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Introduction of an electronic Binding Tariff Information (BTI) Ruling

Who should read:	All involved with importing or exporting goods
What is it about:	Introduction of an electronic Binding Tariff Information (BTI) Ruling for users of the online electronic Binding Tariff Information (eBTI) service.
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1. Introduction

The purpose of this paper is to provide information about the introduction of an electronic Binding Tariff Information (BTI) Ruling for users of the electronic eBTI service.

Binding Tariff Information (BTI) is a legally binding written tariff classification decision, given on request. BTI decisions are made under the terms of Council Regulation (EEC) 2913/92 of 12 October 1992 (as amended) establishing the Community Customs Code, and the Implementing Provisions contained in Commission Regulation (EEC) 2454/93 of July 1993 (as amended). This forms part of Community law and applies in all Member States of the European Union.

2. About the electronic service

Registration and enrolment to the eBTI service is completed on the Government Gateway website (**www.gateway.gov.uk**) – this ensures that the online service is secure. Once a trader has activated their account they will be able to request Binding Tariff rulings by completing the e-application form on the HMRC website.

The service also provides interactive acknowledgement of receipt of request, detailed error responses to application completion and enables traders to view their rulings electronically.

3. What is changing?

Currently, although a BTI application form is submitted electronically the BTI ruling is sent to the Trader through the postal service.

HMRC has enhanced the existing eBTI online service to allow users to access their BTI rulings electronically. This enhancement will provide a display/print function in eBTI online service so that BTI rulings that have been accepted by the EU Commission database may be selected, displayed, and printed on request.

Advantages include less postage and a saving in the time taken for the BTI ruling to reach the applicant resulting in a speedier service,

The change takes effect from 18 August 2010.

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