

UNITED KINGDOM

1. **General:** The following subsections describe the Customs clearance process for military-type cargo shipped into the UK from the US. The UK has an electronic system for handling Customs, referred to as the Customs Handling of Import and Export Freight (CHIEF) system.
 - a. **CHIEF System Overview.** The CHIEF system is an advanced Customs declaration processing system that is used for the receipt, storage, retrieval, and processing of international import and export trade by land, sea, or air. The CHIEF system links Customs offices around the UK to ports, airports, and several thousand commercial businesses. CHIEF primarily uses UN/EDIFACT messages to transmit Customs clearance declarations and approval/rejection information. CHIEF uses a Single Administrative Document (SAD) C88, Figure 2, to make import, export, and warehouse procedures in the UK simple and more flexible. CHIEF is part of Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs (HMRC) Customs freight and simplified procedure initiative. Figure 1 depicts the HMRC internal customs process using the CHIEF system and SAD.
 - b. The import declaration data is generated from the cargo manifest and the air waybill. This data is received by HMRC import office personnel and entered into the CHIEF system. CHIEF supports both Human Computer Interface (HCI) and Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) traffic. It is generally accessed using terminals connected via the Government Data Network (GDN). If the import declaration data is accepted, the system transmits the accepted C88 back to the HMRC import office. Should the C88 information be rejected, the C88 is forwarded to the HMRC Query Seat office for resolution. The Query Seat Officer will attempt to resolve the C88 misinformation and return the resolved C88 back through the CHIEF system to the Import office. If the Query Seat Officer cannot resolve the C88 information, a C20X rejection notice is sent back to the trader. C88 information is printed in hardcopy form and stored at the HMRC Office for 1.5 years, at which time it is moved to an off-site storage location for another 1.5 years, then destroyed.
 - c. **Customs Input Entry (CIE).** There are two manual methods for submitting an import declaration into CHIEF. The methods are CIE and Direct Trader Entry. The trader brings import shipment information or an import declaration to the Customs office where it is numbered and, after initial inspection, is entered into the CHIEF system. If the system rejects the CIE entry during validation, the input documents are passed to the staff at the Query Seat to resolve the error(s). If the query seat staff cannot resolve the error(s), the query seat staff issues a C20X back to the trader. Traders may also submit pre-logged entries followed by a notification of goods arrival.
 - d. **Direct Trader Input (DTI).** Another method of submitting import declarations by the trader into the CHIEF system is by DTI. With DTI, the trader enters shipment information or import declarations electronically into the DTI system. The DTI system acts as a firewall between the CHIEF system and the trader. Under the DTI Customs Clearance Process the trader enters shipment information or import declarations on their own computer equipment and submits it to CHIEF through the DTI system or by e-mail to Custom's X400 mailbox (only available for supplementary declarations). The trader's computer equipment can either act as a dependent terminal supporting the CHIEF HCI, or can use the CHIEF EDI interface for submitting declarations. Errors detected during the validation process are reported to the user and then corrected. Front-end credibility checks are also applied and the user is challenged to confirm as correct, or to amend any information that fails a check. The following is a list of DTI providers for the UK CHIEF system:
 - (1) Community Network Services (CNS)

- (2) Cargo Community Systems-United Kingdom (CCS-UK)
 - (3) Dover Harbor Board (DHB)
 - (4) Maritime Cargo Process (MCP)
2. **Surface:** No country specific details.
 3. **Air:** All cargo going through RAF Mildenhall, imports and exports, must be cleared through HMRC on a SAD, C88A, Figure 3, and all forms must be sent to the customs office at H M Revenue & Customs, Custom House, View Point Road, Felixstowe IP11 3RF Tel: 01394 303030 Fax: 01394 303332.
 - a. Goods for the exclusive use of the US Armed Forces are cleared by AMC at the aerial port at RAF Mildenhall.
 - b. Shipments for UK contractors and MOD units or government. Import shipments for UK contractors supporting DOD contracts for repair and return which does not qualify for the SOFA. When contractors' shipments move to RAF Mildenhall by MILAIR, the TO at RAF Mildenhall will notify contractors and or his/her agents to lodge a customs clearance request (C88A) to H M Revenue & Customs, Custom House, View Point Road, Felixstowe IP11 3RF Tel: 01394 303030 Fax: 01394 303332. These shipments will not be released until customs clearance is granted and the release note is received at the TO.
 4. **Sea:** No country specific details
 5. **Personal Property.** See the PPCIG at <https://tops.ppcigweb.sddc.army.mil/ppcig/menu/home/warning.do>. Select Query CG tab, select Country Instructions tab, at the Country drop down box under Custom Selection, select United Kingdom, submit. Click on the detail icon on the upper right hand side to review shipping requirements.

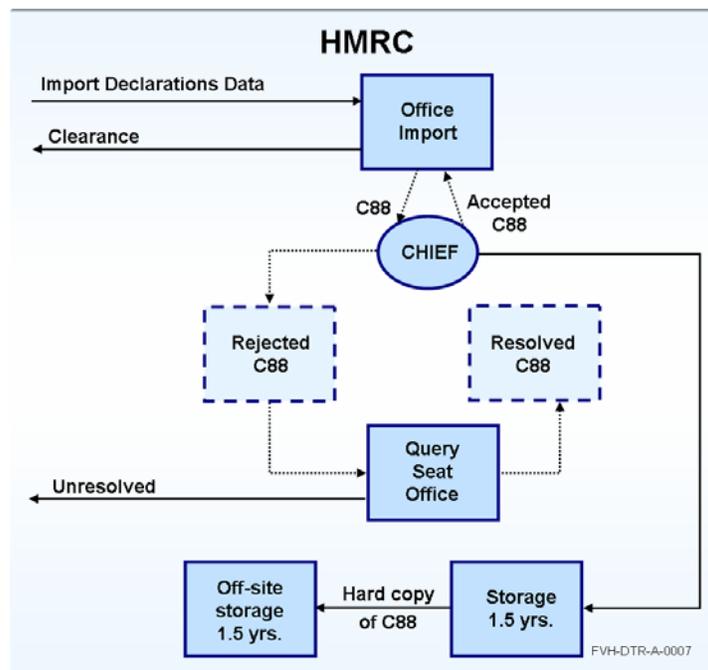


Figure 1. HMRC Internal Customs Process

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY					1 2 3 4 5 6 7		A OFFICE OF DISPATCH/EXPORT	
Copy for the country of dispatch/export	1		2 Consignor/Exporter		No		1 DECLARATION	
	3 Forms		4 Loading lists					
	5 Items		6 Total packages		7 Reference number			
	8 Consignee		No		9 Person responsible for financial settlement		No	
	10 Country first destin.		11 Trading country		13 CAP			
	14 Declarant/Representative		No		15 Country of dispatch/export		15 C disp./exp. Code	
	16 Country of origin		17 Country of destination		17 Country destin. Code			
	18 Identity and nationality of means of transport at departure		19 Ctr.		20 Delivery terms			
	21 Identity and nationality of active means of transport crossing the border		22 Currency and total amount invoiced		23 Exchange rate		24 Nature of transaction	
	25 Mode of transport at the border		26 Inland mode of transport		27 Place of loading		28 Financial and banking data	
1		29 Office of exit		30 Location of goods				
31 Packages and description of goods		Marks and numbers — Container No(s) — Number and kind		32 Item No		33 Commodity Code		
44 Additional information/ Documents produced/ Certificates and authorizations				34 Country origin Code		35 Gross mass (kg)		
				37 PROCEDURE		38 Net mass (kg)		
				40 Summary declaration/Previous document		39 Quota		
				41 Supplementary units		A.I. Code		
				46 Statistical value				
47 Calculation of taxes		Type		Tax base		Rate		
		Amount		MP		48 Deferred payment		
		Total:				49 Identification of warehouse		
						B ACCOUNTING DETAILS		
50 Principal		No		Signature:		C OFFICE OF DEPARTURE		
51 Intended offices of transit (and country)		represented by		Place and date				
52 Guarantee not valid for				Code		53 Office of destination (and country)		
D CONTROL BY OFFICE OF DEPARTURE		Stamp:		54 Place and date:		Signature and name of declarant/representative:		
Result:		Seals affixed: Number:		Identity:		Time limit (date):		
Signature:								

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Figure 2. C88, Single Administrative Document

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY					OFFICE OF DISPATCH/EXPORT/DESTINATION					
Copy for the country of dispatch/export	Copy for the country of destination	1 6			2 Consignor/Exporter No			1 DECLARATION		
		3 Forms			4 Loading lists					
		5 Items			6 Total packages			7 Reference number		
		8 Consignee No			9 Person responsible for financial settlement No					
		10 Ctry, 1st dest/last consig.			11 Trad./Prod. country			12 Value details		
		13 CAP			14 Declarant/Representative No			15 Country of dispatch/export		
		16 Country of origin			17 Country of destination			18 Identity and nationality of means of transport at departure/on arrival		
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37 PROCEDURE			38 Net mass (kg)			39 Quota				
40 Summary declaration/Previous document			41 Supplementary units			42 Item price				
43 VM Code			44 Additional information/Documents produced/Certificates and authorisations			45 Adjustment				
46 Statistical value			47 Calculation of taxes			48 Deferred payment				
49 Identification of warehouse			B ACCOUNTING DETAILS							
50 Principal No			Signature:			C OFFICE OF DEPARTURE				
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Figure 3. C88A, Single Administrative Document