



## Statement Regarding Shipments of Corning Coolware Following Brexit

SLS are committed to providing our customers with accurate and up-to-date information regarding our plans for Brexit. We are working with our key suppliers so that we are best placed to ensure continued supply of products for our customers.

**If a No-Deal Brexit scenario arises** then we have been informed by Corning Life Sciences, that shipments of their Coolware products may face interruptions.

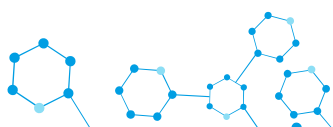
Our current shipping process involves Coolware products being shipped directly to our customers from Corning's warehouse facility in Amsterdam, Netherlands via an EU port. Following a No-Deal Brexit the UK will become an export country on 11pm 29<sup>th</sup> March. Any shipments coming into the UK via an EU port after this date will incur extra charges including Import Declaration Forms. Furthermore, they will be subject to additional charges **including an import duty tariff**.

UK Tariff guidance is currently available via [www.trade-tariff.service.gov.uk/trade-tariff/sections](http://www.trade-tariff.service.gov.uk/trade-tariff/sections). Import duty for commodity code 3926, a common code for plastic products, is 6.5%.

Commodity codes (also referred to as trade tariff commodity codes) are used to classify any goods being imported or exported. Getting the right code is important for compliance with customs declarations and ensuring the correct taxes and duties are paid. The commodity or tariff codes used can vary in length and structure depending on the type of goods and where they're moving to and from.

### The EU classification system consists of three integrated components:

- The Harmonized System (HS) is a nomenclature developed by the World Customs Organization (WCO) comprising about 5,000 commodity groups, organised in a hierarchical structure by sections: chapters (2 digits), headings (4 digits) & sub-headings (6 digits) and supported by implementation rules and explanatory notes





- The Combined Nomenclature (CN) is the EU's eight-digit coding system, comprising the HS codes with further EU subdivisions. It both serves the EU's common customs tariff and provides statistics for trade inside the EU and between the EU and the rest of the world
- The Integrated Tariff (TARIC) provides information on all trade policy and tariff measures applicable to specific goods in the EU (e.g. temporary suspension of duties, antidumping duties, etc). It comprises the eight-digit code of the combined nomenclature plus two additional digits (TARIC subheadings)

**In response to this SLS have reviewed the stock we keep in our Nottingham warehouse facility and have already agreed to increase our stock holding of Corning Coolware products. Our customers can help us by providing us with accurate information of projected usage for products required for their critical research.**

Corning have also advised that they will be implementing a **blackout on Coolware deliveries from Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April.** This is in anticipation of delays at the UK borders following a No-Deal Brexit and to avoid the degradation of products shipped in temperature controlled conditions. Please note, this period of no shipments is subject to change but please be assured that SLS and Corning are working closely together to endeavour to communicate any updates that may alter our proposed Brexit strategy and therefore affect our customers. If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact us at [brexit@scientific-labs.com](mailto:brexit@scientific-labs.com).

