

# MOVING TO THE CUSTOMS DECLARATION SERVICE



## The Customs Handling of Import and Export Freight (CHIEF) System is closing

HMRC will be closing the Customs Handling of Import and Export Freight (CHIEF) system.

The Customs Declaration Service (CDS) will be the single customs platform.

Services will be withdrawn in two stages:

- After 30 September 2022 import declarations close on CHIEF.
- After 31 March 2023 export declarations close on CHIEF and the National Exports System (NES)

# CHIEF IS CLOSING

Declarants and any traders they represent should be preparing for their move to CDS now



## Why CHIEF is Closing

CHIEF has served the UK well, but is nearly 30 years old.

HMRC's IT systems need to be fit for the future.

CDS:

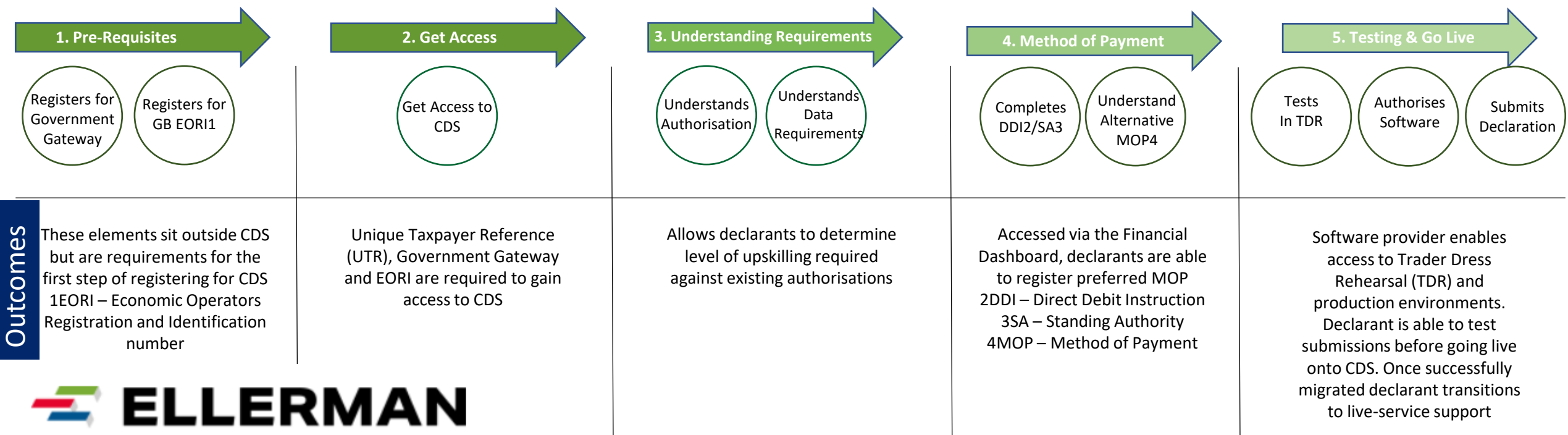
- Is more resilient, reliable, mobile, cost effective and adaptable.
- Is fully compliant with Union Customs Code (UCC) legislation and operates both the UK and EU Trade Tariffs.
- Has the flexibility to grow in line with the Government's ambitious trade plans to have the world's most efficient customs system by 2025.

# CDS

Aligns with the Government's trade growth agenda and the 2025 Border strategy

# MIGRATION JOURNEY

There are 5 key stages a trader may need to take to prepare for CDS depending on their specific circumstances.





## Stage 1: Pre-Requisites

Register for a Government Gateway user ID via the GOV.UK 'Get access to the Customs Declaration Service' page.

Register for an EORI number that starts with GB if you don't have one already.

If you already have an EORI number and it does not start with GB, you must apply for a GB EORI number.

# SIGN IN

A government Gateway account and a GB EORI are needed to register for CDS

## Stage 2: Get Access to CDS

You will need to log into your Government Gateway account and provide:

- Your EORI number that starts with GB. ▪ Unique Taxpayer Reference (UTR).
- The address for your business that we hold on our customs records.
- National Insurance number – if you are a sole trader.
- The date you started your business.
- Your email address.

Once registered:

- ✓ You will be able to access your Financial Dashboard.
- ✓ You will be able to access the Secure File Upload Service if you need to send HMRC supporting documents, like licences or certificates of origin.
- × Registering doesn't provide access to submit a declaration.

# Customs REGISTER

Visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/get-access-to-the-customs-declaration-service>





If you are concerned or have any further questions with regards to dates or compliance please contact:

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