

Customs data analytics tool - CDAT

Review your data today to address risks and uncover opportunities

What is CDAT?

CDAT is a tool developed by our Customs, Excise and International Trade Team (CEIT) specialists, designed to analyse your import and export data (MSS - Management Support System Data) obtained from HMRC.

The tool can work with both historic CHIEF data and CDS import and export data sets which we enhance with HMRC trade tariff data. In addition, we can enrich the data pool with additional data from your ERP system.



You can outsource your customs declarations to a Customs Broker but the compliance risk remains with you.

Why analyse your customs data?

When you import goods into the UK or export from the UK (as the importer or exporter of record) you are legally required to submit a customs declaration to HMRC.

A customs declaration is a tax return which provides details of the goods and establishes how much customs duty and import VAT you owe to HMRC.

Most UK businesses under our new trading relationship with the EU are facing an increased number of customs declarations and therefore, outsource the completion and submission of their customs declarations.

Your business should take steps now to review the customs data submitted to HMRC on your behalf by your customs brokers to ensure that your business is not exposed to the risk of customs duty assessments and civil penalties.

This is especially important for businesses that hold HMRC approvals that require an enhanced level of customs compliance such as: Authorised Economic Operator (AEO), Customs Warehousing (CW), Inward Processing (IP) and those that fall under the Senior Accounting Officer regime (SAO).

How our tool works?

- Obtain MSS data from HMRC (you can do this or BDO can request the data on your behalf)
- Upload data into the BDO Portal
- We establish an import and/or exporter profile during a quick online workshop with your business
- Data analysis is then undertaken by the tool which is then reviewed by one of our CEIT team
- ► The CDAT tool is then made live on our portal
- You have unlimited 24/7 access to your interactive tool reports through our portal
- The tool highlights potential anomalies which could be an opportunity for a refund claim or be a risk of underpayment
- The tool allows you to interrogate your customs data and share the results with your business colleagues
- The data can be presented online and downloaded as visual tables with supporting data.

Benefits of our tool

- ▶ 24/7 online access through our portal. Staff from different areas of your business can be provided with access to review relevant data for their roles
- Easily understood visuals of complex trade data
- Review data at a group level or drill down into individual company/division level data
- Identify potential risks and opportunities for refund claims
- Identify potential customs duty reliefs for future use e.g. Customs Warehousing, Inward processing or claim preferential rates under a Free Trade Agreement
- Monitor the performance of your Customs Brokers and Freight agents.

What happens if you aren't compliant?

- HMRC may raise historic duty assessments going back three years
- Civil penalties can be charged
- Loss of HMRC approvals and increased HMRC risk profile
- Customs clearance and supply chain delays
- All this can lead to a qualified SAO statement.

Easily understood visual dashboards with global maps

E21,278,247 E910,065,246 E935,299,056 E6,703,836 E170,609,972 VAT Postponed Total Duties Relieved L4,741,028 20 Entries Commodity Codes Brokers

Country of Dispatch by Customs Value (Width) and Number of Entries (Colour)

CDAT dashboards allow you to interrogate and filter all your data. Need something more bespoke?

No problem, the tool can be adapted to your exact business needs!



For more information contact us for a no-obligation discussion



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Fees start at £750 per calendar month for ongoing access to the tool.

For bespoke data analytic projects please enquire with the team.

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