

To Book with Stena Line: Irish Sea

(Rep. of Ireland – Great Britain & vice-Versa; there are currently no changes envisaged to procedures for Northern Ireland – Great Britain & v/v, intra-UK services).

Register for an EORI number

Before you import or export goods between the UK and the Republic of Ireland post Brexit you must have a valid Economic Operator Registration and Identification (EORI) number for both the UK and Republic of Ireland

Prior to check-in at the ferry port of departure

1. **Ensure the required Export and Import customs declaration(s) per consignment have been lodged with the relevant customs authorities, directly or via a customs agent or freight forwarder.**

If you are importing through a roll on roll off listed location in the UK (which includes Holyhead and Fishguard) you'll need to make your customs declaration before checking your goods onto the ferry in the Republic of Ireland. There may be several declarations pre-lodged per transporting unit, especially in the case of groupage loads.

If you are importing through Dublin and Rosslare you must also ensure that the customs declarations are pre-lodged prior to your arrival at the UK port of departure.

2. **Ensure the required Safety & Security declarations have been lodged with Irish Revenue, directly or via a customs agent or freight forwarder.**

You must ensure that the Safety & Security declarations for imports into the Republic of Ireland are completed and submitted to Irish Revenue for both accompanied and unaccompanied movements. If you, and not a customs agent, are submitting the safety and security declaration you must be clear on the required data fields and identify appropriate software for submitting the declarations to Ireland's Import Control System (ICS). For unaccompanied movements you must quote 'Stena Line' as the carrier and if you need our Irish EORI number it is IE0830008U (we will be updating our terms and conditions relating to unaccompanied shipment declarations so when available please make sure you have read and understood them).

3. **There will be no requirement to submit Safety and Security Declarations to HMRC for imports to the UK for a period of 6 months.**

Please be aware however, that this is likely to change in the future.

4. **Make your booking with Stena Line.**

Make/confirm your booking with Stena Line as you are used to doing today.



At check-in

At Dublin and Rosslare

5. Export from the Republic of Ireland.

Your driver (accompanied movements)/delivering driver (unaccompanied movements) must provide for visual inspection evidence of the Movement Reference Number (MRN) for the combined export customs declaration and Safety and Security Declaration, which may take the form of a SAD (Single Administrative Document) or a Transit Declaration. If your vehicle is travelling under an ATA Carnet (which allows users to clear customs without paying duties and import taxes on merchandise that will be re-exported within 12 months) you must provide evidence of the ATA Carnet and the accompanying MRN for the export Safety and Security Declaration.

6. Import to the UK.

Your driver (accompanied movements)/delivering driver (unaccompanied movements) may, at Stena Line's sole discretion, be required to provide evidence for visual inspection of the MRN for the SAD or the Transit Declaration or evidence of the ATA Carnet.

7. Your vehicle will not be able to check-in at Dublin or Rosslare without providing the evidence required in paragraphs 5 and 6 above and your vehicle will be refused entry at these ports.

8. If you are departing from Dublin and transiting the UK under the Common Transit Convention (CTC) via the port of Holyhead you must present your Transit Accompanying Document (TAD) for scanning, and your Vehicle Registration Number, at check-in at Dublin to enable the Office of Transit function to be completed by HMRC. Different arrangements apply on the route between Rosslare and Fishguard (see below for further information).

At Holyhead and Fishguard

9. Export from the UK.

Your driver (accompanied movements)/delivering driver (unaccompanied movements) may, at Stena Line's sole discretion, be required to provide evidence for visual inspection of the MRN for the export SAD or Transit Declaration or evidence of the ATA Carnet.

10. Import to the Republic of Ireland.

Your driver (accompanied movements)/delivering driver (unaccompanied movements) must provide evidence for visual inspection of the MRN's for the import SAD or Transit Declaration and the import Safety and Security Declarations for accompanied and unaccompanied movements. If your vehicle is travelling under an ATA Carnet you must provide evidence of the ATA Carnet and the accompanying MRN for the import safety and security declaration.

11. Your vehicle will not be able to check-in at Holyhead and Fishguard without providing the evidence required in paragraphs 9 and 10 above and your vehicle will be refused entry at these ports.



At the port of arrival

12. You or your agent/forwarder will have been advised of the status of the load by the customs authority of the country of entry. Stena Line will not be aware of this status and therefore will not be able to advise you of your routing on exiting our terminal. You should proceed for inspection to the relevant location (it is your responsibility to move unaccompanied trailers to the relevant location for inspection, Stena Line will not do this), if you have been requested to do so, or exit the port. It is your responsibility to ensure compliance with the instructions of the relevant authorities.
13. We do not expect any further checks than there are today at the UK port of arrival however we do expect more checks at the Irish port of arrival. There will be a requirement for inspection by health / agriculture authorities at the Irish port if animal or plant products are present in your vehicle and a requirement to give 24 hours pre-notification to the relevant authorities prior to arrival at the Irish port for all products of animal origin.
14. If you are transiting the UK under CTC arrangements and entering the UK via Fishguard, you must report to UK customs in the port of arrival for your TAD to be scanned.
15. Arrangements for stamping ATA Carnets on arrival will be clarified in due course.

Further information can be found at
<https://euexit.campaign.gov.uk/> and
<https://www.revenue.ie/en/customs-traders-and-agents/brexit/index.aspx>

Further Irish Sea information

1. **Travelling across the Irish border.**
We are awaiting clarification from the UK and Irish authorities of the customs status if you are travelling from:
 - Northern Ireland to Great Britain via the Republic of Ireland (or vice versa);
 - Northern Ireland to the continent of Europe via the Republic of Ireland and Great Britain or vice versa); and
 - Great Britain to the Republic of Ireland via Northern Ireland (or vice versa).
2. **Cut-off times.**
We may have to update the check-in cut-off times in a 'no deal' Brexit situation. Changes will be notified on our website.
3. **Seals.**
Stena Line will not be able to carry out any seal check or to register any seal numbers on documents.