STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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CUSTOMS

The Customs (Safety and Security Procedures) (Amendment) Regulations 2026

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The Commissioners for His Majesty's Revenue and Customs make these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 166A(1), 166B(1)(a) and 166C(1)(c) and (6) of the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979(**a**).

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Customs (Safety and Security Procedures) (Amendment) Regulations 2026 and come into force on 30th June 2026.

Amendment of the Customs Safety and Security (Penalty) Regulations

2.—(1) The Customs Safety and Security (Penalty) Regulations 2019(**b**) are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 2 (interpretation)—

(a) after the definition of "contravenes" insert—

""customs representative" has the same meaning as in Article 5(6) of the Code;";

(b) in the definition of "relevant safety and security rule", after "imposed by" insert "or under".

(3) In the Schedule—

(a) in the entry which begins "Article 127(5) of the Code", in Column 2, after "declarant" insert "or any customs representative of the declarant who lodged the entry summary declaration, or both";

(b) after that entry, insert—

"**Notifications.**

Article 133 of the Code.	The operator of the means of transport.	£2,500

(**a**) 1979 c. 2; see section 1(1) for the definition of "the Commissioners" for the purposes of section 166A. Sections 166A to 166C were inserted by section 21 of the European Union (Future Relationship) Act 2020 (c. 29).

(**b**) S.I. 2019/121, amended by S.I. 2019/715 and 2025/20.

	Where a sea-going vessel or an aircraft enters the customs territory of the Union, the operator of that means of transport must notify arrival to the customs office of first entry upon arrival of that means of transport.";

(c) in Column 1, for the heading "Exit Summary Declarations." substitute "Pre-departure Declarations.";

(d) in the entry for "Articles 263 and 271 of the Code and Articles 244 and 245 of the Delegated Regulation.", in Column 1, after "not lodged" insert "as a pre-departure declaration";

(e) in the entry which begins "Articles 263(3), 263(4) and 271(3) of the Code"—

(i) in Column 1—

(aa) for "Articles 263(3), 263(4) and 271(3)" substitute "Article 263(3) and (4)";

(bb) for "exit summary" substitute "pre-departure";

(ii) in Column 2, after "declarant" insert "or any customs representative of the declarant who lodged the pre-departure declaration, or both".

Amendment of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2447

3.—(1) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2447 laying down detailed rules for implementing certain provisions of Regulation (EU) No 952/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the Union Customs Code(**a**) is amended as follows.

(2) In Article 28 (security and safety standards (Article 39(e) of the Code)), in paragraph 3, for the words from "Article 3 of" to "185/2010" substitute "regulation 2 of the Aviation Security (Air Cargo Agents) Regulations 2024(**b**)".

(3) In Article 35 (monitoring (Article 23(5) of the Code)), in paragraph 4, in the words before point (a)—

(a) for the words from "Article 3 of" to "185/2010" substitute "regulation 2 of the Aviation Security (Air Cargo Agents) Regulations 2024";

(b) for "shall immediately" substitute "may";

(c) omit "minimum".

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5th June 2026 Two of the Commissioners for His Majesty's Revenue and Customs

(**a**) EUR 2015/2447, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.
(**b**) S.I. 2024/228.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations make amendments to safety and security provisions in existing customs legislation.

Regulation 2 amends the Customs Safety and Security (Penalty) Regulations 2019 to add an additional penalty for contravention of a relevant safety and security rule and to make amendments to existing penalties.

Regulation 3 makes minor amendments to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2447 laying down detailed rules for implementing certain provisions of Regulation (EU) No 952/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the Union Customs Code. The amendments update out-of-date references to other legislation and make a minor amendment to an information sharing provision to better reflect requirements for the data in question.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sectors is foreseen.

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