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POSTPONEMENT OF DMS IMPORT IMPLEMENTATION TO MARCH 14TH

The Danish Customs Agency has postponed the implementation of the new Danish customs system for import declarations, DMS Import, to March 14th 2026. The system will replace the current import system and introduce significantly stricter requirements for data quality and documentation for all import declarations.

At Color Line Cargo, we are ready for the transition, but the new requirements mean that we will need more detailed information from our customers when goods are registered with us for customs clearance. We are aware that there are still challenges with certain declaration types, but we are in close dialogue with the Danish Customs Agency and industry associations regarding these matters.

WHAT DOES DMS IMPORT MEAN FOR YOU?

DMS Import is the final phase of the overall DMS rollout and introduces a range of changes to the structure and validation of import declarations. The system imposes higher requirements for:

- Precision in product information
- Correct tariff codes
- Clear alignment between goods, procedures, and authorisations
- Complete and detailed data fields

Incomplete or inaccurate information will more frequently result in rejections in the system, which may cause delays in customs processing.

WHAT WILL CHANGE IN PRACTICE?

The most important changes include:

- New declaration types (H1-H6 and G4 for temporary storage) - [see the declaration types here](#)
- New procedure codes, e.g. 4010F05 for returned goods
- Additional and more detailed data fields, e.g. in [the calculation of customs value](#)
- Stricter validation and less tolerance for errors or incomplete information

WHAT DO WE NEED FROM YOU?

To ensure smooth and accurate customs processing in the new system, we will require more detailed information when you submit goods to us for customs clearance.

- Invoice with product description, price, and origin
- Correct 10 digit tariff codes - find them in [the Customs Tariff here](#)
- Precise indication of the desired customs procedure
- Information on relevant authorisations and permits
- Freight price divided into two parts:
 - Freight outside the EU
 - Freight within the EU

This division is a new requirement in DMS Import and is necessary for correct calculation of the customs value.

If special customs procedures are used, such as customs warehousing, inward processing, or temporary admission, we will now require the full TBS authorisation number instead of the journal number.

During the transition period, you should expect us to ask more questions than before to ensure that all information is complete and correct.

RELEASE OF 3RD PARTY IMPORT DECLARATIONS FOR UNACCOMPANIED UNITS

For unaccompanied units arriving in Denmark, it has previously been common practice to invoice the registrant for the release of the customs declarations. This is not possible in DMS Import, and therefore we will now invoice the transporter for this instead.

WE ARE READY - AND HERE TO HELP

Color Line Cargo is fully prepared for the transition to DMS Import. However, we expect that the new requirements will lead to increased dialogue for a period, until the work processes are fully established for both us and our customers.

If you have questions about your current customs setup, use of authorisations, or need a review of your product flows in light of DMS Import, we are of course ready to assist you.