



Low Value Bulking of Imports (LVBI) requirements under the Union Customs Code

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| Who should read: | LVBI approved operators and their agents or representatives. All international trade economic operators and trade bodies, importers, exporters. |
| What is it about: | Changes to the LVBI facilitation and supersedes CIP 38 (2015). |
| When effective: | On publication date. |
| Extant until/ Expires | Until further notice. |

1. Background

The rewrite of the Customs Code Council Regulation 2913/92 means that, with effect from 1 May 2016, the 'incomplete declaration' facility has been removed in the new Union Customs Code (UCC) legislation, Regulation 952/2013. Under the UCC, incomplete declarations will not be accepted as a declaration method after 30 April 2016.

Other changes to the data requirements for customs declarations mean that LVBI will not continue, in its current format, once we fully implement the UCC. However we are able to defer these changes to declarations under the Transition Delegated Act. This allows existing LVBI authorisations to continue with very minor changes until the new Customs Declaration Service (CDS) is available in 2017/18.

The impact of the UCC, its Delegated, Implementing and Transitional Acts will be as follows:

2. LVBI authorisations

No new applications for LVBI are being accepted.

Existing LVBI authorisations will be extended until CDS goes live in 2017/18 at which point LVBI authorisations will cease. Once CDS is live extra data items will apply and all users are expected to migrate to UCC procedures. We will be working with the Trade over the coming months to clarify the UCC requirements.

3. Customs Procedure Codes (CPC) for existing LVBI approval holders

Until CDS goes live, the following CPCs remain for existing LVBI approval holders:

- 40 00 003 - (goods under £15) – retention of the current conditions
- 40 00 005 - (goods between £15 -£135) – retention of the current conditions but with the addition of box 22
- 49 00 003 - (goods under £15 from the Special Territories) – retention of the current conditions.
- 49 00 005 - (goods between £15 - £135 from the Special Territories) – retention of the current conditions but with the addition of box 22.
- 49 00 011 - (eligible goods which are not fresh produce from the Channel Islands) – retention of the current conditions
- 49 00 012 - (eligible goods which are fresh produce from the Channel Islands) – retention of the current conditions.

4. Declaring low value goods where no LVBI authorisation is held

Options include:

- I. A full declaration to CPC 40 00 C07 for goods liable to customs duty and VAT, with an intrinsic value of less than £15. Relief from Customs duty and VAT will apply. A maximum of 99 items can be declared on each declaration but each item must be intended for a single recipient. The goods must not be excise goods or subject to any other regimes or reliefs.
- II. A full declaration to CPC 40 00 004 for goods of an intrinsic value between £15 and £135 liable to customs duty and VAT. Relief from Customs duty will apply but VAT must be paid. A maximum of 99 items can be declared on each declaration but each item must be intended for a single recipient. The goods must not be excise goods or subject to any other regimes or reliefs.

You do not need to be authorised to use I and II above.

- III. Customs Freight Simplified Procedures (CFSP), Simplified Declaration Procedure (SDP) to CPC 40 00 000. This requires a simplified frontier declaration (SFD) to be made at import, with additional data supplied as a supplementary declaration the following month. Any duty and/or VAT due is deferred until the supplementary declaration is submitted to HMRC.
- IV. CFSP, Entry in Declarants Records (EIDR) to CPC 40 00 000. This requires a declaration to be entered in the declarants records at import, with additional data supplied as a supplementary declaration the following month. Any duty and/or Vat due is deferred until the supplementary declaration is submitted to HMRC.

If you are already authorised for CFSP, you do not need to do anything more to start using options III & IV.

If you are not authorised for CFSP, you will need to obtain authorisation from HMRC to use CFSP simplified declaration procedures. Please see [CE48](#) for the CFSP application form C&E 48.

5. Contacts & More Information.

More information on each of these declaration types can be found in Vol. 3 of the Integrated Tariff of the United Kingdom and the CFSP guidance, both available on [trade-tariff](#) and on [www.gov.uk](#)

Queries can also be made using the [online enquiry form](#) or sent in writing to:

HM Revenue and Customs
CITEX Written Enquiry Team
PO Box 30001
GLASGOW
G67 9EX

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For general HMRC queries speak to the VAT, Excise and Customs Helpline on Telephone: 0300 200 3700.

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