

Authorisation By Customs Declaration (ABD) Changes

This document provides advance notice of changes to declaration completion requirements for Authorisation By Customs Declaration (ABD) being delivered in CDS release 4.4.0, currently scheduled for 23rd March 2024.

Authorisation By Customs Declaration enables importers and exporters to make use of the Special Procedures Outward Processing (OP), Inward Processing (IP), Temporary Admission (TA) or Authorised-Use (known as End-Use in Northern Ireland) under restricted circumstances when they do not already hold an authorisation for the Special Procedure.

CDS functionality does not currently match the Declaration Completion Instructions, resulting in traders needing to apply a workaround which effectively requires declaration of the details required by holders of the full authorisation in addition to the requirements for ABD.

Two new Additional Information (AI) codes are being introduced which distinguish between goods being placed into a Special Procedure using ABD and those being removed from Special Procedure which they entered using ABD. In most cases this will remove the need to declare codes related to the full Special Procedure authorisation when using ABD.

The new AI codes which can be declared in DE 2/2 after the release are –

- ABDIN – this code is used to indicate that the request for ABD applies to the requested procedure code. AI code 00100 must be declared in addition to ABDIN
- ABDON – this code is used to indicate that the goods are being removed from a procedure which they entered using ABD. AI code 00100 must be declared in addition to ABDON

Note: AI codes ABDIN & ABDON must not be declared prior to Release 4.4.0, otherwise the declaration will be rejected

Once these changes are implemented, the ABD workaround will no longer be required in most instances. In the case of Authorised-Use/End-Use, the current workaround must still be applied in addition to use of ABDIN/ABDON. Tariff functionality will reject a declaration using an Authorised-Use/End-Use commodity code if the document code N990 for a full authorisation is not declared.

Existing restrictions on the use of ABD remain – only Additional Declaration Types A & D can be used in conjunction with ABD, and ABD cannot be used with any Procedure Codes or Additional Procedure Codes which explicitly exclude ABD.

Any pre-logged declarations which straddle the change will need to be amended before they are arrived, otherwise they will be rejected.

Changes by Special Procedure

Inward Processing –

- If ABD applies to the requested procedure code 51, then DE 2/2 must include AI codes ABDIN and 00100
- If ABD applies to the previous procedure 51, then DE 2/2 must include AI codes ABDON and 00100
- DE 2/3 Document code C601 will not be required for the IP authorisation covered by the AI code ABDIN or ABDON

- DE 3/39 Authorisation Type code IPO will not be required for the IP authorisation covered by the AI code ABDIN or ABDOU
- DE 2/3 Document code C505, DE 3/39 code CGU and the associated codes in DE 8/2 Guarantee Type and Guarantee Reference will not be required for ABD purposes unless providing a security deposit from a deferment account. They may still be required for other purposes.
- An approved security Method of Payment code must be provided in DE 4/8 and any associated codes provided, including in DE 8/2 and DE 8/3

Temporary Admission

- If ABD applies to the requested procedure code 53, then DE 2/2 must include AI codes ABDIN and 00100
- If ABD applies to the previous procedure code 53, then DE 2/2 must include AI codes ABDOU and 00100
- DE 2/3 Document code C516 will not be required for the TA authorisation covered by the AI code ABDIN or ABDOU
- DE 3/39 Authorisation Type code TEA will not be required for the TA authorisation covered by the AI code ABDIN or ABDOU
- DE 2/3 Document code C505, DE 3/39 code CGU and the associated codes in DE 8/2 Guarantee Type and Guarantee Reference will not be required for ABD purposes unless providing a security deposit from a deferment account. They may still be required for other purposes.
- If security is required, then an approved security Method of Payment code must be provided in DE 4/8 and any associated codes provided, including in DE 8/2 and DE 8/3

Authorised-Use (known as End-Use in Northern Ireland)

- If ABD applies to the requested procedure code 44, then DE 2/2 must include AI codes ABDIN and 00100
- If ABD applies to the previous procedure code 44, then DE 2/2 must include AI codes ABDOU and 00100
- DE 2/3 Document code N990 will still be required with document status code XW, in addition to ABDIN or ABDOU
- DE 3/39 Authorisation Type code EUS will still be required with AI code ABDIN or ABDOU, and should be completed with the EORI of the party which is requesting ABD or requested ABD at the time the goods originally entered Authorised-Use.
- DE 2/3 Document code C505, DE 3/39 code CGU and the associated codes in DE 8/2 Guarantee Type and Guarantee Reference will still be required for ABD purposes even if a security deposit is not being provided from a deferment account. They may still be required for other purposes.
- If deferment is not being used to provide security for ABD, then an approved security Method of Payment code must be provided in DE 4/8 and any associated codes provided, including in DE 8/2 and DE 8/3

Note – ABD is not permitted when using document code C990 to enter goods to Ship-Work and Platform Authorised-Use

Outward Processing using code 21 as the requested or previous procedure code

- If ABD applies to the requested procedure code 21, then DE 2/2 must include AI codes ABDIN and 00100
- If ABD applies to the previous procedure code 21, then DE 2/2 must include AI codes ABDOU and 00100
- DE 2/3 Document code C019 will not be required for the OP authorisation covered by the AI code ABDIN or ABDOU
- DE 3/39 Authorisation Type code OPO will not be required for the OP authorisation covered by the AI code ABDIN or ABDOU

Outward Processing using code 22 as the requested or previous procedure code

- If ABD applies to the requested procedure code 22, then DE 2/2 must include AI codes ABDIN and 00100
- If ABD applies to the previous procedure code 22, then DE 2/2 must include AI codes ABDOU and 00100
- DE 2/3 Document code C019 will not be required for the OP authorisation covered by the AI code ABDIN or ABDOU
- DE 3/39 Authorisation Type code OPO will not be required for the OP authorisation covered by the AI code ABDIN or ABDOU
- For VAT only OP, it will not be necessary to declare either the full authorisation details or the ABD details.
- Any export declaration with requested procedure code 22 which does not include DE 2/3 Document Code C019 (full OP authorisation held), must have either DE 2/2 Additional Information code OPVAT (VAT only OP) or DE 2/2 Additional Information codes ABDIN & 00100 (OP using ABD).
- Any import declaration with previous procedure code 22 which does not include DE 2/3 Document Code C019 (full OP authorisation held), must have either DE 1/11 Additional Procedure Code B06 (re-import after VAT only OP) or DE 2/2 Additional Information codes ABDOU & 00100 (discharge of OP using ABD).