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# EORI number

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**In short:** An EORI (Economic Operators Registration and Identification) number identifies a business to customs authorities. Any business established in the EU that imports or exports goods needs one, issued by the customs authority of the country where it is established; the UK has its own EORI numbers starting with GB or XI.

An EORI number is used in all customs declarations and communications across the EU, so one number works in every member state. Non-EU businesses that lodge customs declarations in the EU obtain one from the first member state where they do so. Service-only businesses do not need one.

## See also

- VAT number

## References

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