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Dear EU Customer,

Subject: Trading with Surrey Nanosystems Ltd after the Brexit Transition Period

As you know, the United Kingdom left the European Union on the 31st January 2020, and the transition period is due to end on 31st December 2020. Whilst we still remain hopeful even at this late stage that a trade deal can be agreed before that time, we also want to assure European Union customers of our continued support regardless of the outcome of the current negotiations.

Here are some things to remember after 31st December 2020:

Sending parts to SNS for Vantablack coating

In order to avoid unnecessary payment of VAT and Duty when parts are sent to the UK for coating, please ensure that all shipping documentation clearly states that parts are being Temporarily Exported for processing in the UK and will be returned to the EU after processing. The shipping documentation must also state the country of origin, the correct tariff code and customs value of the goods. You can also apply for Outward Processing Relief (OPR) which allows EU traders to temporarily export goods from the EU for processing in a non-EU country and then claim full or partial duty relief when the goods are re-imported. Your freight forwarder or customs agent/broker will be able to help with this, but please remember to allow plenty of time for the OPR application process.

Importing Vantablack coated parts from the UK

You will of course need to make a customs declaration when importing Vantablack coated products from the UK. Again, under most circumstances your freight forwarder or customs agent/broker will do this for you.

Codes and Tariffs

Please ensure you use the correct commodity code and economic code when sending parts to the UK. If the UK and EU fail to agree a Trade Deal before the end of the Transition Period, trading will be carried out under World Trade Organisation (WTO) Rules.

Different Tariffs will apply depending upon the parts/goods concerned according to WTO rates, and for all customer supplied parts that have been Vantablack coated by SNS, the WTO Tariff will usually be determined by the original Commodity Code for the parts in question. Remember, you may be eligible for full or partial relief through OPR (see above).

Please note that whilst the guidance above is provided in good faith, we cannot warrant its accuracy under all circumstances, and always recommend that you seek the advice of your own freight forwarder or shipping agent. We look forward to continuing working with you whatever the outcome of the current trade talks.

Best regards,

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