



Why excise management matters

Effective excise management is essential for businesses handling alcohol, tobacco, and other excise goods. Managing excise processes and reporting requires rigorous compliance measures, as the risks of non-compliance can be severe.

Many organisations struggle with:

Operational disruptions

Manual data entry causes shipment delays, tracking errors, and compliance risks. The complexity further increases due to varying national and regional regulations, think of varying duty rates, units of measure, etc. Moreover, each product category has specific requirements, making accurate data management critical.

Warehousing complexity

Excise warehouses defer duty payments but require meticulous stock tracking. Businesses must document every movement, ensuring full transparency for audits that can review records from the past three to six years.

Financial impact

High upfront duty costs and varying excise rates create cash flow risks. Errors in manual calculations can lead to severe fines or excise duties under suspension becoming liable, while scattered data across systems makes compliance challenging.



To overcome these challenges, automation can streamline excise operations by ensuring accuracy, maintaining real-time compliance, and optimising cash flow management. Automated systems reduce errors, prevent costly delays, and simplify complex regulatory requirements, allowing businesses to efficiently navigate excise obligations and remain competitive in a highly regulated market.

CAS' Excise modules place compliance at the forefront, empowering businesses to navigate the excise landscape with confidence and precision.

How excise management works in CAS

CAS is designed to tackle the complexities of customs and excise management, providing a digital-first solution for businesses handling excise goods across multiple countries. It streamlines compliance with evolving regulations and automates key processes, reducing manual effort and financial risk. CAS' excise functionality consists of four elements:

→ 1. Self-assessed duties calculation

When goods are released into free circulation, CAS automatically calculates self-assessed excise duties, providing instant visibility through the user interface, reports, and dashboards. Businesses gain clear insights into suspended and paid duties over time, ensuring accurate financial planning.

→ 2. Automated movement registration in EMCS

CAS registers excise movements in the EU and UK via the Excise Movement and Control System (EMCS), integrating seamlessly with customs declarations. With a single message, double filing approach, one dataset covers both excise and customs processes, reducing manual errors and improving efficiency. The system also supports a four-eyes validation principle for added compliance. This principle ensures that changes to excise data, such as adjustments to excise duty calculations or declarations, require approval from at least two individuals, reducing the risk of errors or fraudulent activities.

→ 3. Financial advantages with Tax/Excise Warehousing

CAS enables businesses to store and produce excise goods under duty suspension, optimising cash flow by deferring excise payments. It automates stock tracking, processing, and compliance reporting while maintaining a clear audit trail. This functionality ensures full control over stock movements, streamlining excise operations while maximising financial flexibility.

→ 4. Compliance monitoring

CAS provides clear visibility into the status of excise movements, allowing businesses to quickly identify and address pending actions or approvals. The system simplifies the management of open EMCS shipments, tracks duties under suspension, and flags overdue movements (e.g. those exceeding 'x' days). Additionally, CAS highlights open duties, allowing businesses to take prompt actions to maintain compliance and avoid penalties.



Key benefits

Streamlined compliance



CAS automates and integrates excise management into customs administration, eliminating the need for multiple systems. With flexible integration options, including APIs and Excel uploads, it ensures businesses stay compliant with evolving regulations while reducing administrative effort.

Automated operations and reporting



By automating excise tracking, duty calculations, and reporting, CAS enhances accuracy and efficiency. Real-time insights provide full control over excise movements, while tailored reports simplify compliance across different jurisdictions, making audits and periodic reporting effortless.

Cash flow optimisation



CAS helps businesses defer excise duties until goods are consumed, reducing financial strain and improving cash flow. With enhanced visibility and control over excise costs, businesses can plan more effectively, ensuring financial stability and long-term growth.

Operational efficiency



With automation reducing manual tasks and errors, CAS accelerates excise processes. This streamlining saves time, minimises risks, and allows businesses to focus on strategic growth while maintaining compliance in a complex regulatory environment.

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