Brexit
Northern Ireland

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Summary

The team at Hermes have been working alongside our customs partners to understand the changes that will be required to move parcels into Northern Ireland. Currently there is no definitive solution from government, but we have defined in this pack how we intend to move your shipments post Brexit, including details of changes you will need to make to facilitate this movement.

"What does 'Brexit' mean to you?"

In the worst case scenario, the UK will leave the EU with no deal. This means:

- Your NI traffic will be subject to customs formalities… **but no taxes or duties will be charged**
- You'll need to provide detailed information for each consignment
- Inspections may take place on some goods as they enter Northern Ireland

Moving parcels into NI...
Explained!

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The new process for shipping to Northern Ireland



The Facts

Hermes (and our partners) will be required to pre-lodge three types of electronic paperwork before boarding the ferry across to NI

1. Import Declaration – containing commodity codes
2. Safety and Security Declaration
3. Provide drivers with a Transit Accompanying Document

The Process

1. Clients send their pre-advice to Hermes via our Routing API
2. Hermes returns a label if the data provided satisfies the requirements
3. We scan all parcels for Northern Ireland onto our trailers and generate a trailer manifest
4. We submit this declaration, along with the item data to our customs clearance partners to carry out the customs formalities
5. We deliver your parcel to the end customer

IT Changes

In order to guarantee we collect all the mandatory data to take care of the customs formalities we will be **removing the ability to route to Northern Ireland from our Client Hosted (POS) solution**

All clients will therefore be required to **route their parcels to Northern Ireland via our routing API** (specification included in this pack)

The **data requirements** to service Northern Ireland will **align with our cross border traffic** and are detailed on the following slides

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Data...
The key to Exports

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Data is CRITICAL!

The Facts

In order to ship parcels from the UK into Northern Ireland, it is essential Hermes are provided with accurate data regarding the contents of your parcels

It is the clients responsibility to ensure the data is truthful and accurate – *HMRC may choose to investigate you if the data you provide sub standard*

The quality of your data will be reviewed on a weekly basis and feedback will be sent via your account manager. **If the data isn't correct, Hermes will not be able to ship your parcels into Northern Ireland after the 31st December**

In order to submit the required data in your pre-advice, you must ensure your IT teams are connected to version 4 of our Routing API

What data do you need to send Hermes?

All clients must provide the following data for each of your shipments:

Parcel Entity

Origin of Parcel – *the alpha 2 code country code where the **parcel has originated** (i.e. where did the individual items get packaged as one parcel) – Length = 2*
Duty Paid Indicator - *U= Duty Unpaid, P = Duty Paid*
Duty Paid Value - *Mandatory if 'dutyPaid' field contains 'P'. This field should contain details of duties/tariffs applied. – Max length = 6*
VAT Value – *Mandatory if 'dutyPaid' field contains 'P'. This field should contain details of the VAT charges – Max length = 6*

Content Entity

HS Code – *Harmonised Tariff System Code for the item being shipped. The minimum length of this code is 8 digits however, we are strongly encouraging our clients to adopt the full 10 digits to avoid issues importing your goods. Where the value of the parcel is over €150 we will enforce this to be 10 digits.*
Country of Manufacture - the alpha 2 code country code where the **item was manufactured**. Length = 2
Item weight – the weight of the item in grams. Max length = 6
Item quantity – the quantity of the same item within the parcel. Max length = 6

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Brexit Checklist...
Are you ready?

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Are you ready for Brexit?

In order to ship to Northern Ireland with Hermes post Brexit we need to ensure that you have completed the actions below:

- ❑ Registered your business for an EORI number and sent this to your account manager?
  - Follow this link to find out more: **https://www.gov.uk/eori**
- ❑ Signed and returned a 'Power of Attorney' letter to your account manager
- ❑ Updated your IT integration with Hermes to Route v4
  - Latest spec included in the back of this pack
- ❑ Confirmed with your account manager whether you still plan to ship to Northern Ireland post Brexit
- ❑ Ensure the data on your items is correct and meets the legal standards/requirements – it is essential the data you send to Hermes is completed in full and accurate. If not, your parcels will not clear customs and will be returned to you at cost

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Appendix...
Useful Documents

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Useful Links and Documents

Description	Link/Document
Route v4 – latest API specification	Microsoft Word Document
GOV.uk guidance - how to register for an EORI number	https://www.gov.uk/eori
GOV.uk – 'Get ready for Brexit' Homepage	https://www.gov.uk/transition?utm_campaign=transition_p1&utm_medium=cpc&utm_source=seg&utm_content=nat&gclid=CPrV46ziquwCFZCnGwod79QAWQ
GOV.uk – Trader Support Service	https://www.gov.uk/guidance/trader-support-service

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