

Harrison and Clough Ltd.

Brexit plan 2021

The company has been prepared for Brexit since 2018. The policies and practices which were relevant then remain relevant now.

At the heart of the Brexit planning is the security of the supply chain. However, it is not only Brexit which impacts on supply and therefore, all of the actions taken by H&C are equally applicable to managing the consequences of Covid 19, on-going trade wars between China and the USA, Chinese New Year and any other geo – political or economic threat posed from outside the company.

The H&C supply line is protected, as much as is possible, by taking the following actions:

Forward planning: forecasting models track changes in demand and supply to ensure that H&C maintain the highest possible levels of availability.

Increased levels of stock: additional stock to land during Q4 of 2020.

H&C employs 3 people operating in China and South east Asia, liaising with factories to ensure that all shipments are booked and fulfilled on time.

H&C deploy sophisticated tracking tools to ensure that manufacturers are producing orders on time.

H&C do not change suppliers for reasons of price. H&C seeks to build long term relationships with factories able to offer on time delivery, every time, regardless of conditions. H&C have trading relationships with Eastern suppliers going back to 1992.

The company is an Accredited Economic Operator (AEO), a status bestowed by HMRC and subject to rigorous audit to ensure that both our supply chain and financial function is secure. The benefits of accreditation are that H&C is recognised as a reputable and sizeable importer and therefore is given priority by the ports during times of stress.

A vital requirement for the security of the supply chain is to work only with AEO approved freight providers. H&C's freight forwarder is AEO approved and works closely with both the companies supply chain department and its overseas factories, to add another layer of security.

The company keeps itself abreast of all developments directly from HMRC, BIAFD (British and Irish Association of Fastener Distributors) and receives regular updates from a retained import and international trade expert.

Brexit and CE marking

From January 2020 the regulations surrounding CE marking of construction products will change. The actions taken by the company have secured the integrity of its CE marked products.

If you require further information, please feel free to make contact via the details below.

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