

# Brexit update: data quality

**We will shortly require 10 digit HS codes from you for all International parcels**

Dear clients,

Since the Brexit transition period ended on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020, we've been monitoring our service to identify further improvements in the parcel journey for you.

We've established that the quality of HS codes that we receive has proven to be absolutely critical in ensuring a smooth journey.

So, we will shortly be introducing new validation on our cross border API that will enforce the use of 10 digit HS codes whenever you request a label to ship through our International network.

This change will come into effect on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

## **What do you need to do?**

Review your product library and ensure that all of your items have been classified with a 10 digit HS code

*For help and support please refer to the HMRC trade classification website: <https://www.trade-tariff.service.gov.uk/sections>*

Ensure that your IT systems can pass the 10 digit HS Code to Hermes

## **Need further support?**

Should you need more help on classifying your goods with the full 10 digit HS code, your first point of call should be HMRC.

*Details on how to contact the team can be found here:*

*<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/ask-hmrc-for-advice-on-classifying-your-goods>*

If you require additional support after contacting HMRC, please let your client manager know and as always, we'll help as best as we can.

With best wishes,

**The Hermes Team**



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the parcel people