

Instructions for authorised consignors

An authorised consignor is a company that has been granted an authorisation to use simplified procedure for Union transit. The company can start a T transit from any customs approved place in Finland. Goods need not be presented at Customs.

The following is required to obtain an authorisation:

- the applicant regularly uses the Union transit procedure and is established in the customs territory of the Union
- they have a valid comprehensive guarantee
- the company has not committed any serious infringements of customs or tax legislation
- the applicant has a management system for transport data
- the person responsible for the company's customs matters has practical standards of competence or professional qualifications related to the transit procedure
- the authorised consignor submits the transit declaration data electronically in the customs system

Transit procedure initiated by an authorised consignor

An authorised consignor can initiate T transit procedures at all customs approved warehouses located in Finland. The list of warehouses can be found on Customs' website:

<http://tulli.fi/en/e-services/search-and-query-services/warehouse-ids>

The authorisation holder must send the transit declaration to Customs' electronic transit system before the transporting of the goods begins. The customs system sends the transit accompanying document (TAD) electronically to the holder of the authorisation. The TAD accompanies the goods to the office of destination or to the authorised consignee.

If the authorisation holder has received a 'control message' (CONTRL) from Customs' electronic transit system and/or an 'acceptance message' (FITACC), the transit declaration message has been received and it is being processed by Customs. A new transit declaration message replacing a previous message regarding the same goods must not be sent without permission from Customs.

Time limit set for the transit

The time limit within Finland is a maximum of three days and to a customs office of destination outside Finland, the time limit is a maximum of ten days. The current day is not part of the time limit; rather the first day is always the following day.

The days taken into account are always Finnish weekdays. Thus are weekends or public holidays for instance, not part of the time limit. For a transit procedure within Finland that begins on a Friday, the time limit for the transit transport can be set to the following Wednesday, i.e. three days, then the goods have to be presented at the destination.

A time limit that exceeds three days for a transit within Finland can only be granted on justified grounds. If the company provides a longer time limit, it must archive a written justification in the transport administration system.

Transit goods description

The goods description submitted must be the accurate trade name. Each trade name must be declared as a separate goods item. Generic descriptions such as 'spare parts' or 'electronics', must not be used. Declaring the commodity code does not replace a precise description of the goods.

Identification of the goods and sealing

The authorisation holder must register the quantity and IDs of the seals in the transit declaration and affix the seals to the cargo space no later than when the goods have been released for the transit procedure. Sealing can be replaced by providing a sufficiently detailed goods description for easy identification of the goods, including quantity and nature of the goods as well as other special features; such as a serial numbers. Sealing the goods does not remove the obligation to provide a detailed goods description.

Authorisation to use seals of a special type

Using seals of a special type requires an authorisation. The seals must fulfil the ISO standard 17712:2013 or the requirements in article 301(1) of the Implementing Regulation of the Union Customs Code. The authorisation for using seals is also applied for from the Customs Authorisation Centre. The seals shall have the following markings:

- EORI number (for example: FI1234567-8)
- unique identifier for the seal

Transporting goods placed under the transit procedure

Transporting commercial goods as an authorised consignor can only take place by truck or in a van when the goods exit the Union under the transit procedure via Finland to a non-EEA country. If the wish is to transit goods by passenger car, then the transit procedure must be initiated at the customs office of departure under a standard procedure.

Cancelling a transit declaration

Transit declarations that have not received a 'control message' from Customs must be cancelled if the transit of the goods has already been initiated under a fallback procedure.

Fallback procedure

Separate instructions for fallback procedures are available on the Customs website:

<http://tulli.fi/en/e-services/services/fallback-procedures>