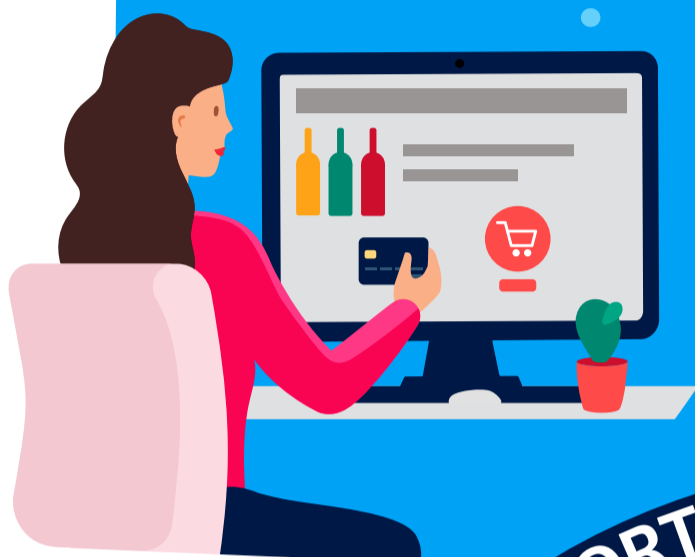


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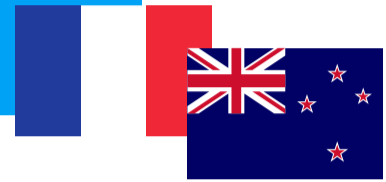
Anna from London

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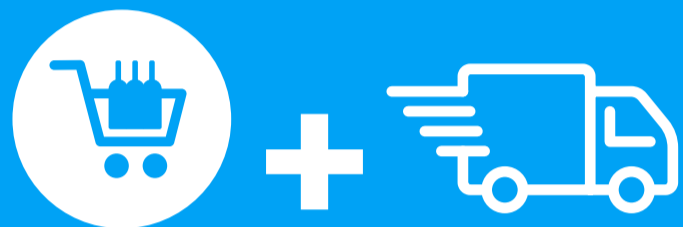


I bought wine from a website based in France.

Some wine was produced in France and some in New Zealand.



2



£60

£

They charged me £60 for the wine plus a delivery charge.

3

I thought that was it. But I hadn't realised they'd also asked their courier to deal with any UK import charges.



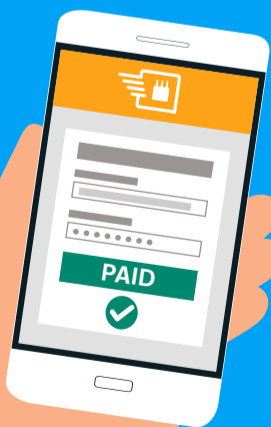
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So I was surprised when the courier sent me an invoice saying how much customs duty, excise duty and import VAT I'd have to pay.



5

I settled the bill and the company sent me my wine.



Charges apply because wine is an excise product and some of it was produced in New Zealand.



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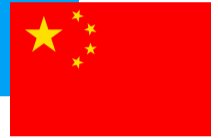
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Jay from Manchester

1



The coat was made in China.



2



= £250

The price was £250, excluding VAT.

3

I paid the seller using my online account.



4

I didn't realise their courier would also bill me for UK import charges such as, Customs duty, VAT and admin fees.

UK IMPORT CHARGES



5

I settled the bill and the company delivered my coat.



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Import charges apply because the coat didn't originate from the EU and was valued over £135.



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Shakti from Cardiff

1

I ordered a mobile phone cover online for £20 (excluding VAT)



The online seller was based in Germany.



2

delivery
= £5

The seller arranged delivery for £5 and sent me the phone cover as the only item in a parcel.

3

20% UK VAT
= £5

But as the parcel was valued at £135 or less, the seller in Germany also had to charge UK VAT at 20% at the point of sale.

+UK VAT

4

So, the total cost was £30 charged by the seller at checkout.


 +
 
 +
 UK VAT = £30
 £20 £5 £5

5

As I have paid the VAT and delivery upfront and the phone cover was valued under £135, I didn't have to pay any additional UK import taxes when it arrived in the UK.



Additional import charges don't apply as the phone case is under £135 and VAT plus delivery was charged at point of sale.

To avoid getting caught out in future, I now always check www.gov.uk/goods-sent-from-abroad.



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Prynu eitemau o dramor?

Mae'n bosibl y bydd yn rhaid i chi dalu trethi mewnfario yn y DU os nad yw'ch gwerthwr wedi'u hychwanegu ar yr adeg werthu. Cadwch lygad allan am gostau ychwanegol.

Shakti o Gaerdydd

1

Prynais orchudd ffôn symudol ar-lein am £20 (ac eithrio TAW)



Roedd y gwerthwr ar-lein wedi'i leoli yn yr Almaen.



2



costau cludo
= £5

Cododd y gwerthwr gostau cludo o £5 ac anfonodd y gorchudd ffôn fel yr unig eitem yn y parcel.

3

20%
TAW yn y DU
= £5

Ond gan fod gwerth y parcel yn £135 neu'n llai, bu'n rhaid i'r gwerthwr yn yr Almaen hefyd godi 20% o TAW yn y DU ar yr adeg werthu.

+TAW yn y DU

4

Felly, £30 oedd y cyfanswm terfynol a gododd y gwerthfawr wrth y man talu.

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  +
 TAW yn y DU = £30
 £20 £5 £5

5

Oherwydd fy mod wedi talu TAW a chostau cludo ymlaen llaw, a gan fod y gorchudd yn llai na £135, doedd dim rhaid i mi dalu unrhyw drethi mewnfario yn y DU ychwanegol pan ddaeth i'r DU.



Nid oes costau mewnfario ychwanegol i'w talu gan fod y gorchudd ffôn o dan £135 a bod TAW a chostau cludo wedi'u codi ar yr adeg werthu.

I osgoi costau cudd yn y dyfodol, dwi bob amser yn troi at www.gov.uk/goods-sent-from-abroad.



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