

The upcoming changes in filing customs declarations in Denmark

Introduction

The move in customs declaration systems has started. The change of data model from a national data model to a European data model.

The current declaration system in Denmark is being replaced by new system: DMS in Denmark.

- This will require economic operators to make some changes to their declarations filing procedures to clear customs.
- It can also be quite a change to the declaration names and processes that users have become familiar with.
- In addition to Imports and Exports (sometimes referred to National Import Systems and AES), new procedures are also being introduced for Temporary Storage and the introduction of NCTS Phase 5 and Excise Movement and Control System (EMCS).

Danish customs

- The introduction of the Customs Code takes place gradually during the transition.
- Danish Customs implementation plan is gradually updated, we will inform gradually about the dates that are relevant for transition to the various systems.

In this article, we cover

- the why, who, what, when, and how of this pending transition.
- how you can prepare your customs operations.



Why the changes

- As part of a Multi Annual Strategic Plan (MASP), the principles and legislation within the UCC is being implemented with multiple technology projects and centralized processes leading to a position where all customs formalities can be linked together, and an EU trader can potentially centralize all their Customs activities in one Member State.
- The switch to DMS is part of a larger initiative by Danish customs authority to bring the processes and systems into compliance with the UCC and fully compliant with the European data model.
- One implication is that all customs declarations must be filed electronically, an objective of the UCC which calls for all paper-based customs procedures to be replaced with electronic procedures.
- This will require a larger dataset and validations that are also in line with the UCC.
- Procedures that are not digitized, like Temporary Storage, Presentation Notifications and Proof of Status, must be replaced with a fully digital alternative.

Who will be affected with this change

This not only affects the Customs Authorities in the sharing of data with and across the EU. All traders that submit customs declarations in Denmark must switch to DMS. It can also affect any importer or exporter as they may need to provide more information or be ready to receive different data from their brokers depending on what steps each Member State takes to transform or replace their existing National System.

What will happen

As the new systems replace the old legacy applications then changes to the data model and flows really depend on the previous systems. New terminology will come into play with references to data elements instead of box numbers and declaration categories such as "H1" for entering goods into free circulation or "B1" for a standard export; some of you may already have seen "H7" for low value goods introduced in July of 2021.

When will you be migrated

The development of the new customs declarations in Denmark are in different stages. Currently the technical specifications in Denmark are available and is there an implementation schedule communicated by Customs. Descartes is closely following negotiations between Customs Authorities and businesses and will notify our customers of updates on timing if it is altered.

Ongoing development work

- Work on the roll-out of the new customs systems is taking place according to very tight EU timetables.
- GCT plan.

Due Date	Country	Program
2024-Feb-13	Denmark	EMCS 4.1 (Released)
2024-May-01	Denmark	AES(1) (Released)
2024-May-01	Denmark	NCTS(5) (Released)
2024-Dec-31	Denmark	IMP

How to do it

For our GCT customers, many of these technical changes will be taken care of automatically. For others may have built their own customs software solution for declaration filing, there are both technical and process changes that will need to be made for goods to clear customs.

There are two types of changes to prepare for:

- Companies that are using the existing systems to file declarations may need to provide a different data set for filing with DMS, in accordance with Annex B of the UCC although many changes may be just technical.
- There can also be process changes, for example in the way declarations can be held for control decisions or are corrected.



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