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Export Procedure followed by Transit Procedure: Safety and Security

Who should read:	Anyone involved in submitting Export and/or CT or TIR declarations with Safety and Security Annex 30A data
What is it about:	This paper covers the requirement for Safety and Security Annex 30A data when goods, previously cleared for export, enter a Transit procedure in order to exit the EU
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1. Background

Regulations 648/05 and 1875/06 (Annex 30A) contain details of the requirement to submit Safety and Security (S&S) data for goods being exported from the EU or moved between member states via a third country. The export procedure and transit procedure are defined, along with other Customs procedures, in the Customs Code Council Regulation 2913/92 Article 4 (16).

This CIP is being issued to try and alleviate some of the concerns the trade have expressed in respect of when to make S&S declarations and will explain the action to be taken when the transit procedure follows the export procedure.

2. Safety and Security (S&S) Data on CHIEF and NCTS

From the 1st July 2009, traders presenting goods for export must submit a combined export declaration containing the S&S data (Annex 30A data) to the Customs Handling of Import and Export Freight System (CHIEF). Where a transit procedure subsequently follows an export, there is **no requirement** to submit the Annex 30A data again on the NCTS.

3. Process where Transit Procedure follows Export Procedure – with effect from 1 July 2009

All goods for export must first obtain Customs clearance or “Permission to Progress” (P2P) from CHIEF. Where it is required that the goods must remain under Customs control on one of the transit procedures they must subsequently be declared to the NCTS system.

New CHIEF Additional Information Code

From 1st July 2009 traders will be required to identify on CHIEF those goods, intended for export, which will be moving under a Transit procedure. A new Additional Information (AI) statement code, AI = TRANS will be introduced. This code is designed to identify that, prior to export clearance, an export will be moving from the export procedure to the transit procedure after P2P has been granted.

The process also ensures that, when the Export Control System (ECS) is fully introduced in the UK in July, only one electronic message advising that “goods are on their way” will be sent from the UK to the Office of Destination/Exit. For these movements, this message will be sent from the **NCTS** not ECS.

The revised process, governing the two procedures, should be as follows:

When entering goods for export onto the CHIEF system:

- the exporter/declarant should input the new AI code (TRANS) into Box 44 of the export declaration;
- Box 29 (Office of Exit) should **not** be completed for these movements as they are outside of the Export Control System (ECS) controls. NB Leaving Box 29 empty will ensure that ECS messaging to other offices is suppressed. The control and messaging across the EU will take place on the NCTS system; and
- having entered the required AI statement and gained P2P the goods may then be declared to the NCTS.

On the Transit (NCTS) system: once P2P has been received from CHIEF:

- a Community Transit declaration should be input onto the NCTS (no need to include the Annex 30a Safety and Security data);
- the Movement Reference Number (MRN) from the export declaration should be input into Box 40/44 (Produced certificates/previous references) of the NCTS declaration This can be achieved by selecting the ‘zzz other’ entry option from the ‘type’ field. The export MRN should then be entered in the “Document reference” box.

The process above:

- 1) facilitates the identification of those exports moving from the export to the transit procedure;
- 2) provides a clear audit trail to be established between the export declaration and the transit movement; and
- 3) ensures that only one message is sent across the EU indicating that the “goods are on their way”.

4. Combined S&S and Transit Declaration

Customs anticipate that there will be very few instances in the UK where traders will be required to present the S&S data in a combined CT or TIR declaration on the NCTS. We believe this would only occur in cases where goods are being moved via a third country to a customs office of destination in another Member State e.g. via Switzerland or Norway.

However it is anticipated that the EU will negotiate derogation with both the Swiss and Norwegian governments which will negate the need to provide

S&S data. An update will be issued when the results of the negotiations are clear.

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