

Importing Modules into the UK

- There are 3 Charges imposed on the UK when importing modules (anything)
 - Customs Clearance Fee ~ £50/package
 - Import Duty 5 to 6% of value
 - **Value Added Tax** 17.5% of total value
- The Customs Clearance Fee Cannot Be Avoided
- Importing from within the EU
 - Import Duty and VAT are Not Paid
- VAT is charged to RAL and reclaimed on a monthly basis.
 - Need not concern us here.

Importing Modules into the UK : Import Duty

- Items that are imported into the UK
“For Scientific Use”
 - These are exempt from Import Duty if the “point of entry” have a “Import Duty Exemption Certificate”
 - RAL has such a certificate and is a natural point to direct Modules.
 - This is ideal for sending the Mechanical and Other modules to RAL for the Sector Prototype Tests
 - All Packages should be clearly marked “For Scientific Use”
- However
 - We can use the same Import Duty Exemption Certificate to send modules to Oxford.
 - Address the Modules to Oxford
 - Invoice RAL,
 - Inform RAL (SJM or Andy Napper) and we will do the rest.

Importing Modules into the UK : Agents

- One Can use FedEx, DHL, UPS etc
 - Other ParcelForce, ParcelPost are **RAELLY BAD**
 - These guys use ancient accounting practices that slow things down.
 - If you insist on using a courier make sure that the agent in your country will not match up to ParcelForce in the UK for delivery.
- A route that has worked is to use GeoLogistics
 - They are an agent that will keep RAL informed and help us through the paperwork.

Exporting Modules from the UK : Returns

For Modules (Anything) returned from the UK, the VAT and Duty are repaid