Express & Freight Solutions would like to draw your attention to a few formalities that must be completed for shipments from/to the United Kingdom from 01/01/2021.

In order to have an export or import declaration drawn up, a **(pro forma) invoice** of the shipment is required. The following information must be clearly stated on this document.

- **EORI number** (Economic Operators Registration and Identification) If your company does not yet have an EORI number, you can request one via this link: EORI number
- **Incoterm** - Incoterms define the buyer's or seller's responsibility for costs and liabilities in delivery. These are used to determine who is responsible for customs clearance and even duties and taxes. In general, the Incoterms DAP (Delivered at Place) and DDP (Delivered Duty Paid) are used. More information via this link: Incoterms
- **Origin** of the goods. This refers to the country where the goods were manufactured. This can have an impact on the customs duties that must be paid upon import into the United Kingdom or Belgium.
- **Commodity code/HS code** A commodity code or HS code is a ten-digit code for classifying products. This classification is used worldwide. The first six digits are internationally the same. The subdivision can be different nationally. With the commodity code, customs knows which products the shipment contains and how much import duties or other import taxes must be levied on the product. More information via these links: FPS Finance - Tariff browser and EU Commission - Access to markets
- **Number of items** in the shipment, packaging and type (envelope/flyer/box/pallet)
- **Gross and net weight** It is important to indicate both gross weight and net weight.
- **Commercial value of the goods and currency** (EUR or GBP) This is the market value of the goods (to your customer). Depending on the sales conditions, the transport costs or export insurance must also be stated.

THE EU COMMISSION IS PUBLISHING BREXIT RELATED INFORMATION AT
(EU) BREXIT Overview, Publications/News, EU-UK Negotiations
https://ec.europa.eu/info/european-union-and-united-kingdom-forging-new-partnership_en
(EU) BREXIT Legislative Developments, Links to Member States
https://ec.europa.eu/info/brexit/brexit-preparedness_en

THE UK GOVERNMENT IS PUBLISHING BREXIT RELATED INFORMATION AT
https://www.gov.uk/transition
(UK) How to Import/Export to/from UK, EORI Registration, Duty/VAT and Customs Declaration
https://www.gov.uk/topic/business-tax/import-export
(UK) Export Control Guidance
https://www.gov.uk/guidance/exporting-controlled-goods-after-eu-exit
https://www.gov.uk/guidance/ask-hmrc-for-advice-on-classifying-your-goods

ANNEXE - Preferential origin declaration

When sending goods to and from the UK it is recommended to add a declaration of origin to your (proforma) invoice together with a detailed description of your goods.
The statement may be added in English or another language used in the EU. Preferably use the same language as used for the rest of the document.
State the place, date, name and signature of the declarant.

Shipments with a value < 6000 EUR

"The exporter of the products covered by this document declares that, except where otherwise clearly indicated, these products are of UK/EU preferential origin."

Shipments with a value > 6000 EUR

For EU shipments to the UK with a value above 6000 EUR, it is required to include the exporter's REX number on the origin declaration. The REX number is the Customs Authorization Number as a registered exporter.

"The exporter of the products covered by this document (Customs Authorisation No._____) declares that, except where otherwise clearly indicated, these products are of UK/EU preferential origin."

Verifying your REX number can be done via the following link (using your EORI number):
https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/dds2/eos/rex_validation.jsp

If you do not yet have a REX number and want to send shipments with a value > 6000 EUR to the UK, you can request a REX number from Belgian customs. More information can be found at:
https://finances.belgium.be/fr/douanes_accises/entreprises/facilitation/rex-l%e2%80%99auto-certification