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Notice to Economic Operators

Integration of Ozone-Depleting Substances (ODS) Licencing System with the Customs Import System via EU CSW-CERTEX

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The Customs Department would like to inform all Economic Operators, importers, customs agents and representatives that, with effect from 25th November 2026, the verification of Ozone-Depleting Substances (ODS) licences will be integrated into the national customs import system through the European Union's EU CSW-CERTEX platform.

The EU CSW-CERTEX

The EU CSW-CERTEX (European Union Customs Single Window Certificates Exchange System) is an electronic system that enables national customs systems to exchange information with EU non-customs regulatory systems.

For ODS, the system establishes a secure electronic connection between the national customs system and the ODS Licensing System managed by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Climate Action (DG CLIMA).

This integration will allow customs to electronically verify ODS registration and licence information when processing customs declarations, reducing the need for manual verification of licences and supporting documents.

Who is affected?

The integration concerns Economic Operators declaring goods subject to the requirements of the EU Ozone-Depleting Substances Regulation, including:

- Bulk ozone-depleting substances.
- Products and equipment containing or charged with ozone-depleting substances.
- Other goods falling within the relevant ODS TARIC measures.

The applicable requirements will depend on the commodity code, the relevant TARIC measures and the nature of the goods.

Lodging a customs declaration

Economic Operators must ensure that they are registered in the ODS Licensing System and hold the appropriate valid ODS licence before undertaking the relevant import formalities.

When completing the customs declaration, the relevant ODS information must be entered accurately.

The following TARIC document codes are particularly important:

Document Code	Description	Information to be declared
L100	ODS import license	ODS import licence
Y797	ODS registration identification	ODS registration identification number
Y798	Net mass of ODS in products and equipment	Net mass of the ODS gas in kg
Y799	Net mass multiplied by the ODP factor	Relevant calculated quantity in kg

Important: Y797 is always required for the ODS registration requirement. Y798 applies to products and equipment containing ODS, while Y799 applies to ODS goods, including bulk gases, products and equipment, where required by the applicable TARIC measures.

Completing the declaration

Economic Operators should pay particular attention to the following data elements:

A. ODS import licence – L100

- Enter the ODS import licence number under the Supporting Document section.
- Select document type L100.
- Enter the relevant quantity and measurement unit in kilograms, where these fields are applicable.

B. ODS registration number – Y797

- Enter the ODS registration identification number.
- Select document type Y797.

C. Net mass of ODS – Y798

For products and equipment charged with ODS:

- Declare the net mass of the ODS gas in kilograms.
- Select document type Y798.

D. Net mass multiplied by ODP – Y799

- Declare the net mass of the ODS multiplied by the relevant Ozone Depletion Potential (ODP).
- Select document type Y799.
- The quantity is expressed in kilograms.

E. Other quantity information

- The total net mass of the goods must be correctly declared.
- Supplementary units must be entered where required by TARIC.
- The quantity declared under L100 should correspond to the applicable ODS quantity: for bulk gases, the net mass of the goods; for non-bulk products and equipment, the net mass of the ODS gas declared under Y798.

The customs declaration system will use the applicable TARIC requirements to determine which information must be provided.

Submission of the customs declaration

Once the customs declaration is submitted, the National Import System will electronically communicate the relevant ODS information to EU CSW-CERTEX.

The information will then be checked against the ODS Licensing System.

The verification includes relevant information such as:

- Whether the licence exists in the ODS Licensing System.
- Whether the licence is valid and in an appropriate status.
- Whether the declared commodity codes are consistent with the licence.
- Whether the relevant registration and other required information are consistent.
- Whether the applicable quantity-related information can be processed.

Depending on the result, the customs declaration may continue through the normal customs clearance process or require correction, further verification or intervention by Customs.

Important information about ODS licences

Since 3 March 2025, the ODS Licensing System has moved away from the previous single-use, per-shipment licences with definitive quantities.

The new licence types allow multiple use and remain valid until they expire, are suspended or revoked by the Commission, or are withdrawn by the undertaking.

An import licence is valid for all import procedures, including transit, in accordance with the ODS Regulation.

Economic Operators should therefore ensure that the licence number entered in the customs declaration is correct and that the licence is valid for the intended operation.

All affected Economic Operators are strongly encouraged to:

1. Ensure that their undertaking is registered in the ODS Licensing System.
2. Verify that the appropriate ODS import licence has been obtained and is valid.
3. Check that their customs declaration software supports the relevant ODS document codes and data elements.
4. Ensure that the ODS registration identification number and licence reference are correctly declared.
5. Ensure that quantities, net mass and supplementary units are accurately reported.
6. Inform their customs representatives and declaration-processing staff of the new requirements.

Incorrect or incomplete ODS information may result in unsuccessful electronic verification, delays in customs clearance or the need for manual documentary checks.

The new ODS-EU CSW-CERTEX integration will become operational on 25 November 2026.

Economic Operators are requested to familiarise themselves with these requirements and make the necessary preparations before the implementation date.

For any queries relating to Customs systems, please contact the following helpdesk: https://mtca.gov.mt/customs/electronic-systems/customs-systems-queries

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