



Customs Information Paper

Economic Operator Registration and Identification (EORI)

From 1st July 2009 EU legislation requires all member states to adopt the EORI (Economic Operators Registration and Identification), the EORI system as with the current TURN system is used to identify the importer of goods. Its implementation in the UK will replace the existing Customs trader identification system, TURN, which will cease to exist from 1 July 2009.

All UK EORI numbers will start with the letters 'GB'. Most will then be followed by twelve digit number based on the existing nine digit VAT number followed by a three digit suffix, for example GB123456789000.

HM Customs & Revenue will issue the majority of current TURN holders an EORI number identical to their current TURN, the exception being that branches/divisions will not qualify for an EORI number.

EORI and TURN systems are operating simultaneously until 30 June 2009, after which date, TURN numbers will become obsolete.

Please contact us should you have any questions.

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