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‘No deal’ EU exit contingency planning

Guidance for registration to use the DHSC
Dedicated Shipment Channel in the event of a 'no
deal' EU exit



1. Background

The Government has developed contingency measures to ensure the continuity of supply of goods from EU into the UK in the event of a 'no deal' EU exit. As part of this, a Dedicated Shipment Channel has been established for Medical Devices and Clinical Consumables (MDCC) that are not stocked in the UK and are routinely shipped to order from the EU with short lead times (24 to 72 hours).

The DHSC has set up a processing centre in Kontich, Belgium, and a distribution network which will integrate with existing NHS Supply Chain logistics to ensure timely delivery to Trusts.

This Dedicated Shipment Channel is for the import of MDCC products between the UK and EU in the event of a 'no deal' EU Exit. You are receiving this as part of the process to access this secured capacity because we believe you are a supplier of Medical Devices and Clinical Consumables.

The Dedicated Shipment Channel operation has been established as a contingency measure for use in the event that suppliers' own arrangements encounter severe disruption to the movement of product to the UK as a result of EU Exit. It is expected that suppliers do everything in their power to solve their supply chain problems prior to requesting access to this fall-back solution.

2. What is the process for accessing this capacity?

In order to gain access, we are asking that you, as a supplier of MDCC products, register via an online portal here:

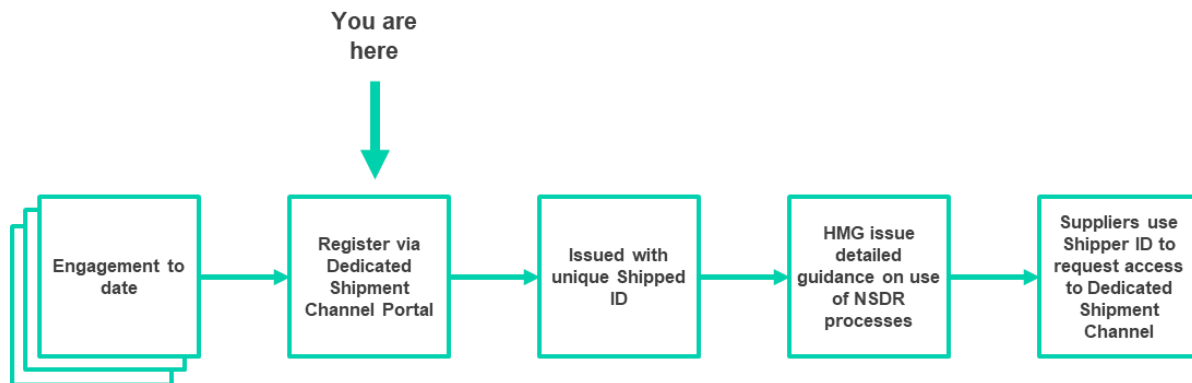
<https://shipper.mixmovematch.com/RegisterDSCSupplier>

A unique shipper ID will be provided to you once registered. This unique ID will become your supplier 'user credentials'. You will be required to set up a password upon completion for use in accessing operational systems once the solution is live.

The unique shipper ID will also be used to validate requests to access the Dedicated Shipment Channel. These requests will be coordinated via National Supply Disruption Response (NSDR) processes; further details on these will be issued at the beginning of March.



The high-level process is shown below:



3. Why do you need to register?

By registering via the Portal, you will provide the information necessary to enable the short-lead-time delivery of medical devices and clinical consumables. This includes:

- Company address and registration details
- VAT processing details
- Economic Operator Registration and Identification number (EORI). An EORI number is a unique ID code used to track and register customs information in the EU. If you do not have one you will need to register for one following the guidance at: <https://www.gov.uk/eori>
- Ultimate destinations for goods where these are not covered by NHS Supply Chain (i.e. Devolved Administrations and Crown Dependencies)
- Contact details to ensure the NSDR processes can function smoothly

If you are not an MDCC supplier, please do not register. However, please do email us to confirm you do not require access to the Dedicated Shipment Channel. If you are unsure whether you are an MDCC supplier please contact us using the MDCC contingency email address (mdcc-contingencyplanning@dhsc.gov.uk)

4. Eligibility for the Dedicated Shipment Channel

As a supplier of Medical Devices and Clinical Consumables, we have identified that you may require use of a short-lead-time import solution; if you have received this



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guidance and registered via the portal, then you are likely to be eligible to use the Dedicated Shipment Channel.

All registered suppliers will be able to request access to the Dedicated Shipment Channel. Access will then be granted in line with the NSDR processes on the basis of the needs of the Health and Social Care systems across the UK and Crown Dependencies.

There is no guarantee that any particular shipment will be granted access to the Dedicated Shipment Channel nor any guarantee that a shipment will be processed on any specific date.

There is also no requirement for suppliers to use the Dedicated Shipment Channel and they should exhaust all other options prior to requesting access, including the Government provided freight capacity referred to in the letter to suppliers. However, if you think there is any possibility that you will need to use the Dedicated Shipment Channel, please register as soon as possible, as unregistered suppliers cannot be granted access.

5. Using the Dedicated Shipment Channel

The Dedicated Shipment Channel will operate from a consolidation centre in Kontich, Belgium, where goods will be processed and organised for delivery via air freight or sea routes according to DHSC criteria. Therefore, once a request for access to the Dedicated Shipment Channel has been granted via the NSDR processes, suppliers will be required to deliver the relevant goods to the consolidation centre for processing.

The consolidation centre for the Dedicated Shipment Channel will process and organise medical products for shipment according to clinical and logistical criteria specified by the DHSC.

Once the shipments reach the United Kingdom, they will either be delivered directly to Trusts by parcel or pallet, delivered to the relevant NHS distribution centres, or delivered to supplier-defined locations for finishing, processing or onward shipment to end customers. The Dedicated Shipment Channel is not designed to make direct to patient deliveries at home; this will remain the responsibility of suppliers.

The Dedicated Shipment Channel is not Good Delivery Practices (GDP) compliant and therefore would not be able to handle products that require this certification.



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6. Terms of Use

In order to access the Dedicated Shipment Channel suppliers will be required to agree to a set of terms and conditions. These will be issued in advance of the Dedicated Shipment Channel becoming operational. Please read the Terms of Use carefully and contact us via the MDCC Contingency Planning mailbox (mdcc-contingencyplanning@dhsc.gov.uk) if you have any questions relating to these.

7. Contact details

If you have any queries in relation to this guidance please contact us at the Medical Devices and Clinical Consumables email address:

mdcc-contingencyplanning@dhsc.gov.uk