

Information on the “Conventional DDS Reference Number” for exports and re-imports of relevant products initially placed in the Union market during the transitional period

N.B.: ‘*Transitional products*’ are such products which were initially placed on the EU market during the transitional period (i.e., the period between the entry into force of the Regulation (29 June 2023) and its entry into application) and products derived of such products (see FAQs 9.1 and 9.2).

1. What is a conventional DDS reference number?

The conventional DDS reference number is a universal and uniform reference number that any operator exporting or reimporting a transitional product, or transitional components of a relevant product, may use instead of obtaining a regular DDS reference number after a full due diligence exercise.

The conventional DDS reference number is: **99EU9999999999**

2. In which cases may operators use the conventional DDS reference number instead of a regular reference number obtained from the Information System?

The conventional DDS reference number may be entered into customs declarations for export of transitional products, or transitional components of a relevant product, or subsequent re-import (under the customs procedure release for free circulation) of any transitional product, or transitional components of a relevant product.

The use of the conventional DDS reference number is allowed only where the two following conditions are fulfilled: (1) the relevant product, or one or several components of a derived relevant product, was initially placed on the market during the transitional period and (2) the operator has gathered evidence and is able to prove such initial placing on the market during the transitional period (see FAQ 9.2 for more information on how companies can prove that the relevant products are exempted as falling under the transitional period).

For products made of or including components both placed on the market during the transitional period and after the entry into application please see question 4.

3. Does the conventional DDS reference number need to be entered into the Information System?

The conventional DDS reference number may be used ‘as is’ by all and any operators, with no prior requirement to enter any information into the Information System and subject only to the two conditions reminded in point 2.

4. Can the conventional DDS reference number be used in customs declarations for relevant products initially placed on the market during the transitional period

that are shipped together with other relevant products, or components of a relevant product, not placed on the market during the transitional period?

Yes. The conventional DDS reference number can be listed alongside regular DDS reference numbers obtained from the Information System. Both can be entered into a single customs declaration, in respect of different good items or the same good item.

5. How is the use of conventional DDS reference number being surveilled?

The use of the conventional DDS reference number in a customs declaration is recorded in customs systems. Competent authorities, in cooperation with customs authorities, monitor the use of the conventional DDS reference number and verify its use. In particular, competent authorities may carry out checks and request evidence demonstrating that a transitional relevant product, or one or several transitional components of a relevant product, was actually initially placed on the market during the transitional period (see FAQ 9.1 and 9.2 for more information).