

Package of customs improvements announced

The Government has set out further details on a package of improvements to streamline customs processes and reduce admin burdens for businesses.

The announcement follows extensive consultation with industry on potential improvements to the UK customs system, first announced at Spring Budget 2023.

The measures, set to be delivered across 2024 and 2025, include:

- introducing a voluntary standard for the customs intermediary sector
- simplifying customs declarations by cutting the amount of data traders must provide by up to a quarter
- supporting key sectors, including creative, arts and sports, with potential improvements to the procedure for temporarily importing goods
- simplifying and digitising the customs and excise authorisation systems
- allowing more traders to use customs facilitations that delay duty payment without the cost of a financial guarantee
- improving the Transit procedure, making movements cheaper, easier and more accessible.

Aidan Reilly, Director of Customs Policy and Strategy, Borders and Trade said:

“We’ve listened carefully to feedback from businesses and stakeholders across the borders industry on how to improve the customs system.

“The changes we’re introducing will simplify and streamline customs processes and reduce administrative burdens for importers and exporters.

“We look forward to continuing to work with the border industry as we implement these changes.”

The changes are shaped by views from traders and the border industry gathered through a programme of engagement over the summer.

As part of the announcement, the Government has also published detailed responses from the consultations and calls for evidence.

You can view responses to each consultation and further detail on each measure on [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk).