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# **Integration of ODS (Ozone Depleting Substances) Licencing System with Customs Export System via EU CSW-CERTEX**

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Effective 16 April, 2026

Economic Operators are hereby notified that, with effect from **16 April, 2026**, the **ODS (Ozone Depleting Substances) licensing system** will be **integrated with the customs export system via EU CSW-CERTEX** (Single Window).

The EU CSW-CERTEX system will enable **automatic electronic validation of ODS licences** submitted in support of export declarations.

This means:

- ODS licences will **no longer need to be presented manually** to customs.
- Licence verification will take place **automatically during export declaration processing**.

## Trader Obligations

From the go-live date, Economic Operators must:

- Obtain a **valid ODS licence** prior to export.
- Correctly declare in the export declaration:
  - The **ODS licence reference number**
  - Relevant supporting document codes
- Ensure that declaration data matches the licence details, including: Commodity codes
  - Quantities
  - Consignment details

Failure to comply may result in delays or rejection of the declaration.

## Export Process

- The export declaration is submitted with the ODS licence reference.
- The system sends a request to EU CSW-CERTEX.
- CERTEX retrieves licence information from the ODS system.
- An automated response confirms whether the licence: Exists and is valid
  - Is not yet finalised
  - Is invalid or not acceptable for export

## Impact on Export Clearance

- Goods subject to ODS controls will **only be released for export if the licence is valid**.
- Incorrect or inconsistent data may lead to:
  - Delays in processing
  - Requests for clarification
  - Rejection or suspension of the declaration

## Benefits for Economic Operators

This integration will:

- Simplify export procedures
- Reduce administrative burden
- Eliminate duplication of document submission
- Improve processing speed and transparency

## Important Reminder

Economic Operators remain fully responsible for:

- Compliance with ODS regulatory requirements
- Obtaining licences in advance
- Ensuring accuracy of all declared data

For any further clarifications please contact the export helpdesk: [exportsupervisingoffice.mtca@gov.mt](mailto:exportsupervisingoffice.mtca@gov.mt)

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