

**2023 No. 431**

**CUSTOMS**

**The Single Trade Window (Preparation) Regulations 2023**

*Made* - - - - at 11.00 a.m. on 17th April 2023

*Laid before Parliament* at 4.00 p.m. on 17th April 2023

*Coming into force* - - 8th May 2023

The Treasury, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 31(1) and 31(2) of the European Union (Future Relationship) Act 2020(a), make the following Regulations.

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Single Trade Window (Preparation) Regulations 2023 and come into force on 8th May 2023.

**Preparation for a single trade window**

2.—(1) The Commissioners for His Majesty’s Revenue and Customs may incur expenditure for the purpose of or in connection with the establishment of a single trade window.

(2) In paragraph (1), “single trade window” means the single window referred to in Article 118 of the UK/EU and EAEC Trade and Cooperation Agreement(b).

*Steve Double*  
*Scott Mann*

At 11.00 a.m. on 17th April 2023 Two of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty’s Treasury

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations authorise the Commissioners for His Majesty’s Revenue and Customs to incur expenditure to pave the way for the establishment of a single window in accordance with the

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(a) 2020 c. 29. Section 31 was amended by S.I. 2021/884 and gives a relevant national authority the power to make regulations as described. Section 37(1) defines “relevant national authority” as (a) a Minister of the Crown, (b) a devolved authority, or (c) a Minister of the Crown acting jointly with one or more devolved authorities. The definition of “Minister of the Crown” in section 8(1) of the Ministers of the Crown Act 1975 (c. 26) includes the Treasury.

(b) Referred to as the Trade and Cooperation Agreement in the definition in section 37 of the European Union (Future Relationship) Act 2020 (c. 29). See the Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, of the one part, and the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the other part, done at Brussels and London on 30 December 2020, published on 30 April 2021, ISBN 978-1-5286-2546-3, CP 426, available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ukeu-and-eaec-trade-and-cooperation-agreement-ts-no82021>.

United Kingdom's obligations under Article 118 of the UK/EU and EAEC Trade and Cooperation Agreement. This will be known as the single trade window and will enable traders to submit documentation or data required for importation, exportation, or transit of goods through a single entry point.

An Impact Assessment has not been prepared for this instrument because there will be no impact on business arising from its provisions.

An Explanatory Memorandum is published alongside this instrument at [www.legislation.gov.uk](http://www.legislation.gov.uk).

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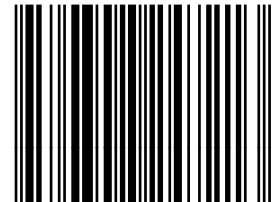
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