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# OCEAN FREIGHT UPDATE



## KEY HEADLINES

- With Chinese New Year on the horizon, January is set to be a month of two halves with a surge in volume in the first half of the month as suppliers prepare for a full shutdown at the end of January.
- Second US East Coast Port Strike averted as a tentative six-year contract is agreed.
- The global ocean freight market is projected to see an 8% increase in capacity against a 3% increase in demand in 2025. This disparity is likely to ease some volatility, although fluctuations may still occur due to unexpected disruptions.



# OCEAN FREIGHT GLOBAL MARKET OVERVIEW

**With Chinese New Year on the horizon, January is set to be a month of two halves with a surge in volume in the first half of the month as suppliers prepare for a full shutdown at the end of January.**

Freight rates are projected to stabilise Pre-Chinese New Year before dropping once Chinese New Year commences. After the holiday rush, demand typically wanes, prompting carriers to continue deploying blank sailings, particularly on weaker trade lanes, to align capacity with reduced volumes. Carriers have increasingly relied on these measures to maintain market balance, and their effectiveness in recent months offers cautious optimism heading into 2025. Another notable shift is the timing of annual contract renewals, which are now moving beyond the traditional January-to-December cycle to align with post-Chinese New Year market realities. With Chinese New Year falling at the end of January in 2025, this delay provides shippers and carriers more accurate demand forecasts and greater market stability. General Rate Increases (GRIs) applied in early cycles in previous months have not delivered the intended impact.

Delaying contract renewals until after the Chinese New Year rush allows for a more practical alignment with market conditions, ensuring carriers and shippers can negotiate terms that better reflect post-holiday demand and capacity realities.

**Second US East Coast Port Strike averted as a tentative six-year contract is agreed.**

The United States Maritime Alliance, the group representing ship lines and port and terminal operators (USMX), and the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA), a union which represents 50,000 members who fill 25,000 jobs spread between three dozen locations at 14 port authorities from Maine to Texas, jointly announced that they agreed on a six-year deal just a week before the 15th January deadline before port operators were due to go on strike for the second time, following the October walkout. The sides did not publicly disclose the details of the agreement, however it is believed talks centered around automation and the potential loss of jobs for workers.

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## HMM returns to Transatlantic trade with new TAI service.

HMM announced the launch of a new service connecting North Europe and the US West Coast as an official return to Transatlantic trade after the end of service in 2018. This new service – Transatlantic 1 (TA1) will connect Northern Europe and the US West Coast, providing customers with expanded coverage and reliable weekly services. TAI will be operated in collaboration with ONE, ensuring operational efficiency. The first effective voyage will be in the first week of February; TAI will turn around in 10 weeks calling ports such as Southampton, Rotterdam, Miami and Oakland.

## INDIAN SUBCONTINENT

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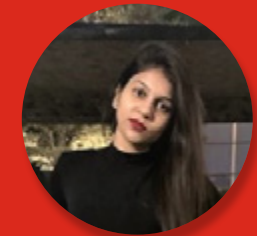
The Indian subcontinent, including Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, and Pakistan, is poised to experience shifts as shippers diversify their supply chains away from traditional hubs like China.

Elevated freight rates, driven by geopolitical tensions and potential labour disruptions.

Uncertainty due to regional instability, particularly in Bangladesh.

Possible impacts from new tariffs affecting overall freight costs.

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# AIR FREIGHT UPDATE



## KEY HEADLINES

- Forecasts suggest steady activity in air freight sector. Following the holiday shipping rush, demand is expected to stabilise but remain strong, particularly on Asia-Europe and Asia-Pacific routes, as markets adjust to seasonal demands.
- The air freight market from India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka in January 2025 is expected to experience robust growth driven by several key factors, including rising e-commerce demand, increased cargo volumes, and improved infrastructure.



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**The New Year sees the commencement of new contract pricing with many airlines which are showing average increases of 10-15% on last year.**

Most carriers are focusing on the e-comm market and its consistent demand, so despite the expected drop in first week of January, volumes are bouncing back.

The early Chinese New Year, factories starting to release their workforce from 20th January, will see strong demand to that point across China, Hong Kong and much of Southeast Asia. Return to production is anticipated from 10th February, with many carriers reducing freighter operations during this period.

The market anticipates a strong return once factories output returns and the relatively low-price point of much e-comm coming from Asia may continue to be attractive to consumers. It remains to be seen how much the challenging economic situation in China itself and across the UK and Europe impacts volumes, and how the US economy, and rest of the World, reacts to a new president's policies. Changes in shipping line alliances and services may create some ocean freight uncertainty and it continues to be an active period in Geopolitics. We must constantly react to change and will continue to support you

and find best solutions available.

Two other points of note which will impact pricing this year are firstly the Hong Kong Civil Aviation Department's decision to allow carriers to apply their own fuel surcharge levy from 1st January. Previously this was controlled by the department and standard across all carriers. We have already seen increases. Secondly, environmental pressure and legislation from the EU is pushing carriers to utilise more Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) and several carriers have started to implement surcharges to cover this higher cost on flights from the UK. We have seen early indications at EUR 0.04p/k from several.

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This is expected to continue right up to Chinese New Year as factories push the final cargo out before shutdown, with Air Freight seen as a last resort versus Ocean Freight. Rates, which have been relatively stable through December, may face upward pressure as global retail shipments pick up post-holidays. Shippers should

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plan carefully as capacity remains tight in key regions. There will also be a keen eye on developments in the USA with the US East Coast Port strikes certainly going to have an impact of the Air Freight sector if a resolution is not found a head of 15th January.

## **Airlines increasing order for Boeings new 777-8 freighter, planned for delivery from 2028.**

The 777-8F was originally anticipated to come to market in 2027, but last month Boeing said the aircraft's market launch would be delayed until 2028. This delay will mean that Qatar Airways, the launch customer for the 777-8F, will have to wait over six years for the first aircraft, as its original order was announced in January 2022. Aside from Qatar's order, there are several other airlines that have invested in the 777-8F. China Airlines, Cargolux, Lufthansa have all placed multiple orders for the new freighter. The 777-8F offers a maximum structural payload of 118 tons.

## **INDIAN SUBCONTINENT**

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India's e-commerce sector is a significant driver of air cargo demand, with growth rates exceeding 25% annually. This surge is anticipated to continue as higher household incomes and internet penetration increase the volume of goods shipped via air. As e-commerce expands, it will likely lead to increased reliance on air freight for faster delivery times, particularly for high-value or time-sensitive goods.

Strong growth in air cargo volumes (9-11% increase).

Stable but potentially increasing freight rates, influenced by seasonal demand and geopolitical factors.

Bangladesh has limited availability of freighter aircraft, which has exacerbated capacity shortages.

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# WAREHOUSING & TRANSPORT UPDATE



## KEY HEADLINES

- Uniserve Felixstowe Welcomes a Leader in E-Scooter Innovation.
- The statistics behind Uniserve's operations showcase its dedication to delivering excellence.

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## **Uniserve Felixstowe Welcomes a Leader in E-Scooter Innovation**

Uniserve Felixstowe is thrilled to announce the addition of a trailblazing e-scooter company to its growing family of customers. This new partnership underscores Uniserve's commitment to supporting businesses that are shaping the future of urban mobility and sustainability.

### **Revolutionising Urban Transportation**

The latest customer specialises in electric scooters designed to provide eco-friendly, efficient, and stylish transportation solutions for city dwellers. As urban centres embrace cleaner and more sustainable modes of transport, e-scooters are at the forefront of this transformation. Their lightweight, energy-efficient design makes them an ideal choice for reducing emissions while offering convenience and affordability for short trips.

With a growing demand for their products in the UK and beyond, this e-scooter innovator required a logistics partner capable of managing high-volume operations with precision and reliability.

### **Why Uniserve Felixstowe?**

Strategically located at the UK's busiest container port, Uniserve Felixstowe provides a critical gateway for international

trade. Its state-of-the-art facilities and experienced teams make it the perfect logistics partner for businesses with global supply chains.

For a company revolutionising urban transport, smooth logistics are essential. Uniserve Felixstowe's ability to handle complex import and distribution requirements ensures that these innovative e-scooters can reach customers swiftly and efficiently. From port handling to last-mile delivery, the partnership ensures an optimised supply chain at every step.

### **A Partnership for Sustainable Growth**

This collaboration aligns perfectly with the shared goals of efficiency and sustainability. By partnering with Uniserve, the e-scooter brand is equipped to meet growing consumer demand while maintaining its commitment to reducing environmental impact.

As cities around the world invest in greener transport infrastructure, the partnership between Uniserve Felixstowe and its newest customer is poised to play a pivotal role in this evolution. Together, they are not just moving products—they're driving a shift toward a cleaner, more sustainable future for urban transportation.

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way in supporting forward-thinking industries, and this partnership with a leader in e-scooter innovation is yet another step toward building a better tomorrow.

## **The statistics behind Uniserve's operations showcase its dedication to delivering excellence**

During 2024, Uniserve has demonstrated unparalleled efficiency and scope through the achievements of its key regional hubs. The statistics behind Uniserve's operations showcase its dedication to delivering excellence.

### **South Kirkby: To the Moon and Back—And Then Some**

South Kirkby's fleet has traversed an astronomical distance—equivalent to traveling to the moon and back 4.5 times! This achievement reflects the sheer scale of their operations. Additionally, South Kirkby has completed over 15,000 loads, a staggering accomplishment that highlights their commitment to meeting customer demands. If these loads were placed end-to-end, they could block the M1 from South Kirkby

to Luton, showcasing just how much they've moved across the UK.

### **Chepstow: Encircling the Globe**

Chepstow's vehicles have circled the Earth 55 times, an impressive testament to their global-level dedication. With over 7,400 loads, they've achieved a feat so large that if lined up, the loads would block the M5 as far as Bromsgrove. Chepstow's team exemplifies precision and persistence, enabling seamless logistics across vast distances.

### **Tilbury: A Towering Achievement**

Tilbury has demonstrated extraordinary capability, delivering almost 77,000 pallets. If these were stacked vertically, they would reach the height of 166 Burj Khalifa Towers, the world's tallest building. Additionally, their vehicles have travelled distances equivalent to going to Sydney and back 44 times, a measure of their robust logistics operations.

### **Northampton: Johannesburg Journeys**

The Northampton team has covered the distance to Johannesburg and back 13 times, highlighting their prowess in long-distance logistics. Completing

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over 1,300 loads, their deliveries could line the A43 between Northampton and Kettering, a clear indicator of their operational efficiency and volume.

## **Wolverhampton: Crossing the Atlantic**

Wolverhampton may be one of the smaller contributors, but their vehicles have still managed to travel the equivalent of back and forth to New York twice.

## **Uniserve's Impact: A Testament to Excellence**

The achievements of Uniserve's hubs exemplify the company's ability to move massive volumes with precision and efficiency. These feats not only highlight the scale of their operations

but also underline their commitment to innovation, customer satisfaction, and sustainable logistics solutions.

Uniserve continues to set benchmarks in the industry, proving that no distance is too far and no challenge too great when it comes to delivering for their clients.

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# EUROPEAN TRANSPORT UPDATE



## KEY HEADLINES

- Holyhead Port aiming to reopen on 16th January.
- The European heavy truck registration market experienced a significant downturn in Q3 2024.
- From 31st January, 2025, all goods imported from the EU to Great Britain must be accompanied by a safety and security declaration, also known as an Entry Summary Declaration (ENS).
- Bulgaria and Romania will officially join the Schengen Area which is a zone comprising 29 European countries that have abolished internal border controls on 1st January, 2025.

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## Holyhead Port aiming to reopen on 16th January

Haulage companies are experiencing significant challenges due to the closure of Holyhead Port, which was damaged by Storm Darragh, resulting in structural collapse. The closure has created substantial disruptions for freight transportation between Ireland and the UK, as approximately 1,200 lorries and trailers usually make the crossing every day.

A partial reopening of Terminal 5 is anticipated on 16th January, 2025, subject to weather conditions, while Terminal 3 remains unusable with no clear timeline for its repair. To mitigate the impact, several alternative routes and services have been established, including connections from Dublin to Liverpool, Heysham, Fishguard, and Belfast to Cairnryan. Additional sailings have also been introduced to help ease traffic congestion at other ports.

The focus remains on securing viable additional routes and vessels with sufficient capacity to ensure the steady movement of both goods and people between Ireland and the UK during this period. Clarity on the situation at Holyhead is expected by mid-January.

## Drop in heavy truck registrations

The European heavy truck registration market experienced a significant downturn in Q3 2024, ending a period of high registration figures. Central and Northeastern European countries saw the largest declines, while some Southern and Western European nations reported increases.

Despite the general decline, alternative engine registrations, particularly battery electric vehicles (BEVs), continued to rise, now accounting for 1.3% of total registrations. Diesel trucks still dominate the market, although their registrations decreased year-on-year.

Industry implications include potential reductions in fleet size, increased carrier bankruptcies, and capacity shortfalls, which may lead to price increases in the transport market. Experts anticipate further declines in registrations for 2025 before a potential upturn.

## Safety and security regulations for importing goods from the EU

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new regulations aim to simplify the import process by reducing the required data, with 20 mandatory fields for all declarations, 8 conditional fields for specific circumstances, and 9 optional fields.

Businesses already submitting ENS for non-EU imports can maintain their current procedures but may opt to benefit from the simplified dataset. Carriers or hauliers are legally responsible for submitting these declarations, though other parties can lodge them on their behalf. To prepare, businesses are encouraged to start submitting declarations before the deadline, coordinate with supply chains, and ensure they have the necessary software or services to comply with the new requirements. The Safety and Security Great Britain (S&S GB) IT platform will be used for submitting these declarations, requiring registration and access to relevant import documents and information.

To complete entry declarations, you will need access to:

- Documents and licences for your imports such as airway bills or commercial invoices

- Goods description
- Consignor and consignee
- Type, amount and packaging of your goods
- Mode of transport at the border
- Onward journey details
- Safety and Security Great Britain location code for the port of entry

## **Bulgarian border checks**

Bulgaria and Romania will officially join the Schengen Area which is a zone comprising 29 European countries that have abolished internal border controls on 1st January, 2025. Ending all land border checks and significantly easing travel between these countries and their EU neighbours. This long-awaited decision, confirmed by EU interior ministers, is expected to boost trade, tourism, and mobility for the combined population of 25 million residents.

One of the major impacts of this change will be on lorry transport; truck drivers will no longer face long queues at border crossings, which have previously caused substantial delays and economic losses. The removal of border checks is anticipated to lower logistics costs and

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improve efficiency for businesses reliant on cross-border trade. Additionally, while internal border controls with Romania will remain for six months in a modified form, no new controls will be imposed at the Greek border, further facilitating movement for freight.

During November and December 2024, the Turkey-Bulgaria border crossings experienced severe congestion, particularly at the Kapıkule and Hamzabeyli gates in Edirne, Türkiye. The implementation of the New Computerized Transit System (NCTS) Phase 5 caused extensive delays, with thousands of trucks waiting up to four days to cross. At Hamzabeyli, the queue of export-bound vehicles extended beyond 25 kilometres, significantly impacting cross-border trade and transportation

UniEurope provides alternative options for routing from Turkey to the UK avoiding congestion at the border crossing.

For inquiries, please contact [unieuropecommercial@ugroup.co.uk](mailto:unieuropecommercial@ugroup.co.uk).

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# ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE UPDATE

## KEY HEADLINES

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- With the Regulations now in law, this enables the provisions contained within to take effect and the pEPR scheme will become fully operational on 1st January 2025.



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# ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE MARKET OVERVIEW

## Packaging EPR Regulations 'made' into law

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Following the announcement of the Main Packaging Extended Producer Responsibility (pEPR) Regulations being **laid in Parliament in October 2024**, the Regulations have now completed their journey through the Parliamentary procedure, and on 11th December 2024 have been 'made', meaning they are law.

This is a major milestone in the reform of the packaging waste regulations to a system of EPR, which we have been leading up to since the first Government consultation in 2019, with the aim of encouraging greater packaging recyclability and sustainability, supporting the transition to a circular economy in the UK.

With the Regulations now in law, this enables the provisions contained within to take effect and the pEPR scheme will become fully operational on 1st of January 2025. This means that producers will no longer have obligations under 2007 Packaging Waste Regulations from 2025.

The provisions within the Main pEPR Regulations that enable the pEPR Scheme Administrator are slightly earlier, and on the 12th of December 2024 the Scheme Administrator was appointed.

You can view the Main pEPR Regulations that have been made here: **[The Producer Responsibility Obligations \(Packaging and Packaging Waste\) Regulations 2024](#)**.

Beyondly are here to support producers every step of the way during the pEPR reform, so if you have any questions or would like to share your thoughts with us, please get in touch on [solutions@beyond.ly](mailto:solutions@beyond.ly)

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# ONE WORLD GTM TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

## KEY HEADLINES

- In a world of increasing complexity and unpredictability, supply chains must be more than functional—they must be transformative. The companies leading the pack are those who recognise that the key to unlocking new levels of efficiency, agility, and innovation lies in cross-functional collaboration.
- Cross-functional collaboration brings diverse perspectives and expertise to the table, breaking down the barriers that traditionally stifle progress.

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# ONE WORLD GTM MARKET OVERVIEW

## Revolutionising Supply Chain Performance Through Cross-Functional Collaboration

In a world of increasing complexity and unpredictability, supply chains must be more than functional—they must be transformative. The companies leading the pack are those who recognise that the key to unlocking new levels of efficiency, agility, and innovation lies in cross-functional collaboration.

Gone are the days when silos defined supply chain operations. Today's supply chain leaders understand that collaboration is necessary to optimise outcomes. It connects departments, aligns priorities, and ensures that every decision contributes to the bigger picture.

At One World, we see this shift not just as a trend, but as the foundation for the future of supply chain management.

## The Power of Connection

Cross-functional collaboration brings diverse perspectives and expertise to the table, breaking down the barriers that traditionally stifle progress. When teams

work together, they create a supply chain that is:

- **Informed and Transparent:** Real-time data sharing eliminates blind spots. Visibility into inventory levels, demand shifts, environmental impact, and supplier performance enables better decision-making and proactive responses.
- **Efficient and Cost-Effective:** Coordinated efforts streamline processes and optimise logistics. Collaborative forecasting minimises holding costs and enhances productivity.
- **Resilient and Agile:** Unified teams adapt swiftly to changes in demand, market conditions, or disruptions, keeping the supply chain robust under pressure.

## Build Stronger Supplier Relationships

Cross-functional collaboration extends beyond internal teams to include suppliers:

- Better coordination on transportation routes and schedules.
- Improved transparency and communication on joint initiatives.

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- Enhanced performance and outcomes through collaborative efforts.
- Aligned processes can streamline the reporting required for compliance with regulatory standards.

Strong supplier relations and bi-directional trust becomes increasingly important in times of uncertainty and increased regulatory compliance.

## Collaboration Driven Customer Satisfaction

By aligning different functions towards common goals, organisations can better meet customer needs:

- Faster order fulfilment and processing.
- More accurate inventory replenishment, reducing stockouts.
- Enhanced product quality through integrated expertise from R&D, production, and quality control.

All resulting in an improved customer experience.

## Innovation: The Collaborative Advantage

The true value of cross-functional collaboration lies in its ability to spark innovation. When R&D, production, and

quality control converge, companies can:

- Design products with sustainability and circularity at their core.
- Rapidly implement innovative solutions to reduce waste and improve resource utilisation.
- Reimagine supply chain processes with cutting-edge technologies like AI and machine learning.

## A Collaborative Supply Chain Is a Sustainable Supply Chain

Sustainability isn't just a buzzword; it's a mandate. By integrating circular economy principles across functions, organisations can:

- Reduce waste and carbon footprints.
- Enhance resource efficiency throughout the product lifecycle.
- Build stronger partnerships with suppliers for shared environmental goals.

Cross-functional collaboration doesn't just improve operations—it aligns them with broader organisational values, creating supply chains that serve people, planet and profit.

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## The Role of Technology in Seamless Collaboration

This transformation demands more than a mindset shift—it requires the right tools. That’s where One World comes in. Our platform enables:

- Real-time communication and data integration across departments and organisations.
- Predictive analytics and AI-powered insights for smarter decision-making.
- Streamlined workflows that reduce inefficiencies and drive productivity.
- One source of truth across the entire supply chain.

By harnessing next generation technology, we empower supply chain leaders to overcome the complexities of collaboration and realise its immense benefits.

## Leading the Future of Supply Chain Management

The leaders of tomorrow’s supply chains will be those who champion cross-functional collaboration today. It’s not just

about efficiency—it’s about creating a supply chain that is dynamic, resilient, and sustainable.

One World is here to help you build that future. Learn how our solutions can transform your supply chain into a connected, collaborative, and competitive advantage. Get in touch at [owgtm.com](https://owgtm.com)

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# CUSTOMS & LEGISLATION UPDATE



## KEY HEADLINES

- Starting 31st January 2025, all goods imported from the EU to Great Britain must be accompanied by a safety and security declaration, also known as an Entry Summary Declaration (ENS), HMRC has announced. .
- Businesses already submitting ENS for imports outside the EU do not need to change existing procedures, though they may opt to benefit from the simplified dataset from January 2025.



# CUSTOMS INSIGHTS MARKET OVERVIEW

## HMRC Announces New Requirements for Import Safety Declarations from 2025

Starting 31st January 2025, all goods imported from the EU to Great Britain must be accompanied by a safety and security declaration, also known as an Entry Summary Declaration (ENS), HMRC has announced. This move aims to streamline safety protocols and simplify the import process by reducing the amount of data required on these declarations.

Under the new regulations, businesses will need to fill out a simplified dataset with:

- 20 mandatory fields for all declarations
- 8 conditional fields required only in specific circumstances
- 9 optional fields that can be left blank if not relevant

Businesses already submitting ENS for imports outside the EU do not need to change existing procedures, though they may opt to benefit from the simplified dataset from January 2025.

### Steps for businesses to prepare:

- Begin submitting ENS before the 2025 deadline if ready

- Coordinate with supply chains to assign responsibility for completing declarations and determine the best methods for submission
- Consult trade representatives if further guidance is needed

HMRC also clarified that while carriers or hauliers hold legal responsibility for submitting ENS, an importer or intermediary may submit the declaration on behalf of the carrier. Declarations can be submitted via HMRC's IT platform, S&SGB, using either specialist software or customs intermediaries.

For more information about further changes, please email [enquiries@customsinsights.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@customsinsights.co.uk) or call +44 1304 211 652 to discuss.

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