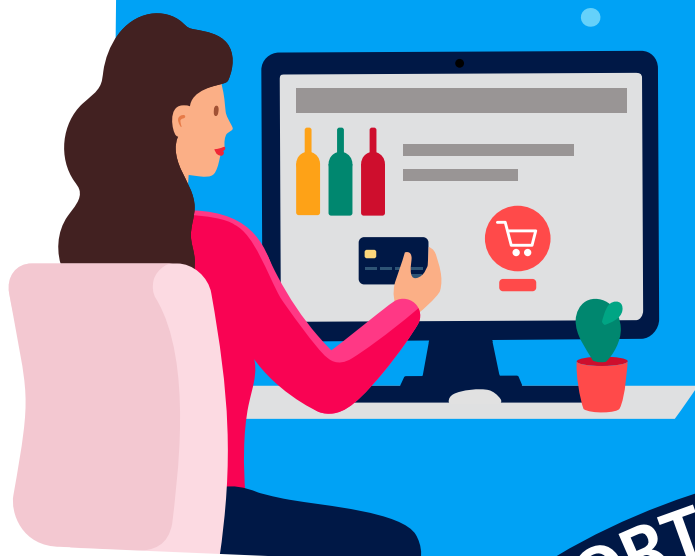


# Buying products from abroad?

You could be asked to pay UK import taxes if your seller hasn't added them at the point of sale. Don't get caught out by additional charges.

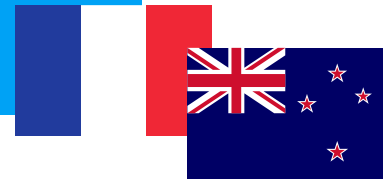
## Anna from London

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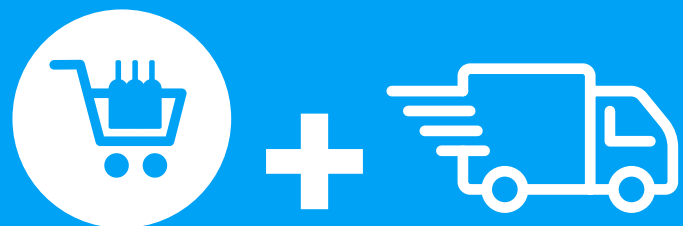


I bought wine from a website based in France.

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



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£60

£

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

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



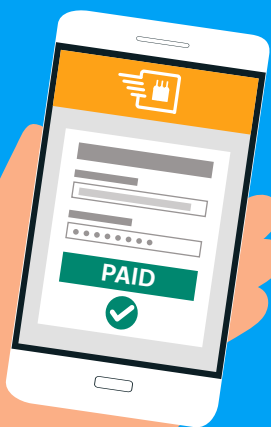
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So I was surprised when the courier sent me an invoice saying how much customs duty, excise duty and import VAT I'd have to pay.



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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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& Customs

To avoid the unexpected, make sure you first check [www.gov.uk/goods-sent-from-abroad](http://www.gov.uk/goods-sent-from-abroad).