

Shippers and agents can take all their drinks with ICE!

Shippers of wines and spirits, and forwarders who specialise in this sector, can now handle all their REDS (Registered Excise Dealers and Shippers) transactions through ICE, the new-generation Customs processing system from Impatex.

The addition of the REDS feature followed a request from one of Impatex's largest and longest-standing customers, to add REDS to ICE so they could migrate away from their self-developed legacy REDS system. The new feature took several months of work to develop and test.

Says Impatex MD Peter Day: "Although the REDS facility is only of interest to a limited number of users, we were happy to accommodate this request for one of our major multi-national customers. Now the development work is done, the feature is available to any ICE customer with a similar requirement."

Peter Day is certain that the addition of the REDS feature within ICE will encourage more freight agents to offer wine and drinks customers the facility to outsource their REDS processing. "With REDS now included in ICE, some larger forwarders may be prepared to take this work on for customers, knowing they have the software to control it. It's a potential additional revenue stream."

The ICE REDS facility is the most sophisticated REDS solution available, and is designed for high volume processing by major shippers and agents.

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About REDS:

Registered Excise Dealers and Shippers (REDS) are traders who are approved and registered by HMRC under CEMA 100G to receive, and account for duty on, duty-suspended excise goods from other EU Member States. REDS must account for duty when the goods are received in the UK.

Although the REDS system is intended for traders importing duty suspended excise

goods, REDS may also import goods for which the duty has been paid in other Member States. In such cases, the REDS must guarantee the UK excise duty due before the goods are imported to the UK.

A REDS Agent can act for one or more importers. He accounts for the excise duty on the imported goods using the importer's duty deferment account.

About Impatex:

Impatex has supplied Customs processing systems since 1980, pioneered 'Intelligent' DTI in 1983 to coincide with the introduction of FCP80 for the Felixstowe ocean community, and is the UK's largest supplier of Customs software. Its cutting-edge web-based NetFreight product is designed particularly for small- and medium-sized multi-modal forwarders, while its well-established Customs Manager product (aimed at larger users) is used by most of the major multinational forwarders in the UK. agents. Customs Manager is being progressively replaced by the new SQL-based ICE system.

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