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Subject: Importing and exporting Re-enactment Equipment to Belgium from UK

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Dear Mister Monks,

I received your email of 1st March asking for information.

As the United Kingdom is not anymore a member of the European Union, customs formalities and procedures must be completed to temporarily import all your historical equipment, including old weapons of collections in Belgium or another EU country.

From a customs legal point of view, this temporary admission (and re-exportation outside the EU) is perfectly allowed following Article 234 (1) of Regulation (EU) no 2015/2446 (Delegated Act of the Union Customs Code).

Please note that in this context a guarantee must be provided to cover the duties and taxes involved if these become payable (for example, if they were not re-exported outside the EU or if they remained permanently in the EU).

You can declare your equipment in several ways to place them under the special customs procedure of temporary admission:

- By the usual electronic import declaration (with a guarantee to be provided at the customs office of placement under TA, mostly situated at the moment of importation in the EU), valid only in Belgium (for one re-enactment or more in BE) OR valid for Belgium and the other Member States concerned by your re-enactment(s) (in this case, you must apply for authorization through the CDMS).
- By a verbal declaration with a mandatory inventory in case you participate in an official re-enactment organized by a public state organization in Belgium (only if approved by the competent Belgian customs authorities who have officially invited you to participate)
- By the use of an ATA Carnet (with no guarantee from you as this ATA Carnet is issued (and guaranteed) by the UK Chamber of Commerce and Industry), valid for the whole EU customs territory (thus, the 27 Member States) with one declaration.

Concerning your old weapons of collections, we must distinguish the reconstructions of ancient weapons (which may be imported without a license if some conditions are fulfilled) from the old 'real' weapons (which request import license from the Regional competent office in Belgium: Brussels, Flanders or Wallonia): please check with these competent authorities.

My colleagues of the operational services who read us in copy can answer your practical questions (da.ops1douane). Do not forget to ask the UK Chamber of Commerce about ATA Carnet.

Regards