens, lack of trader readiness, and potential disruption exacerbated by COVID-19.

Border Force already have robust anti-smuggling measures in place. The introduction of Safety & Security declarations on EU imports was only possible following EU Exit, as we were previously part of the EU's Safety & Security Zone. Once implemented, Safety & Security declarations on EU imports will bring an important source of mandatory, pre-arrival data to assist Border Force in identification of the highest risk traffic to detect high harm goods and support the facilitation of legitimate traffic.

### **Isn't this just placing unnecessary burdens on businesses?**

- As we move towards an increasingly digital border, data collection is essential for targeted interventions, enabling the more efficient flow of legitimate goods. The new model seeks to minimise trader burdens as far as possible, but we are aware that for some (for example those who only import from the EU), the ending of the waiver will result in a completely new requirement to submit S&S declarations. We will continue to work closely with industry over the coming months to support businesses in preparing for the new requirements.

### **How are you supporting businesses to get ready for these changes?**

- We continue to engage regularly with a range of border industry stakeholders in the UK and the EU, including the groups representing carriers, hauliers and software companies, to



# Safety and Security declarations – new requirements from 31 January 2025

## Information for intermediaries and customs agents

Please read this information if you are an intermediary or customs agent and your customers are involved in importing goods into Great Britain (GB) from the European Union (EU). From **31 January 2025**, all EU imports into GB will require a Safety and Security (S&S) declaration. See [a full list of countries](#) this applies to.

Hauliers or carriers are legally responsible for submitting S&S declarations. However, as an intermediary, you can submit the declaration on the carrier's behalf if they have asked you to do so. See further information on [where liability sits for different transport modes](#).

You should now discuss the upcoming changes with your customers.

This could include reaching out to carriers and hauliers who may wish for you to submit S&S declarations for EU imports on their behalf.

Those ready to start submitting S&S declarations before 31 January are encouraged to do so.

### How to submit S&S declarations

S&S declarations are not paper-based. You must provide the data in advance using an IT platform called S&S GB.

There are three options for submitting your declarations into this platform:

- developing compatible software in-house –

see further information on [the developer hub](#)

- buying [compatible software](#)
- employing the services of a [Community System Provider](#)

If you are submitting S&S declarations for the first time, you will also need to [register and enrol to use the S&S GB service](#).

Please ensure that you decide which option best suits your business and arrange the necessary registrations and software access in good time, so that you are ready for 31 January.

For more information on the S&S changes, please visit our [Safety and Security page on GOV.UK](#).



# Safety and Security declarations – new requirements from 31 January 2025

Please read this information if you or your clients are involved in importing goods into Great Britain (GB) from the European Union (EU).

## Background

From **31 January 2025**, all EU imports into GB will require a Safety and Security (S&S) declaration. See [a full list of countries](#) this applies to.

Carriers or hauliers are legally responsible for submitting S&S declarations.

Your carrier may ask you as the importer, or another party in the supply chain, to lodge the S&S declaration on their behalf. This may mean you need to supply additional information to your carrier, haulier or third party.

If you have not already done so, you should now discuss with your haulier or carrier to understand their plans for submitting S&S declarations for EU imports from 31 January. This may also include discussing whether there is any additional information they will need you to provide in order to complete the declarations.

Those ready to start submitting S&S declarations before 31 January 2025 are encouraged to do so.

## How to submit S&S declarations

S&S declarations are submitted into an IT platform called S&S GB. There are different options for submitting, such as buying specialist software.

[For more information on the S&S changes, please visit our Safety and Security page on GOV.UK.](#)

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# Safety and Security declarations – new requirements for GB imports from 31 January 2025

Please read this information if you or your clients are involved in moving goods into Great Britain (GB) from the European Union (EU). From **31 January 2025**, all EU imports into GB will require a Safety and Security (S&S) declaration. See [a full list of countries](#) this applies to. Those ready to start submitting S&S declarations before 31 January 2025 are encouraged to do so.

## Information for hauliers and carriers of Accompanied Goods

If you are a carrier or haulier moving Accompanied Goods across the GB border, **you are legally responsible for** submitting S&S declarations. You can agree for a third party to submit declarations on your behalf.

If you have not already done so, you should now talk to your supply chains, to:

- make them aware of the upcoming changes
- agree who will complete S&S declarations for EU to GB imports.

## How to submit S&S declarations

As a carrier or haulier, you are legally responsible for submitting S&S declarations, or ensuring they are submitted by another party on your behalf.

There are some important points for you to note and prepare for:

- S&S declarations are not paper-based. You must provide the data in advance using

an IT platform called S&S GB.

- There are three options for submitting your declarations into this platform:
  - developing compatible software in-house – see further information on [the developer hub](#)
  - buying [compatible software](#)
  - employing the services of a [Community System Provider](#)
- If you are submitting S&S declarations for the first time, you will also need to [register and enrol to use the S&S GB service](#).

Please ensure that you decide which option best suits your business and arrange the necessary registrations and software access in good time.

**Please take action now** by discussing these upcoming changes with your supply chains, including agreeing who will complete S&S declarations for EU to GB imports from 31 January 2025, and what information different parties will need to provide.

For more information on the S&S changes, please visit our [Safety and Security page](#) on GOV.UK.