# Weekly bulletin

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## **Trader Support Service (TSS)**

Weekly bulletin: Key updates to support you

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#### Advanced warning of TSS outage

On Sunday 4 August from 17:00 to 22:00, there will be an update to the TSS Portal as well as improvements to the Northern Ireland Customs and Trade Academy (NICTA) website. These changes will require a short downtime of the portal.

Please contact the TSS Contact Centre on 0800 060 8888 if you have any questions.

## Update: The Animal Welfare (Livestock Exports) Act 2024

The Animal Welfare (Livestock Exports) Act 2024 prohibits the export of cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, and equines for slaughter, including fattening for subsequent slaughter, beginning in or transiting through GB to EU member states and other third countries. The prohibition applies to exports from Monday 22 July 2024.

HMRC introduced two new document codes to cover circumstances under which exports of livestock can claim an exemption from the prohibition if they are not subject to the new legislation:

- Document code 9Y01 can be used to export livestock from Northern Ireland to either Great Britain or directly to a third country. It cannot be used if goods are intended to transit through Great Britain to a country outside of the UK.
- Document code 9Y02 can be used to claim an exemption if the livestock is of a species not covered by the prohibition or is being exported for purposes other than slaughter or fattening for subsequent slaughter.

Pre-lodged declarations for impacted livestock that arrived on or after Monday 22 July 2024, and do not include either 9Y01 or 9Y02 will be rejected. Declarations should be amended before arriving. Document codes 9Y01 and 9Y02 are available for immediate use.

Any livestock for slaughter or for fattening for subsequent slaughter that has already been granted release on an arrived export declaration must be exported before the prohibition comes into force. If they have not been exported by the time the prohibition comes into force, the declaration must be invalidated, and the livestock must not be exported.

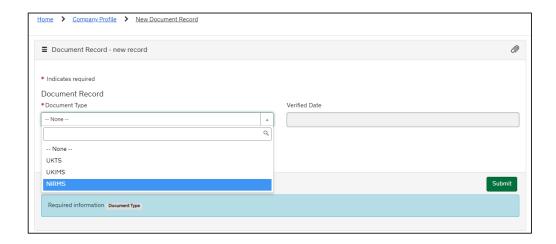
For further details see the <u>Tariff Stop Press Notice - 19 July 2024 - UK Integrated Online Tariff</u> on GOV.UK.

#### **New NIRMS Portal option available**

The Northern Ireland Retail Movement Scheme (NIRMS) allows the movement of prepackaged retail food and drink from GB to NI in a new, simpler way. The scheme is available to all businesses responsible for selling or facilitating the movement of food for final consumption in NI.

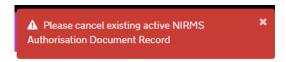
Once you have registered for the scheme with DEFRA and received your NIRMS reference number, you should add it onto your TSS account profile to use it via TSS.

When using the **Document Record – new record** form in the **Document Type** field, you will now find a 'NIRMS' option.

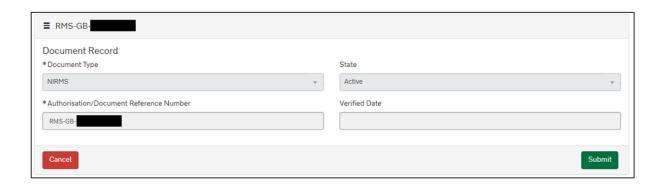


When selecting this option, you will then need to input the correct NIRMS Authorisation/ Document Reference Number provided by DEFRA. This number must begin with either 'RMS-GB' or 'RMS-NI' (depending on whether it is based in GB or NI) followed by the six digits provided by DEFRA.

If you already have a NIRMS document recorded, you will see this error message:



To cancel the existing active record, search for the document in the **Documents Record** section on the **Company Profile** page, select the active record and click **Cancel**. This action cannot be undone once selected.



### **TSS Contact Centre hours of operation:**

07:30 - 22:30, 7 days a week

**Contact options** 

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## **Northern Ireland Customs & Trade Academy (NICTA)**

Find guides, webinars, and training on the NICTA website to assist with your customs movements and using TSS.

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