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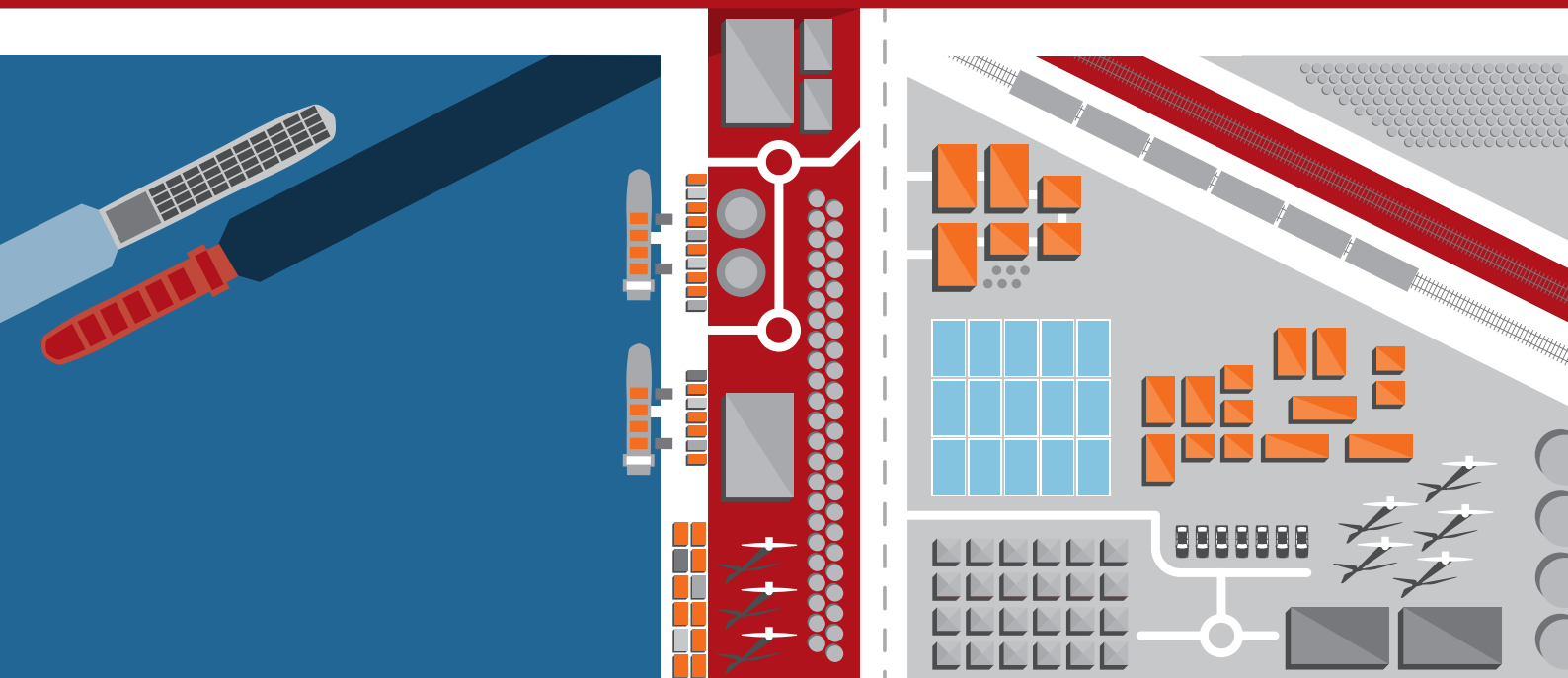
SGS E-CUSTOMS SERVICES

Make your trade frictionless

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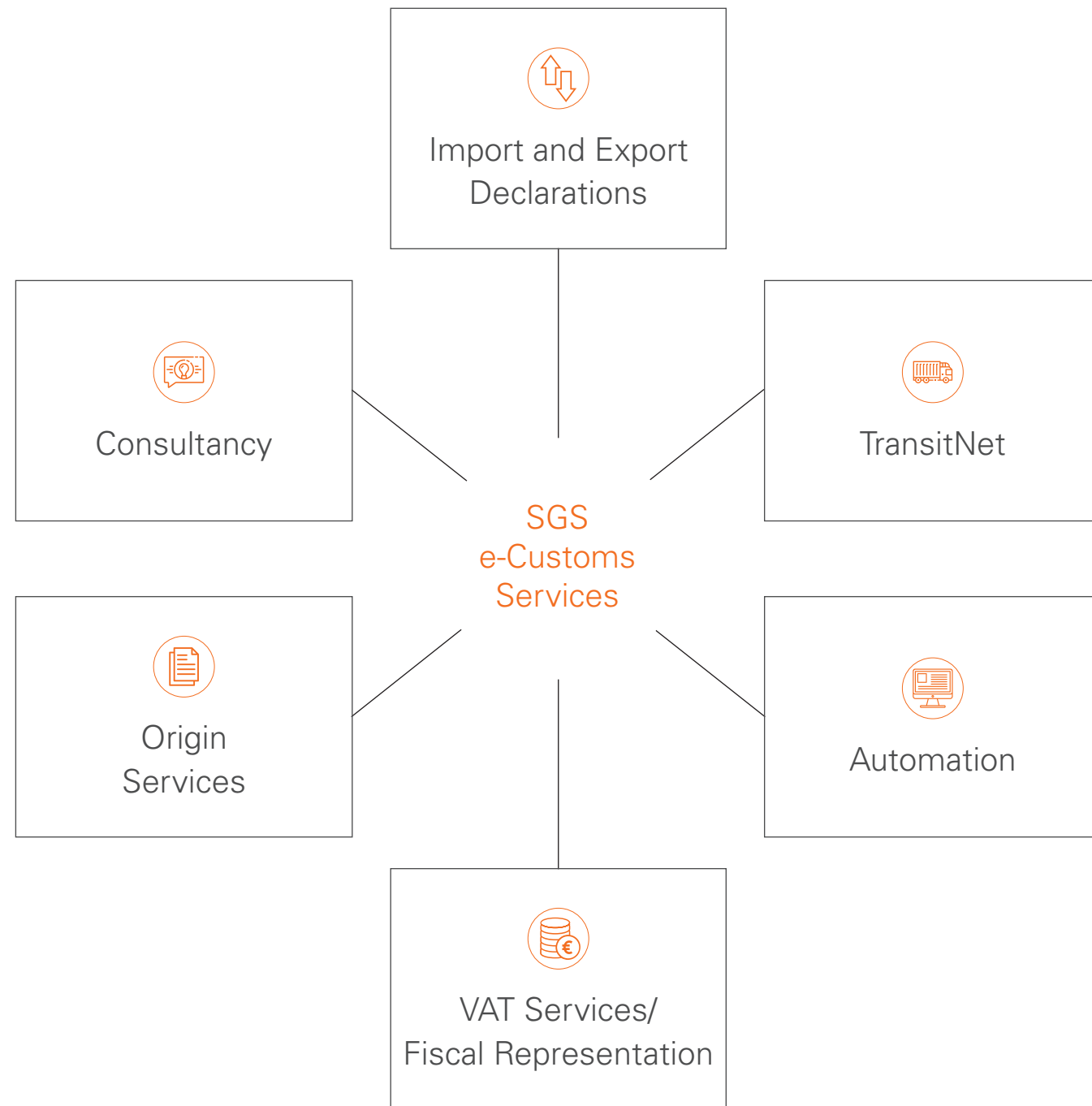# Brexit solutions to minimize customs hassle, reduce risk and save money.

As of 1 January 2021, Brexit will add significant complexity to all shipments between the UK and EU. This will create additional risks, costs and delays for your company.

To make compliance easy for you, we have customs solutions available in the UK and all neighbouring countries. We offer a one-stop-shop, with automated and completely outsourced services, supported by in-house software solutions, to make your Brexit customs simple.

WE CAN HELP MAKE YOUR BREXIT CUSTOMS SIMPLE.

#Frictionless

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Import and Export Declarations

Every shipment between the UK and the EU now requires an export and import declaration. Making both declarations at the same time will save you time and money and reduce the risk of error.
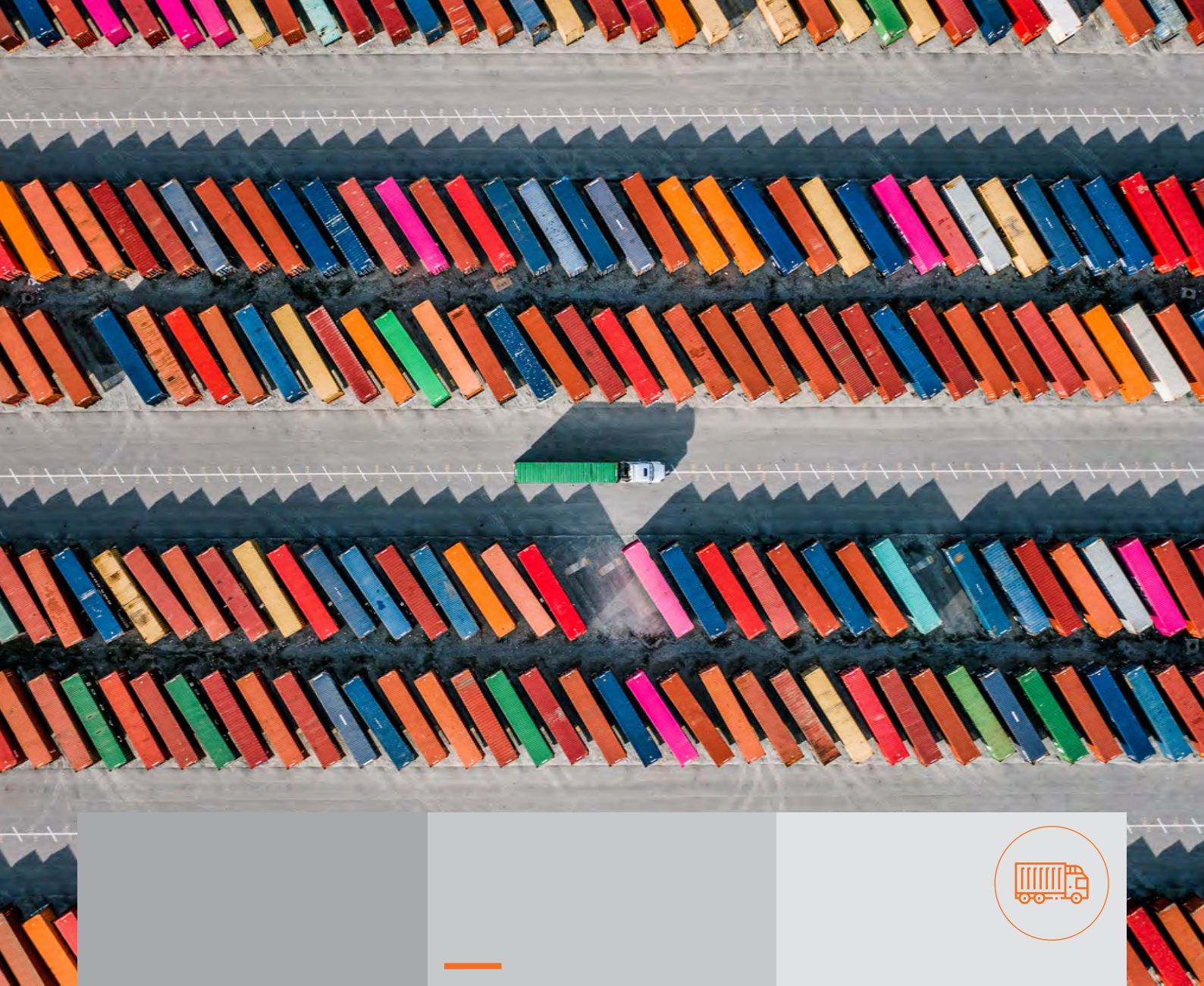
SGS has customs brokerage teams in Belgium, Ireland, the Netherlands and the UK. Our Benelux team can also take care of your customs declarations for goods moving through the Netherlands and Belgium (e.g. to Germany).

We are already helping thousands of companies – from SMEs to multinationals– with our fast and reliable service.

WHAT CAN WE DO FOR YOU?

- We resolve any uncertainties.
- We ensure a correct digital declaration.
- If your shipment is inspected by customs, we'll organize it for you and minimize delays.
- We pay the taxes on your behalf.

- We register your container in the Port Community Systems of Rotterdam and Antwerp (APCS).
- We deregister your shipment in the Export Control System (ECS).

A FASTER, CHEAPER WAY TO SPEED YOUR CARGO THROUGH BORDER CROSSINGS, PORTS AND BEYOND

TransitNet

Almost all trade between the EU and the UK (and Switzerland) is covered by transit documents. This is good news. It reduces exporter liability, reduces paperwork and speeds border crossings. But you do need a tool to help you manage it.

SGS TransitNet is a unique web-based tool that lets you create your own transit documents, 24/7 without the need to apply for licenses and obtain large guarantee amounts from customs authorities in multiple countries.

The TransitNet network enables you to open transit documents in over 20 European countries, including the UK and all neighbouring countries.

If you prefer, SGS can create a transit document for you.

BENEFITS

- **Speed/Cost:** TransitNet is faster and cheaper than other road transit services.

- **Accessibility:** Enhanced digital platform alternative to existing paper systems.

- **Trust:** No need to deposit transit guarantees.

- **Facilitation:** TransitNet provides customs with advanced information for rapid release for transit.

- **Traceability:** All participants have live access to the current status of their transit.

- **Economy:** TransitNet requires no IT infrastructure – just an internet connection

Automation

Process automation is the best way to minimize the burden of Brexit. We offer software solutions and guidance from a skilled team of data specialists and software developers. We also offer 24/7 support from our e-customs consultants.

Our export, import and transit solutions can connect to your ERP, WMS, TMS or any other tool you use to run your business.

If you're not ready for automation yet, start with our manual service. Our specialists will take you through the customs automation process step by step.

EGTA

- eGTA is a browser-based software that can interface seamlessly into your business system to generate commercial trade documents that clear your goods at customs. eGTA connects to HMRC CHIEF/CDS and UK port Community Systems Providers (CNS, MCP, Pentant & CCS-UK). It can be installed on your servers or made available to you via secure cloud computing. The documents include: Invoicing, Dangerous Goods Notes, Standard Shipping Notes, Customs Documentation and more.

- eGTA also allows you to submit and monitor your customs declaration – significantly speeding up the process. The interface allows you to re-use key data saving you input time and effort.

- The software also allows manufacturers, freight forwarders, warehouse teams and customers to track the status of the shipment through secure shared access.

VAT Services/
Fiscal Representation

The EU VAT regime can be complicated when it comes to international trade. Regulations constantly change, and you need a knowledgeable partner who can guide you through the complex process.
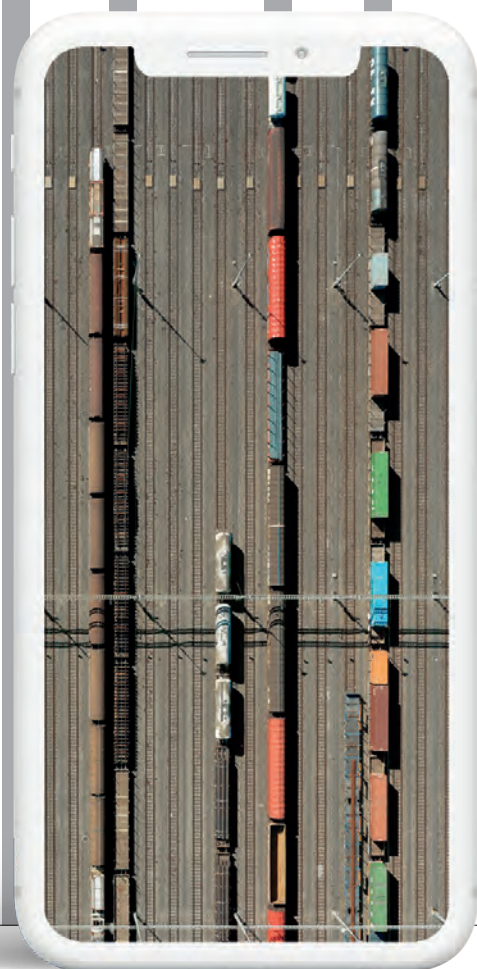
Normally, when you import goods into the EU, you must pay import VAT. Even when you can claim it back later, you will suffer from a liquidity disadvantage until it is repaid. SGS's VAT services are designed to prevent this from happening and to improve your cash flow.

Fiscal Representation allows companies to make an import declaration within the EU despite not being registered for VAT in the country where the declaration is made. Therefore, with fiscal representation, you can import and sell goods in the EU without paying import VAT. The Fiscal Representative takes care of the import declaration and subsequent transactions, along with the VAT submission, EC sales listing and intrastat return.

Importantly, this allows the goods to be released for free circulation within the EU at the port of entry, resulting in more flexible logistics and reduced times at customs clearance.

WHAT CAN WE DO FOR YOU?

- SGS offers a compliant Fiscal Representation solution.
- Compliance check of import-relevant data.
- Import declaration to customs at the point of entry to release goods for free circulation in the European Union.
- Full support in the event of a physical inspection.

Origin Services

To benefit from any future free trade agreement, (either between the UK and EU or the UK and another country), you will have to prove the origin of your goods. Without proof of origin, you still have to pay import duties. Whatever system of origin documents or registrations becomes the standard in UK-EU trade, SGS can help you.

Depending on your existing system, you can apply for certificates of origin on your own – using our eCert software solutions with automatic communication with the relevant Chamber of Commerce – or let our experts do it for you.

WHAT CAN WE DO FOR YOU?

- We draw up your certificate of origin, EUR1 certificate, and your export declaration.
- We arrange everything with the Chamber of Commerce.
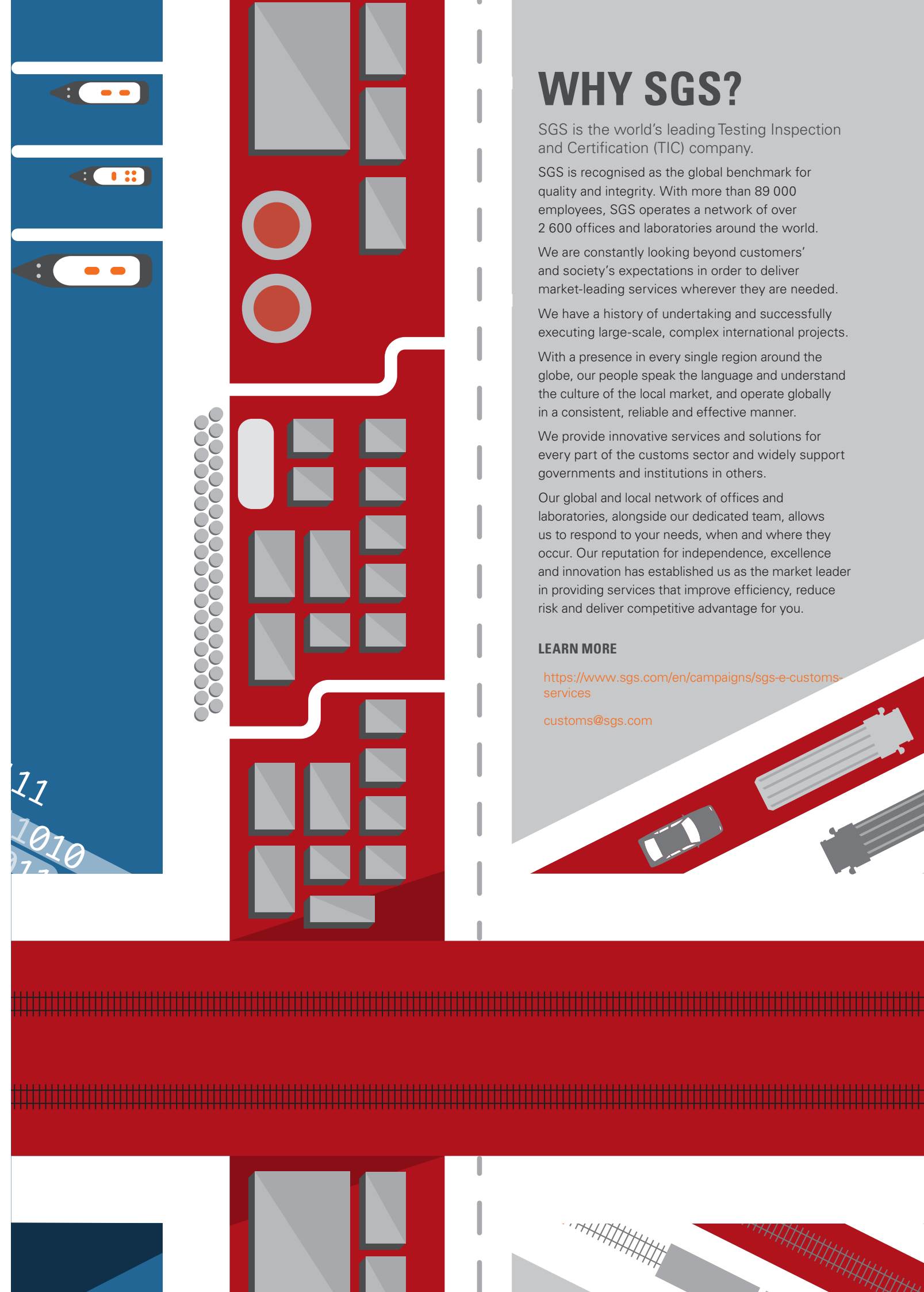- You can then collect your documents or we will send them to you.

Consultancy

Many traders in both the UK and Europe have limited experience with customs. Even those who do will still need to familiarize themselves with the new regulations and procedures that will come with Brexit. International trade is becoming increasingly complex and customs legislation and regulations are constantly changing. The Brexit situation may also continue to evolve over time.

Our customs consultants are here to help you prepare for Brexit customs compliance. Whether you need to apply for licenses, train your staff or align your commercial and logistics arrangements with the new customs formalities, our consultants will help you navigate the new requirements.

WHAT CAN WE DO FOR YOU?

- Ensure you are always compliant: our customs experts offer extensive knowledge and experience to support you, ensuring minimal business process disruption.
- Optimize your business: we can support you on all customs-related matters, from VAT to excise duties using our custom software.
- Give you certainty: when you need to be sure, we are the people to talk to. We offer tailored support, finding your perfect combination of advice, operational support and software solutions.

WHY SGS?

SGS is the world's leading Testing Inspection and Certification (TIC) company.

SGS is recognised as the global benchmark for quality and integrity. With more than 89 000 employees, SGS operates a network of over 2 600 offices and laboratories around the world.

We are constantly looking beyond customers' and society's expectations in order to deliver market-leading services wherever they are needed.

We have a history of undertaking and successfully executing large-scale, complex international projects.

With a presence in every single region around the globe, our people speak the language and understand the culture of the local market, and operate globally in a consistent, reliable and effective manner.

We provide innovative services and solutions for every part of the customs sector and widely support governments and institutions in others.

Our global and local network of offices and laboratories, alongside our dedicated team, allows us to respond to your needs, when and where they occur. Our reputation for independence, excellence and innovation has established us as the market leader in providing services that improve efficiency, reduce risk and deliver competitive advantage for you.

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