MOVING TO THE CUSTOMS DECLARATION SERVICE

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Customs

Import

Export

The Customs Handling of Import and Export Freight (CHIEF) System is closing

HMRC will be closing the Customs Handling of Import and Export Freight (CHIEF) system.

The Customs Declaration Service (CDS) will be the single customs platform.

Services will be withdrawn in two stages:

CHIEF IS CLOSING

Declarants and any traders they represent should be preparing for their move to CDS now

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Why CHIEF is Closing

CHIEF has served the UK well, but is nearly 30 years old.
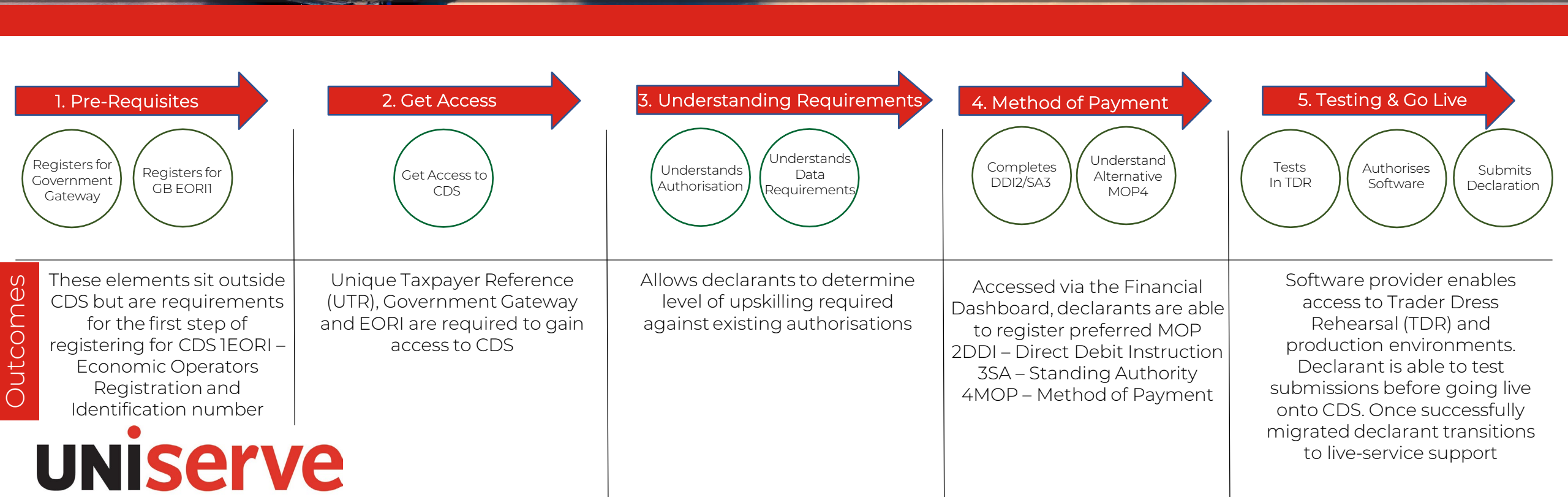
HMRC's IT systems need to be fit for the future.

CDS:

- Is more resilient, reliable, mobile, cost effective and adaptable.

- Is fully compliant with Union Customs Code (UCC) legislation and operates both the UK and EU Trade Tariffs.

- Has the flexibility to grow in line with the Government's ambitious trade plans to have the world's most efficient customs system by 2025.

CDS

Aligns with the Governments trade growth agenda and the 2025 Border strategy

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MIGRATION JOURNEY

There are 5 key stages a trader may need to take to prepare for CDS depending on their specific circumstances.

1. Pre-Requisites	2. Get Access	3. Understanding Requirements	4. Method of Payment	5. Testing & Go Live
Registers for Government Gateway • Registers for GB EORI1	Get Access to CDS	Understands Authorisation • Understands Data Requirements	Completes DDI2/SA3 • Understand Alternative MOP4	Tests In TDR • Authorises Software • Submits Declaration

Outcomes

These elements sit outside CDS but are requirements for the first step of registering for CDS 1EORI – Economic Operators Registration and Identification number	Unique Taxpayer Reference (UTR), Government Gateway and EORI are required to gain access to CDS	Allows declarants to determine level of upskilling required against existing authorisations	Accessed via the Financial Dashboard, declarants are able to register preferred MOP 2DDI – Direct Debit Instruction 3SA – Standing Authority 4MOP – Method of Payment	Software provider enables access to Trader Dress Rehearsal (TDR) and production environments. Declarant is able to test submissions before going live onto CDS. Once successfully migrated declarant transitions to live-service support

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Stage 1: Pre-Requisites

Register for a Government Gateway user ID via the GOV.UK 'Get access to the Customs Declaration Service' page.

Register for an EORI number that starts with GB if you don't have one already.

If you already have an EORI number and it does not start with GB, you must apply for a GB EORI number.

SIGN IN

A government Gateway account and a
GB EORI are needed to register for
CDS

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Stage 2: Get Access to CDS

You will need to log into your Government Gateway account and provide:

▪ Your EORI number that starts with GB. ▪ Unique Taxpayer Reference (UTR).

▪ The address for your business that we hold on our customs records.

▪ National Insurance number – if you are a sole trader.

▪ The date you started your business.

▪ Your email address.

Once registered:

✓ You will be able to access your Financial Dashboard.

✓ You will be able to access the Secure File Upload Service if you need to send HMRC supporting documents, like licences or certificates of origin.

✕ Registering doesn't provide access to submit a declaration.

REGISTER

Visit:

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/get-access-to-the-customs-declaration-service

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