

PROJECT SHEET

CUSTOMS CLEARANCE - **DELTA I/E** (IMPORT / EXPORT)

1. Who is concerned?

This online service DELTA I/E concerns all operators who import or export goods from/to territories outside the European Union as well as their customs representatives. It also covers trade between Mainland France and overseas territories (special fiscal territories).

2. What is DELTA I/E used for?

DELTA I/E (import/export) is the new import/export customs clearance service to be offered by French customs.

Only import clearance will be offered in a first stage.
DELTA I/E will later encompass an export component.

In the long run, DELTA I/E will replace all existing customs clearance IT applications (DELTA G, ECS BS, DELTA X Import and DELTA X Export).

The clearance of shipments with a value not exceeding €150 will remain in the current DELTA H7.

DELTA I/E materialises three projects of the Union Customs Code (UCC) IT work programme:

- bringing national import clearance systems up to the UCC standards (NIS - National Import System Update project);
- building up a system to interconnect national customs clearance systems for the purposes of centralised EU import clearance (CCI project - Centralised Clearance at Import) and export clearance (CCE);
- adapting customs systems for export and exit monitoring (Automated Export System - AES project).

3. What are the changes?

The implementation of DELTA I/E brings major changes and new simplifications for the international trade stakeholders.

This new online system accompanies the end of the customs declaration form in its current format (Single Administrative Document - SAD). The customs declaration is now understood as a set of data (available [here](#)) sent electronically by the operator to the customs.

The possibility of lodging a customs declaration in the form of an entry in the declarant's records (EIDR) may be offered more widely to certain operators. This option will be subject to prior examination and authorisation by the customs service. Authorised Economic Operators (AEOs) will be able to benefit from an exemption from notification of the presentation of goods under the EIDR.

Previously limited to twelve months, the time limit for filing electronic rectification and invalidation requests in EDI mode will be extended to three years. In addition, the particulars of a customs declared that can be amended online will be extended.

Furthermore, DELTA I/E will automatically inform the operator when his/her customs declarations are placed under control.

Finally, operators who already have been granted a centralised clearance authorisation will eventually be able to take advantage of a fully automated exchange system between Member States to manage their operations.

From an IT point of view, as in the case of DELTA H7, all exchanges (from the EDI operator system to DELTA I/E and vice versa) are carried out by the exchange of REST web services via the Internet channel. Exchanges between operators and the customs information system for DELTA I/E will be in "json" format. The "Mareva" messaging service will therefore no longer be used. This new solution will mean better availability and faster computer processing time.

4. What is the timetable?

The pilot phase (tests) of DELTA I/E for imports will start on 15 July 2023. The deployment is planned for September 2023. The migration of operators will be completed by 31 December 2023.

The pilot phase (tests) of DELTA I/E for exports will start in July 2024. The deployment is planned for September 2024. The migration of operators will be completed by 1 December 2024.

Centralised import clearance will be offered in several stages. A first phase, including standard and simplified customs declarations, will be offered to operators in DELTA I/E from the fourth quarter of 2024. A second phase, including entry in the declarant's records and excise duty goods, will be introduced at a later stage.

Finally, centralised export customs clearance is planned for the end of 2024.

5. For further information

A presentation of the NIS Update, AES and CCI projects can be found on the [European Commission's website](#). An [online training module on centralised customs clearance](#) is also available.

The [Business Consultancy Unit](#) (Pôle d'Action Economique) of your regional customs directorate is at your disposal to provide you with any additional information on this project. It will inform you about the practical consequences for your business and how to prepare.