



The CDS Path to Production

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Introduction

Purpose of this Document

This document aims to provide a high-level view of the steps required for Declarants/Software Developers (SWDs) to make their journey from CHIEF to CDS Live. There are three key stages within this journey, these are:

1. Trade Test (also known as TT)
2. Trader Dress Rehearsal (also known as TDR)
3. CDS Live (also known as Production)



Target Audience

This deck is primarily aimed at SWDs who have not previously used CDS Live/TDR in any capacity. SWDs with existing access to CDS Live/TDR are not required to follow all steps in the Path to Production, although some may still be applicable.



The Path to Production: Trade Test, TDR and CDS Live

The Path to Production (CDS Live) provides a view of the Software Developer and Declarant journey when transitioning from CHIEF to CDS Live. The journey is made up of three stages, a description of which is given below.

1. Trade Test

- A functional test platform where Developers can assure their software against CDS APIs and the CDS back-end for all core declaration processes and notification types.
- It can also be used as an ongoing build environment to test functionality of future releases.



2. TDR

- A free to use, practice environment where Declarants can submit test declarations using real account data.
- TDR is not a mandatory step but is recommended as it improves success rates when submitting declarations in CDS Live.



3. CDS Live

- The environment in which real declarations are submitted.
- Operates both UK and EU Trade Tariffs.
- Supports Import declarations and some Export declarations (all Export routes will be available on CDS Live from March 2024).



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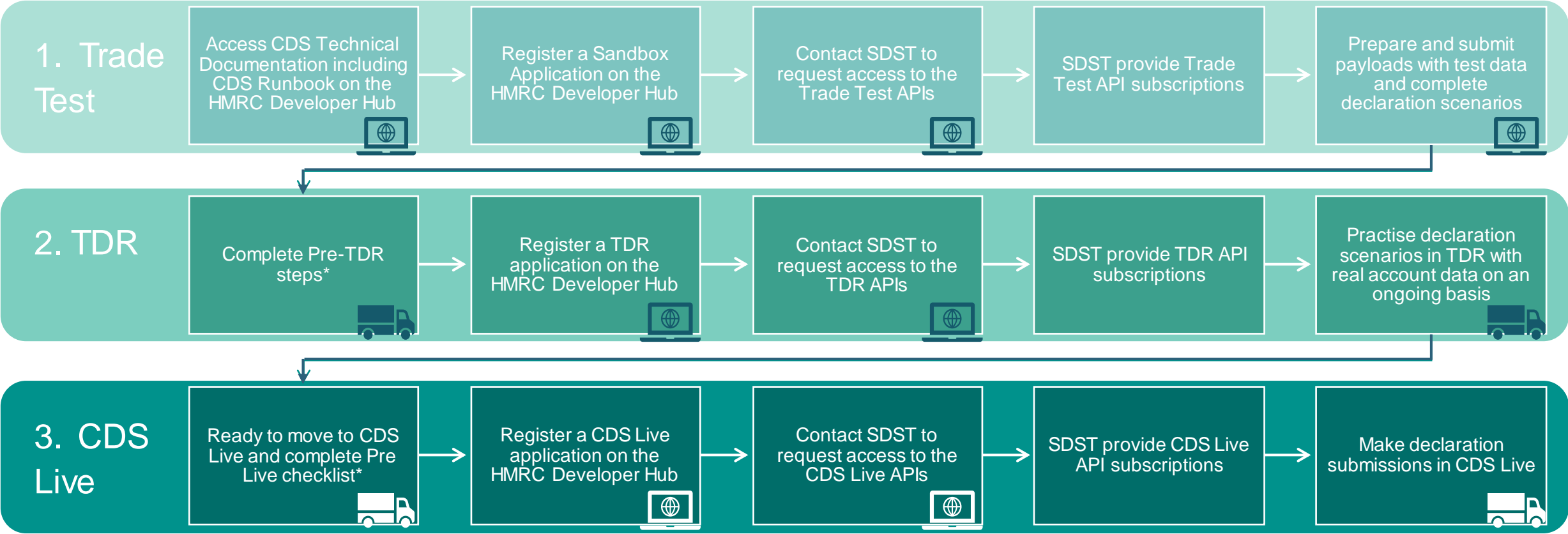
Software Developer



Declarant

The Path to Production: Detailed View

The Path to Production (CDS Live) below provides a step-by-step guide of the journey for Software Developers and Declarants through the three environments.



**Please refer to the CDS Runbook for further details*