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Dear Customer,

After our first Brexit letter to you on 15 February, we write you assuming that the UK exit from the EU (Brexit) will not now happen on 29 March 2019 at 11pm GMT (although this date is still enacted in UK law and will need secondary UK legislation passed in the next days to change it) but rather on **12th April 2019 at 11 PM GMT** or 22nd May 2019 at 11 PM GMT.

Whilst all Brexit options therefore remain on the table, both of us must also be prepared to trade in a new regulatory environment resulting from a NO-DEAL Brexit.

We write to you now as we estimate that if a NO-DEAL Brexit becomes the final outcome, there will be very little time between that moment of final clarity and the actual NO-DEAL Brexit.

The changes to our operational procedures, in case of a NO-DEAL Brexit occurring, were already set out in our first Brexit letter of 15 February and continue to stand. The letter has been updated on our C.WEB portal with links to the updated versions of the EDI specification and other. For an updated copy of our first letter, please [click here](#) and click the CLdN Brexit Info link.

The focus of this second letter is on some transitional arrangements from our current operations to / from the UK to the new arrangements, provided a NO-DEAL Brexit indeed occurs at short notice.

1. RELEASE OF NEW UPDATED C.WEB BOOKING TOOL

- 1.1 We release today the updated version of our [C.WEB booking tool](#), which has been adapted to take account of the new Third Country requirements between the EU and UK. You will use this tool for all your freight bookings with us, either online via manual entry or via [EDI exchange](#). All your bookings and your data already contained in the current C.WEB system remain available to you in the updated version.
- 1.2 Essentially, you will find that C.WEB works as before, but that additional data entry fields have been made to permit you to enter
 - (i) the usual booking request information, and
 - (ii) [all Consignment details of the Goods](#) (see our Consignments in C.WEB manual) in the Unit to permit us to make the mandatory Safety and Security Declarations (ENS and in specific cases EXS) before leaving and entering a Third Country, and
 - (iii) the Export authorisation(s) numbers (MRN) of the combined Export (or equivalent) and EXS declaration prior obtained by you for these Consignments
 - (iv) the Import authorisation(s) numbers (MRN)

In return, C.WEB will also provide you with the ENS reference number(s) received from Customs authorities when the Entry Summary Declaration made by us as shipping line has been accepted.

- 1.3 We remind you that we provide a new functionality in C.WEB allowing you to [appoint a delegate](#) (as explained on page two of the "Consignments in C.WEB manual") that can fill the



specific Consignment details and Export MRN for each Unit directly into the booking request on your behalf. This functionality is segregated from the rest of your C.WEB account and will not allow the delegate to consult your other operational and commercial information.

By appointing e.g. your customs agent, your customer or their customs agent, who will first hold and obtain this required information in order to make the mandatory Export and Import declarations on the Goods and Consignments, you could avoid having to organize a time critical information flow between multiple parties and you could share this extra administrative burden with other stakeholders. If your mandatory information does not flow, your Units will not flow !

2. MAKING YOUR FREIGHT BOOKINGS FOR DATES BEFORE AND AFTER NO-DEAL BREXIT

2.1 Bookings for Vessel departures up to the actual NO-DEAL Brexit date:

You can use the updated C.WEB version as today, and it remains **entirely optional** for you to enter any Consignment information in your booking as we will not have to use this information. Export authorisation or combined Export / EXS information will not yet be obtainable.

Completing any consignment information would already allow you an opportunity to practically understand the system use, the information required from the actual NO-DEAL Brexit date and / or to test your new EDI connections to populate these data fields.

We are advised that if a NO-DEAL Brexit occurs that all goods that at transition time are already in transit on departed vessels will not have to fulfill customs formalities upon entering the country of arrival. We nevertheless invite you or your customers to seek independent confirmation in this respect.

2.2 Bookings for Vessel departures after the presumed NO-DEAL Brexit dates:

You will also be able to make vessel space reservations in C.WEB for all future vessel departures. We will confirm your booking request as today, until clarity on the actual NO-DEAL Brexit date arises.

→ If a NO-DEAL Brexit does NOT occur

Your vessel booking requests will be validated and be 'complete' as usual without the need to enter any Consignment information. Export authorisation or combined Export / EXS information will anyhow not yet be obtainable.

→ If a NO-DEAL Brexit occurs

Your actual vessel bookings for after the actual Brexit date must be completed with Consignment information and the Export authorisation(s) numbers (MRN) of the combined Export (or equivalent) and EXS declaration for these Consignments.

- 2.3 Please note that for all **Westbound** shipments, i.e. from EU to UK, there will **also after a NO-DEAL Brexit be no need to enter Consignment details** as part of your booking request as the UK has opted to waive the Safety and Security Declarations until further notice. As things stand, there is however no relaxation of this requirement for Eastbound shipment into the EU so entering consignment information for these bookings remains applicable.



As things stand, Export authorisation(s) numbers (MRN) of the combined Export (or equivalent) and EXS declaration for all Consignments will always be required in both directions, as will import authorisation details to obtain terminal release at the EU ports.

Please note that

- a full inventory linked process for **Westbound** shipments is available in the UK
- Export/Import document numbers (but no ENS details!) can be provided to us via Portbase in The Netherlands and via RX/Seaport in Belgium.

2.4 There are no changes to make a booking request between two ports that remain in the EU.

3. EMPTIES AND RESTRICTED GOODS

3.1 We remind you that shipping empty units is not subject to customs formalities. In case a NO-DEAL Brexit does occur, it will work well therefore to give priority to shipping your empty units on the immediate next sailings, especially on the eastbound UK to EU routes !

3.2 Please note that on Eastbound routes from UK to EU we will if a NO-DEAL Brexit occurs from that date until further notice not accept bookings for fresh (unpacked) meat products.

We reserve the right to not accept bookings for other goods that are subjected to 100% veterinary checks in view of changing operational circumstances and to avoid terminal congestion.

3.3 Sanitary and Phytosanitary checks:

D1ND planning in the UK foresees that only non-EU origin Goods in transit will need to go to a Border Inspection Post (BIP) before entering the UK. It is your responsibility to organize for this, including confirming that it is permitted to ship such Goods via our Ports as currently only C.RO Ports Killingholme is located in an approved BIP area.

As things stand, in case of a NO-DEAL Brexit all mandatory checks will apply to Import Goods entering our EU terminals. All C.RO Ports EU terminals are located in an approved BIP area. You will be responsible for organizing these checks, including timely making appointments at the BIP facility. We will release your Unit to your driver upon you providing us with confirmation of your subsequent customs procedure by completing and confirming the Unit booking information in C.WEB.

Should you have any queries in relation to the above and the attached, please do not hesitate to contact us further through your usual CLdN / C.RO Ports contacts or via customs@cldn.com or customs@croports.com.

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