

**REGULATION NO. H-4 OF 03.06.2009 ON THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE NATIONAL
REGISTRATION AND IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM (EORI-BG REGISTER) CREATING AND FUNCTIONING
FOR CUSTOMS PURPOSES
(IN FORCE AS OF 01.07.2009)**

In State Gazette No.45/16.06.2009 was promulgated Regulation No. H-4 of 03.06.2009 on the terms and conditions of the National registration and identification system (EORI Register) creating and functioning for customs purposes.

Some of the most important provisions set forth in the Regulation are summarized below.

I. PURPOSE OF THE SYSTEM

With a view to enhancing the effectiveness of customs security, a unique identification number for each economic operator within the EU, the so-called 'Economic Operators Registration and Identification' (EORI) number, has been introduced. The EORI number is unique for each person within the EU and is valid in all member states. The use of the unique identification number in all communication of the economic operators with customs and other state bodies and agencies, enables EU authorities to recognise and identify economic operators and their activities throughout the EU.

The use of EORI number has been obligatory since 1 July 2009.

II. REGISTRATION

1. Persons Subject to Registration

Each economic operator is obliged to obtain an EORI number. An economic operator is a person who is involved within the framework of his economic activities in activities encompassed by the customs legislation (importation, export or movement of goods). That person could be an individual, a legal entity or any association of persons with acknowledged legal capacity to perform legal activities under the EU or the national legislation.

Subject to registration are the economic operators established in the customs territory of EU, as well as the ones not established in the EU territory but performing activities under the EU customs legislation. Such economic operators should be registered in the member state of their first business activity. A request for obtaining an EORI number shall be submitted before the individual starts any activities under the customs legislation.

Persons who have obtained an EORI number are obliged to use it upon any contact with customs administrations in the EU territory.

2. Registration Procedure

The registration for obtaining an EORI number is carried out after submitting a completed registration form through the web site of the Customs Agency (<http://www.customs.bg/>) with a universal electronic signature or on a hard copy with the competent customs office. The following identification documents should be enclosed to the registration form:

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- For individuals – valid identity card
- For legal entities, sole traders, associations and other persons – registration documents issued by the competent bodies of the country of establishment containing the necessary identification data and a current status certificate issued no later than 6 months before submitting the EORI registration documents.

The registration form and the rest of the registration documents should be completed and submitted in Bulgarian language.

The customs authorities verify the data indicated by the person in the registration form and issue an EORI number within 5 working days. The person is informed of the registration and of the obtained EORI number via an e-mail message sent to the e-mail address indicated in the registration form.

3. One-off (Ad-hoc) Number

A one-off (ad-hoc) number could be issued in exceptional cases only, when the person has not been issued an EORI number yet, even if they have already applied for registration, or if the person is not obliged to register in the EORI system but is required to fill in an identification number in the customs declaration. Such number is not an EORI number and is not exchanged in the EORI system. Its main purpose is to be used when filling in the relevant customs declaration.

This one-off number is issued by the customs office where the goods are presented.

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