

# EXPORT DECLARATION

Compliant customs declaration for export shipments

SGS is the world's leading inspection, verification, testing and certification company. Wherever you are in the world, in whatever industry, you can rely on our international teams of experts to provide specialised solutions to make your business faster, simpler and more efficient. Maco Customs Service was acquired by SGS in 2017 and is a specialised and full service customs service provider for the Netherlands and Belgium, offering customs support in terms of brokerage, compliance management, software and consultancy.

## LEGAL BACKGROUND - EXPORT DECLARATION

Companies who export goods to countries outside the European Union territory are obliged to declare these shipments to customs if the value of the goods is greater than €1,000. An export declaration needs to be provided to customs when the goods are ready to be shipped. An electronic declaration is required by customs. The software used to declare the goods must be interfaced with the software used by customs in the country the goods are loaded. After the export has been declared to customs, the officer checks whether it is correct and complete. Based on the risk analysis, a decision about whether the provided export data needs to be adjusted or whether a document or a physical inspection of the goods is necessary will be made. After the goods are released, customs provides proof of export in the system.

The proof of export provided by customs is required by the tax authorities. Exporters who are not in possession of the proof of export will be charged VAT on these shipments in the event of a VAT audit.

## WHAT CAN WE DO FOR YOU?

SGS Maco offers a compliant export solution for exporters or logistic service providers:

- Compliance check of export-relevant data
- Filing of export-relevant data and declaration to customs
- Communication with customs
- Status monitoring in customs system
- Provision of the necessary proof of export to exporter
- If required, SGS MACO will declare the export in Port Base (Rotterdam harbour system)

We also offer consultancy services to exporting companies to make use of applicable customs simplifications.

## HOW IT WORKS

SGS Maco must be authorized to represent the exporter in matters concerning customs:

- After authorisation, the exporting company provides the relevant export declaration data to SGS Maco. The data can be provided by EDI (interface) or by email.
- After the data has been checked and validated, SGS Maco will send the customs declaration. We use our own developed customs software (MCC = Maco Customs Connect) to provide the data to the applicable customs office.
- As the export declaration is always a time critical process, SGS Maco declares the shipments immediately in order to avoid any delay of transportation. The opening hours of SGS Maco are aligned with the requirements of the exporters.



## MACO CUSTOMS CONNECT (MCC)

Companies that decide to manage the export declaration inhouse need to make use of software that is interfaced with the customs software, is continuously adapting to changes in legislation, and is able to provide all data required by customs. Over the past 10 years, we have developed web-based software and customized it to meet the demands of our customers in the Netherlands. Being a web-based solution, gaining access to the software is easy. A customized training programme and full support ensures lean and complaint export management. As a user of MCC, you can rely on the experts of SGS Maco to support you if you have any issues concerning IT, and - needless to say - you can rely on their customs knowhow as well.

Whether you want to outsource, do it by yourself using state of the art customs software or going for a fully automated solution, with SGS MACO you have the right partner at your side to manage your export declaration.

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