



Difficulties with UK Customs (HMRC) when importing and exporting goods

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In recent months Retrotec has faced significant difficulties importing and exporting goods in and out of the UK.

Due to further changes in UK HMRC import controls, we request that all shipments of brake valves and other components being sent to Retrotec from overseas should have all UK import tax & charges paid by the **sender**. Any import tax & charges incurred by Retrotec will now be subject to a 25% surcharge payable before work starts. We have had to introduce this surcharge to offset the significant administration effort needed to satisfy HMRC's requirements.

The quickest, cheapest, and most efficient solution for you, as our customer, is to agree to pay all UK import tax & charges when booking your shipment.

Components used in civilian aircraft are currently import duty exempt, but you must specify the Commodity Code (HTS Code): 8807 3000 10 on all shipment documentation.

Note: All imports to the UK are currently still subject to 20% Import Tax calculated on declared value + shipping charges + insurance cost.