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Note to operators

Subject : Smart Border Logistics Envelope - New version released on 27th June 2022
Attached doc. : Annex 1 - Screenshot of the new logistics envelope interface

Please note that a new version of the Smart Border Logistic Envelope will be put into production on 27th June.

From that date, the logistic envelope, which allows economic operators to group several customs formalities under a single barcode for smart border pairing, contains the following new features :

- the distinction between logistical envelopes for import (UK to FR/EU) and for export (FR/EU to UK) flows
- the reinforcement of the format controls applied to the customs formalities integrated in the logistic envelope,
- the impossibility to use in the logistic envelope a customs formality already paired.

In order to distinguish between logistics envelopes intended for import and those intended for export flows, economic operators are asked, when creating a logistics envelope, to specify the direction (import or export) for which they plan to create this envelope. **By default, the Export direction (FR/EU to UK) is selected.** You will find in annex to this note screenshots of the new version of the logistic envelope interface, integrating this new functionality.

The distinction between the logistic envelopes intended for the import flow and those intended for the export flow is materialized by the implementation of distinct formats for the tokens of the logistic envelopes according to the direction of the crossing:

- The format of the logistics envelopes intended for the import flow is "EI + 6 characters",
- and those intended for the export flow have the format "EE + 6 characters".

This distinction makes it possible to reinforce the controls of the formats of the customs formalities carried out in the logistic envelope at the time of its creation and its modification. With the production of this new version, controls of the formats of the Customs formalities specific to the direction of the crossing are in fact applied, which was not applicable until now because of the possible use of the logistic envelope for both directions. For example, if an economic operator specifies, when creating a logistical envelope, to use this envelope for the import direction, the formalities whose format corresponds to formalities that must be used for the export direction, such as the export accompanying documents of an EU Member State, are refused. On the other hand, this format is allowed if the envelope is chosen for the export direction. These checks also apply when modifying a logistics envelope.

In addition, when creating or modifying a logistics envelope, an additional check is added to ensure that the customs formalities included in the envelope have not already been paired. This new feature prevents duplicate customs formalities.

In addition, the format of the envelope tokens, whether for import or export, no longer includes the characters "O" or "0" in order to reduce as far as possible input errors during pairing due to the confusion of these two characters.

All of these changes to the logistics envelope are designed to make the pairing process more secure, both for imports and exports flow, for formalities paired via a logistics envelope. In fact, they make it possible to ensure that all the formalities planned to be paired via this tool are compliant and that they are properly paired via the logistics envelope.

In addition to these functionalities, EDI connection providers and any economic operator, subject to certification by the Customs, can file logistics envelopes in EDI. All the information required for certification is available on the French Customs website, on the page dedicated to the online logistics envelope service:
<https://www.douane.gouv.fr/services-aide/edi#enveloppelogistique>.

The Economic Action Centres (Pôle d'action économique - PAE) are at your disposal for any further information.

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