Brexit Update - CHIEF / CDS

What is CHIEF?

The Customs Handling of Import Export Freight (CHIEF) system is the IT platform upon which customs entries have been declared for the last 30 years – both for imports to the UK and exports from the UK.

What is CDS?

Customs Declaration Service (CDS) is the replacement system for the outdated CHIEF platform. CDS can handle more entries but requires more detailed information than CHIEF.

What's changing?

1) CHIEF will close for IMPORTS 30/09/2022

2) CHIEF will close for EXPORTS 31/03/2023

How might that affect you?

Our Customs Team has full access to CDS, and have begun testing out the new declarations. **We will move to the new system before the above deadlines.**
If you use a UK deferment for UK imports, or wish to see your C79s and PIVA statements online, **you will also need to register for CDS** and grant DX authority to use your DAN with HMRC. You will also need to change your direct debit instruction to pay your DAN and provide DX with any relevant authorisation codes.
You may also be asked to provide more information to us for your UK import and export declarations in future.
To check what changes your business needs to make please visit:
https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/customs-declaration-service-communication-pack/trader-checklist-moving-to-the-customs-declaration-service

If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to your Account Manager