

BREXIT

SMART BORDER

Information meeting

General Directorate of Customs and Excise



Agenda

1	Context and approach for the creation of the smart border
2	Infrastructures preparation
3	Smart Border guiding principles
4	Traders preparation: anticipation and coordination
5	SI Brexit

Context and approach : The border between France and the UK is unique due to the short crossing times and the specificities of the flow

A strategic zone for all Europe

- Nearly 5 million trucks cross the Channel / North Sea each year to transport goods via the Channel Tunnel and 8 ports of entry covering 1,500 km of maritime border
- More than 80% of flows between continental Europe and the United Kingdom pass through a few border crossing points

Short crossing time and "accompanied" traffic

- Crossing time on some major sites can be very short, especially in the Hauts de France region :
 - Around 35 minutes through the tunnel
 - Around 2 hours through the ports of Calais / Dunkerque
- Due to this short crossing time, the majority of the flow is "accompanied" with drivers crossing with their trucks

Infrastructures to adapt

- The Channel Tunnel is an unprecedented infrastructure, built after the integration of the United Kingdom into the European Union and was therefore not designed to deal with the clearance of goods
- Some infrastructures did not have control areas and structures (customs offices, sanitary and phytosanitary inspection centers...) and required a reorganisation of the space



Context and approach : To address these challenges, French customs have developed an innovative solution based on new processes and interconnected IT systems

GOALS

1. **Maintain fluidity** by avoiding prolonged stops on site that could lead to infrastructures congestion
2. Enable all stakeholders to **meet their legal obligations** while respecting the regulatory framework
3. **Facilitate the exchange of information** between stakeholders: hauliers, maritime companies, infrastructure, customs ...

PRINCIPLES

ANTICIPATION

of customs formalities before loading the means of transport

AUTOMATION

of flow management and separation

1

2

3

IDENTIFICATION

of the means of transport upon arrival at the departure infrastructure

IMPLEMENTATION



At each Brexit impacted crossing point, the maritime companies, ports and the tunnel worked together to **adapt the infrastructures and mobilise local actors to prepare for the implementation of the smart border.**



French customs have developed a dedicated information system: the SI Brexit. It works as an interface between the maritime companies' systems and the existing customs clearance systems: Delta G and NCTS.

Infrastructures preparation : Customs and the entire ecosystem on border crossing points have been actively preparing for Brexit for the past year

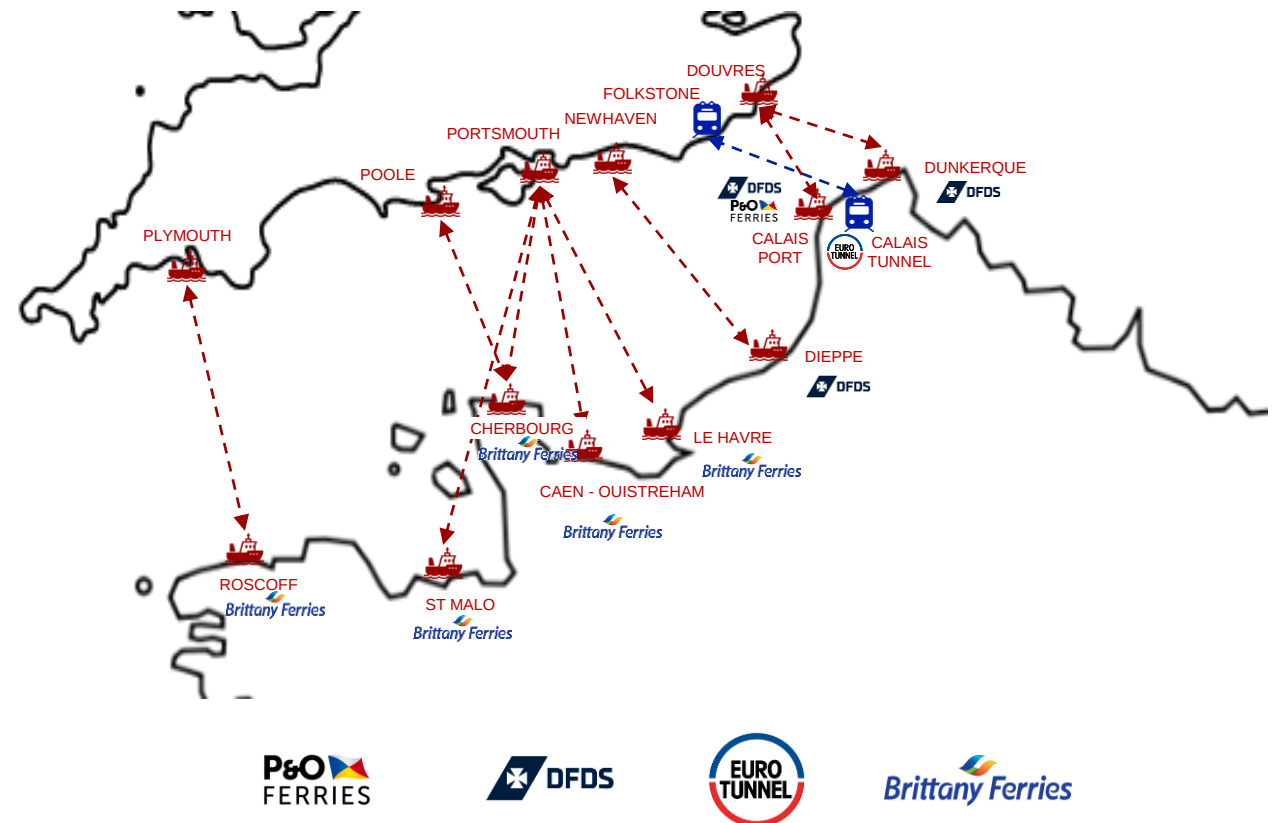
More than 150 people mobilised in the design of the IT solution, its implementation and testing through collaborative work between customs and its partners: ports, tunnel, maritime companies, General Directorate for Food Safety ...

A new IT tool for the whole coastline

Scaling of infrastructure and adaptation of signposts

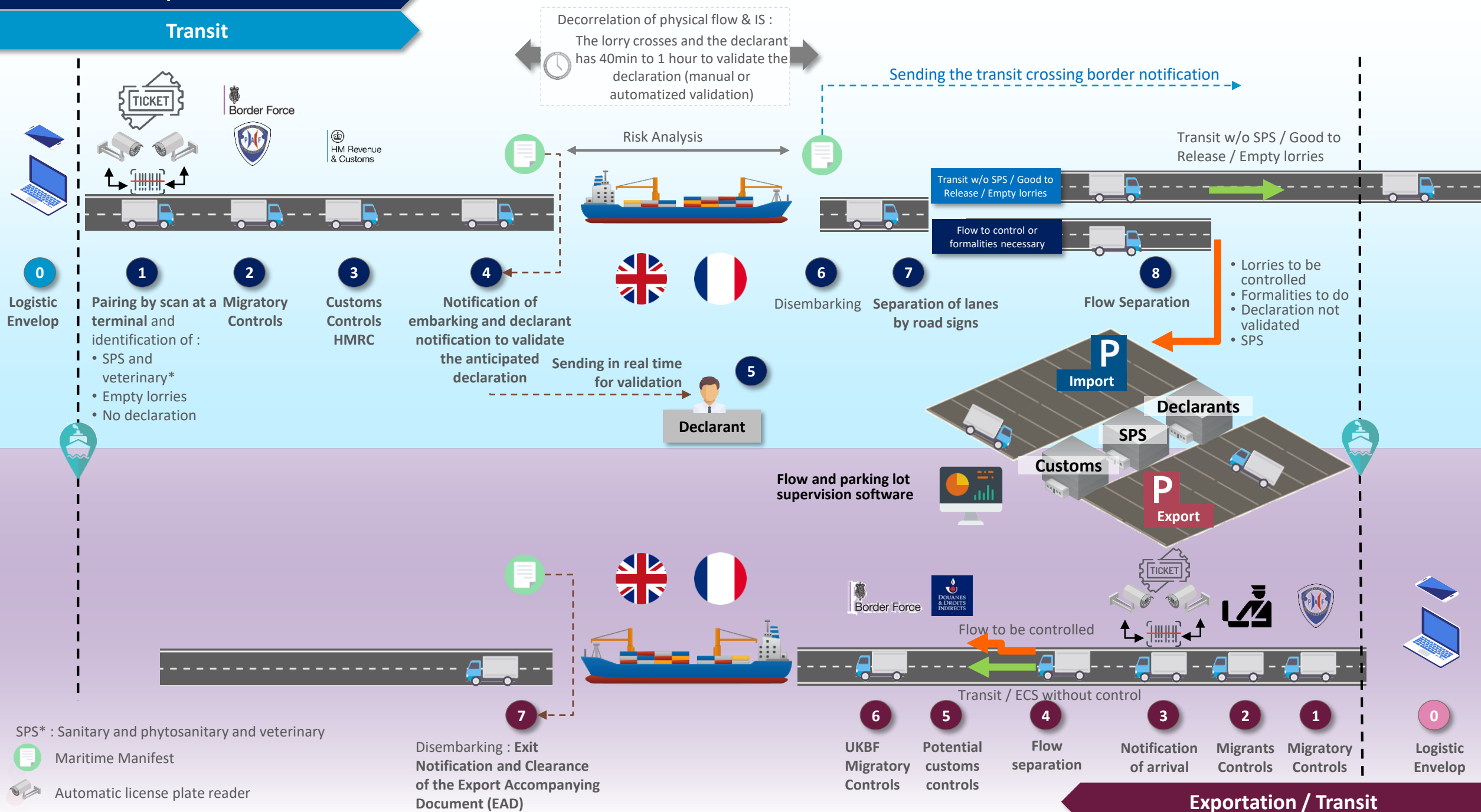
The tunnel, 8 ports and 3 maritime companies mobilised in the definition of new processes for managing the smart border

Field tests on both sides of the border in March and in September-October 2019



Importation

Transit



SPS* : Sanitary and phytosanitary and veterinary

Maritime Manifest

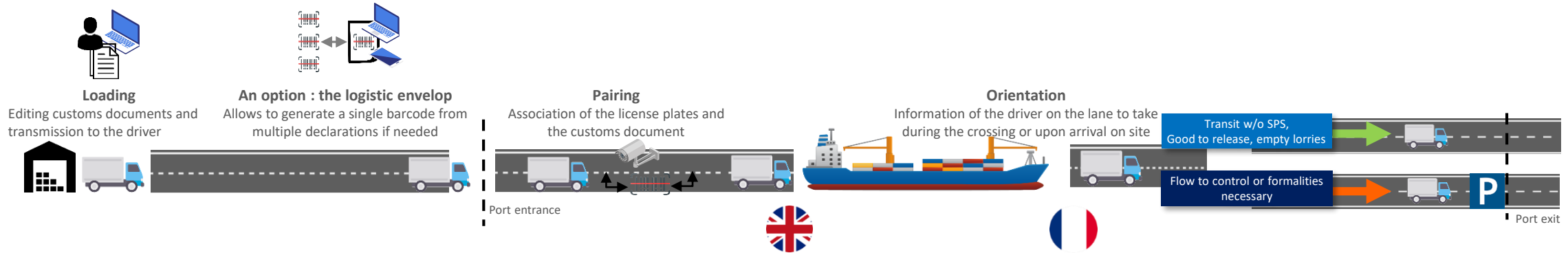
Automatic license plate reader

Disembarking : Exit
Notification and Clearance
of the Export Accompanying
Document (EAD)

Exportation / Transit

Guiding principles : The smart border is based on 3 principles that guarantee the protection of the territory, the tracking of flows and the fluidity of exchanges

Importation



1

Anticipation of customs formalities is the essential prerequisite on which the smart border is based, and which guarantees its operability



2

The **identification** phase allows to group the vehicle, the goods it carries and the corresponding customs declaration(s) upon arrival at the departure infrastructure

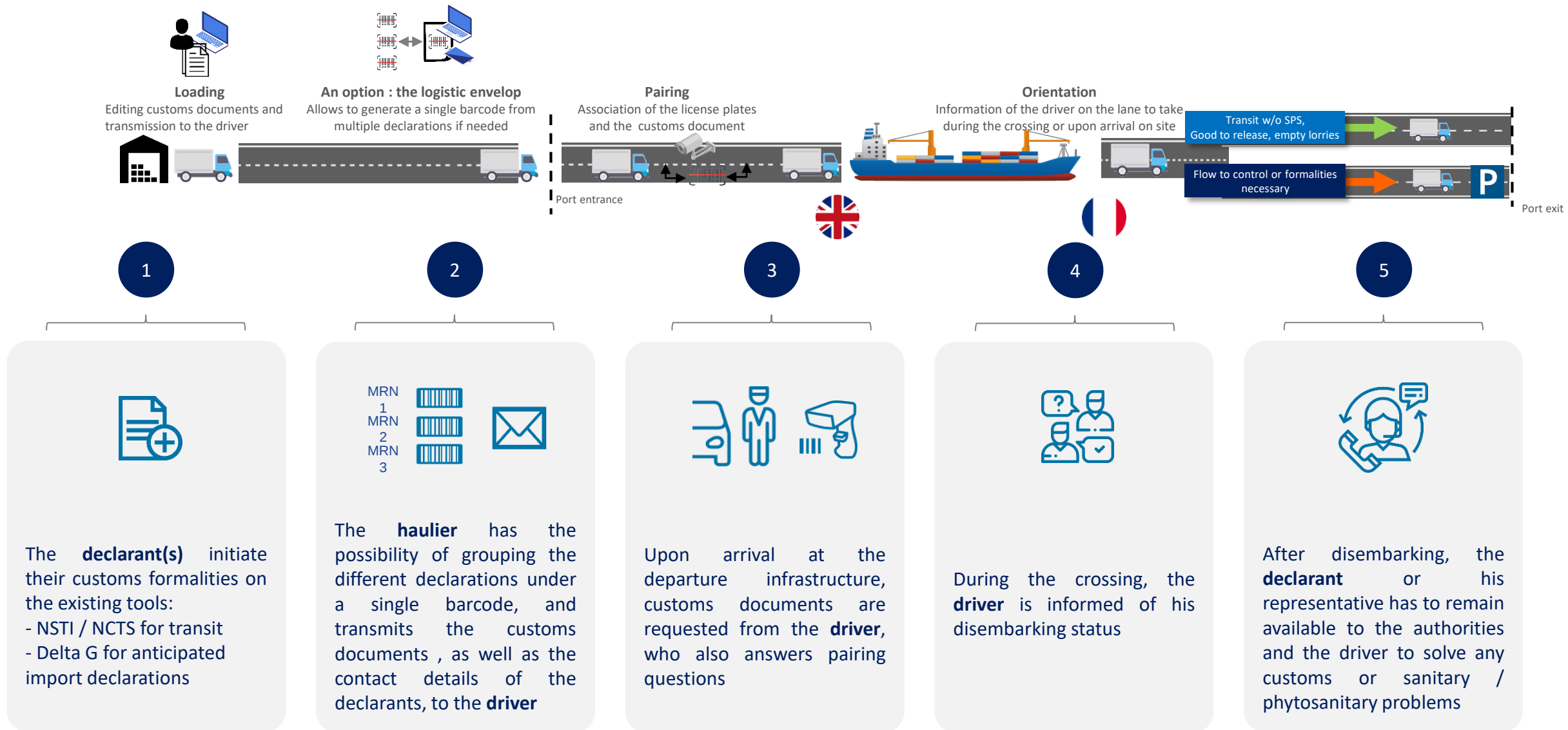


3

Automation of formalities processing and flow management



Traders preparation : The different actors must adapt their processes and coordinate with each other to allow the continuity of their exchanges



Traders preparation : the economic operator, the customs declarant, the shipper and the haulier must be synchronised before the shipment of the goods



I am an importer or exporter, from or to the UK, I have to complete my customs formalities before loading my goods

A

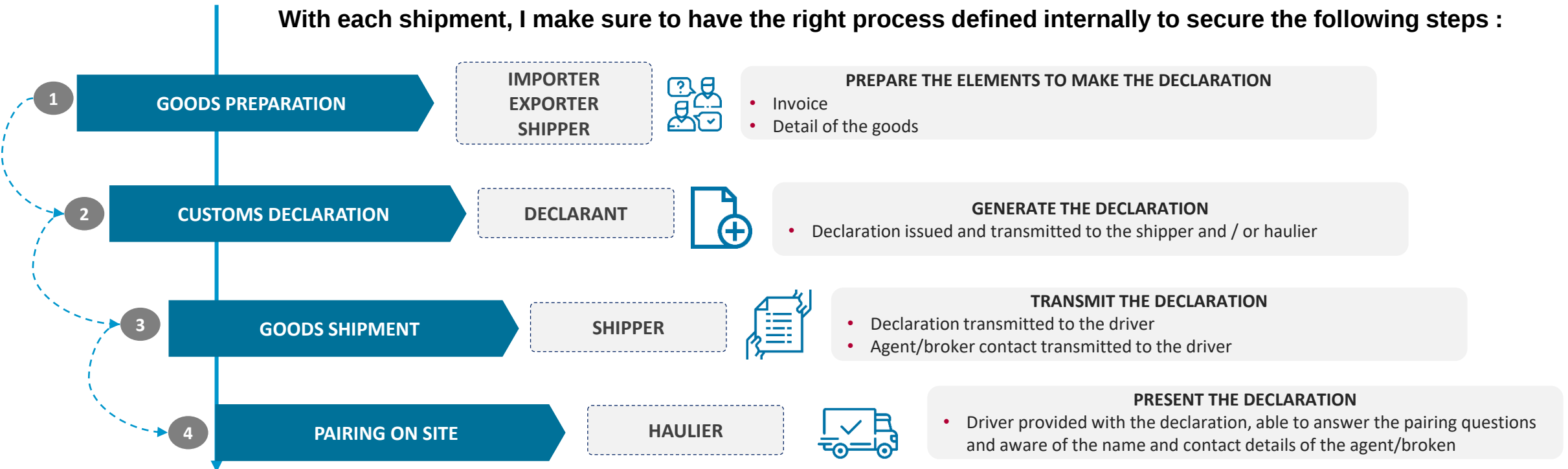
I carry out my customs formalities internally.
I am my own declarant

OR

B

I outsource the customs function. It is my Registered
Customs Representative (agent/broker) who is my
declarant

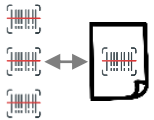
With each shipment, I make sure to have the right process defined internally to secure the following steps :



Traders preparation : the logistic envelop is an easy and accessible tool that allows to group multiple declarations under a single barcode



A web interface accessible by phone or computer



A grouping of declarations by scanning the barcodes of the different declarations

CREATE ENVELOPE

Create an envelope of declarations that will be transported in the same transport unit (truck, trailer, etc.). At check-in of the transport unit, the driver will be able to present the barcode of this envelope and will not have to present all the declarations.

Declarations



 Add declaration

 Add from barcode

 Save



The logistic envelope can be modified to remove or add declarations until the time of pairing



It allows the security of data by anonymizing the declaration(s) it contains



A unique barcode to speed the pairing process while ensuring data completeness

ENVELOPE DETAILS

The barcode of the envelope must be presented at the check-in of the transport unit. Be sure to provide it to the driver.

Reference : E5V68Z6



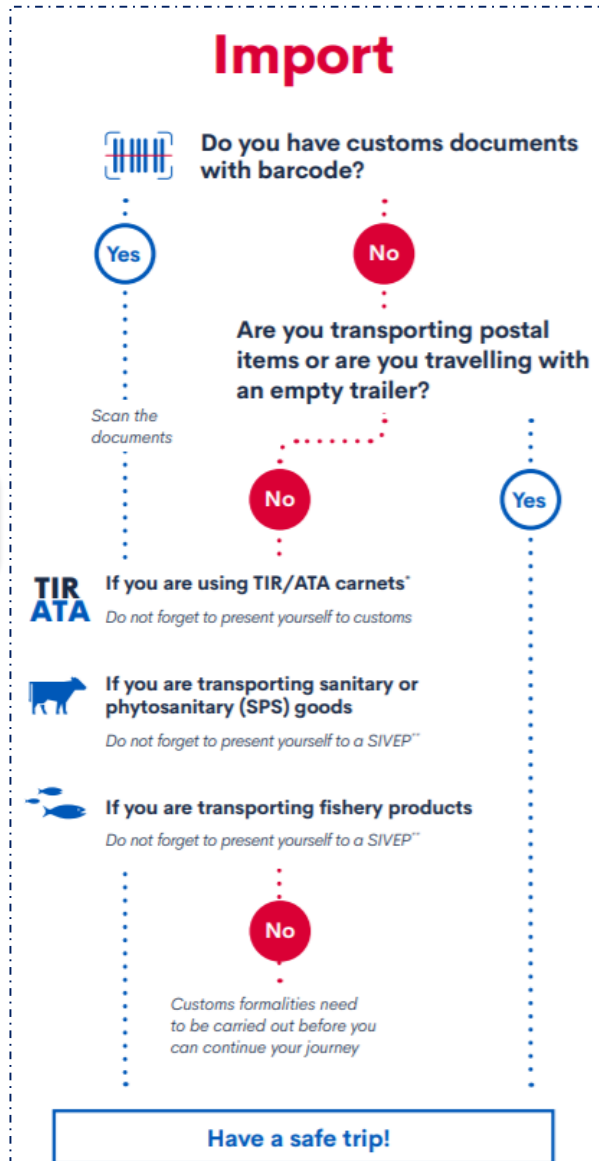
E5V68Z6

Declarations

You can already create your own logistics envelopes via this test environment: <https://testpro.douane.gouv.fr/enveloppe/fr/enveloppe>

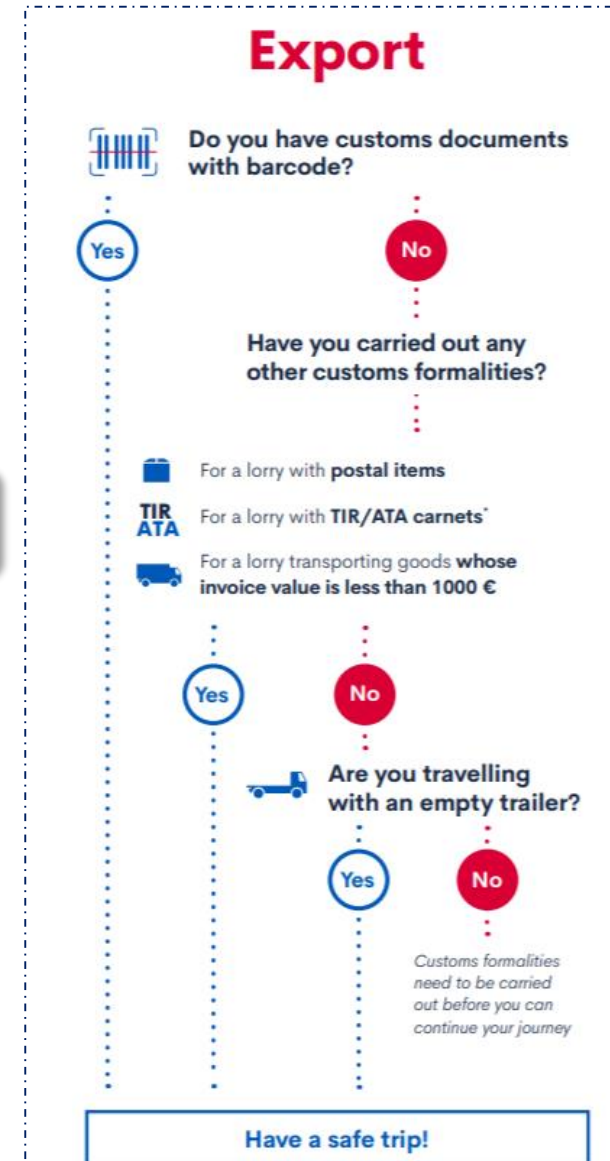
Traders preparation : Upon arrival at the infrastructure, the driver must have the appropriate customs documents and be able to answer the following questions

Import pairing questions :



* TIR Carnet / Temporary admission
** Veterinary and phytosanitary inspection services

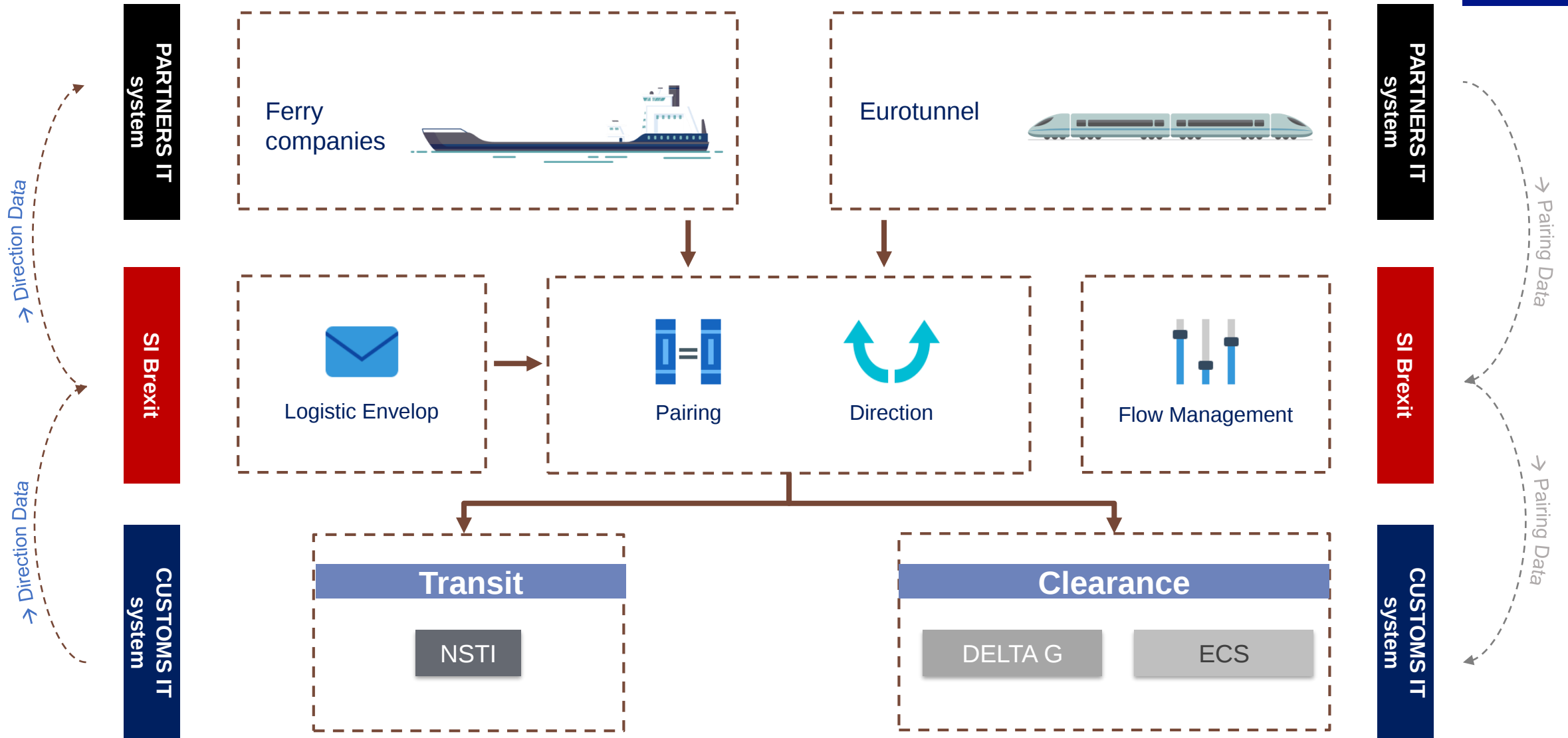
Export pairing questions :



* TIR Carnet / Temporary admission

SI Brexit

The smart border system architecture is based on the interconnection between SI Brexit, customs IT systems and partners IT systems



Links and useful contacts :

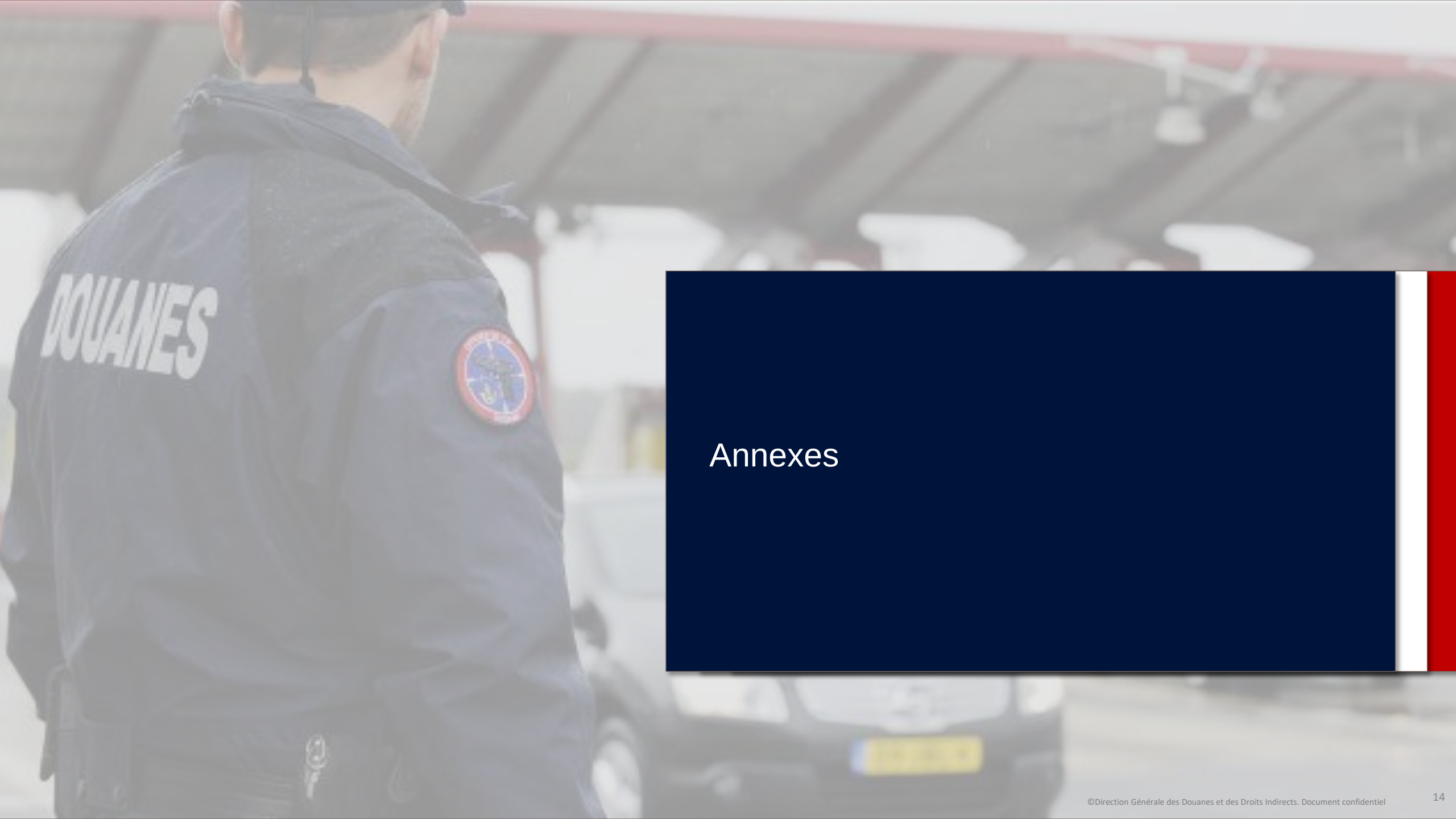
Links :

- French Customs website: www.douane.gouv.fr
- Brexit Folder : <http://www.douane.gouv.fr/articles/c957-entreprises-preparez-vous-au-brexit>

To answer your questions :

- Via the dedicated email addresses:
 - Of French customs : brexit@douane.finances.gouv.fr ;
 - Of the Directorate General for Enterprise (DGE) : brexit.entreprises@finances.gouv.fr ;
 - Of customs representatives at our call center “Customs Info Service”: ids@douane.finances.gouv.fr / 0811 204 444 (Service 0,06 €/min. + price call)





Annexes

The Logistic Envelope

What is the goal ?

The logistic envelope allows traders and hauliers to consolidate multiple declarations under a single bar code, facilitating and speeding up customs clearance. It is generated via a platform accessible in French and English, both via a computer and a mobile device, and which does not require authentication.

How does it work ?



1. The trader or haulier goes to the dedicated page without authentication, either via a computer or via a smartphone

MRN 1



MRN 2



MRN 3



2. The trader or haulier groups his different declarations using the barcodes



3. The trader or haulier obtains a unique barcode grouping all his declarations: the logistic envelope

Steps



Generation of the logistic envelope



Pairing of the declaration



Direction to the right lane

Pairing

What is the goal ?

Pairing aims at associating in a simplified way:

- License plates (front / rear for a truck, rear only for an unaccompanied trailer)
- Customs declaration(s), or logistic envelope
- Information on the type of goods transported

Advantages



Facilitate the identification process of the truck to smooth its crossing.

How does it work ?



1. The trader anticipates his customs declaration(s) by generating them before his arrival on site



2. The declaration(s) are scanned and associated with the license plate and the contents of the vehicle which is declared on arrival



3. The data is sent to the SI Brexit, then to customs applications for analysis

Steps



Generation of the logistic envelope



Pairing of the declaration



Direction to the right lane

Orientation of traffic in a port

What is the goal ?

Upon arrival in France, the driver is directed to the right lane according to the status of the customs declarations that he transports and the oral declarations made at the entrance of the infrastructure in the United Kingdom.

Advantages

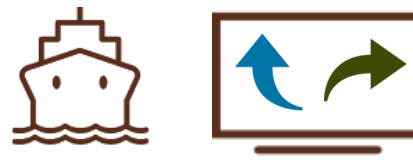


Enable the driver to get on the right lane and facilitate its exit from the port facility

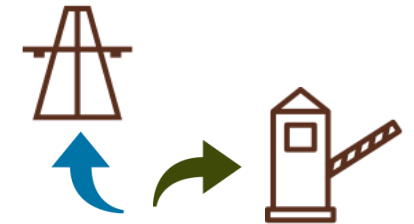
How does it work ?



1. During the crossing, the declarant validates his declaration, thus allowing the customs to clear the goods



2. During the crossing, the haulier will consult the color that has been assigned: green for an immediate exit, orange for a deferred exit



3. The haulier follows the indications obtained and goes to the indicated area

Steps



Generation of the logistic envelope



Pairing of the declaration



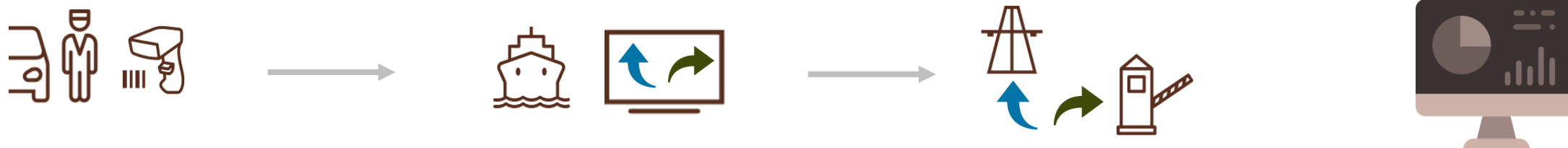
Direction to the right lane

Flow management

What is the goal ?

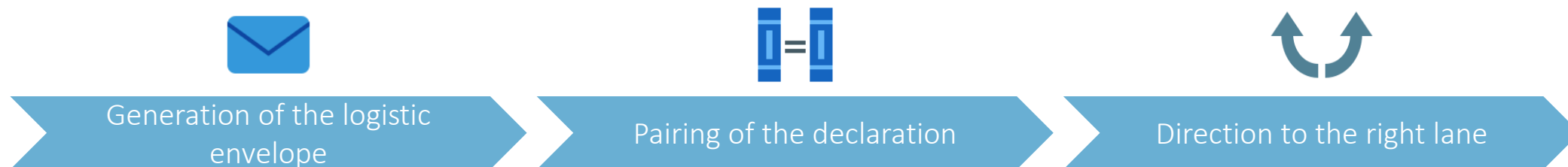
To manage the incoming and outgoing flows from/to the territory, French customs have developed a real-time flow management tool to operate its controls and secure the border crossing point.

How does it work ?



At each stage of the crossing process, French customs are informed of the number of vehicles arriving on the territory, adapts its workforce according to the controls determined during the crossing and works with the traders to facilitate the fluidity of traffic.

Steps



Let's cross Brexit together

General Directorate of Customs and Excise

