

AFA and Customs - Brexit Considerations

Issue/Query	UK IPR	EU IPR
Before 1 January 2021	<p>Possibility to file a UK national AFA through EU (EUIPO IP enforcement portal) or national system</p> <p>Valid only in the UK</p>	<p>EU AFA granted by the UK Customs or in another EU Member State is valid in all designated EU Member States</p>
From 1 January 2021	<p>No possibility to file a UK national AFA through EU system (only through national system)</p> <p><u>Action:</u> if UK national AFA filed through EU system, to extend it through national system when it expires</p> <p>Valid only in the UK</p>	<p>New EU AFA filed via a 27-EU Member State Customs will not apply in the UK</p> <p>Existing EU AFA filed via UK Customs will remain valid in the UK but will no longer cover the 27-EU Member States</p> <p><u>Action:</u> file another EU AFA to protect your rights in the EU</p> <p>Existing EU AFA filed via Customs authorities in the 27-EU Member States will remain valid in the 27-EU Member States but will no longer cover the UK</p> <p><u>Action:</u> file another UK national AFA to protect your rights in the UK</p>
Translations	N/A	Possible translation issues in the 27-EU Member States