

## Information Sheet No. 29

**Economic Operator Registration and Identification (EORI) Scheme**

<b>What is the EORI</b>
<p>The Economic Operator Registration and Identification (EORI) Scheme was introduced on 1 July 2009 by an amendment to the European Community Customs code Implementing Provisions.</p> <p>It is a European Union initiative that helps traders communicate with customs officials when they are importing and exporting goods.</p> <p>The scheme has been set up to give traders a unique identification number which is recognised by customs authorities across the European Union.</p>
<b>Who needs an EORI number</b>
<p>As from 01/11/2009 a company needs an EORI number if it is required to provide pre-arrival/pre-departure information for goods, or is involved in the import, export or movement of goods under a transit procedure.</p>
<b>Format of the EORI number</b>
<p>The Cyprus EORI numbers will start with the letters 'CY'. All of them will be followed by a 12-digit number and an alphabetic character and is the same number as the trader's VAT number (e.g. CY 123456789H).</p>
<b>How to use the EORI</b>
<p>Traders must provide their unique Economic Operator Registration and Identification (EORI) number in all dealings with customs officials.</p> <p>The EORI number must be included on all pre-arrival and pre-departure information on goods entering or leaving the customs territory of the European Community, and when importing, exporting and moving goods under a transit procedure.</p> <p>The number must also be used for customs authorities to exchange information and, where appropriate, to share information with other government departments and agencies.</p> <p>It will also be used to analyse and exchange risk information between customs authorities and the European Commission.</p>
<b>How to get an Economic Operator Registration and Identification number</b>
<p>The EORI number is obtained by completing an application form for registration of the company with the Customs in Cyprus. The form must be completed manually and the signatures of the directors or secretary must be verified by a notary public. The form must be submitted to the Customs office together with all the relevant certificates. The registration procedure takes approximately 2 to 5 working days.</p>

**NOTES:**

The above is intended to provide a brief guide only. It is essential that appropriate professional advice is obtained. P.G. Economides & Co Ltd will be glad to assist you in this respect. Please do not hesitate to contact us.

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