

EU Customs - New Advanced Filing process ICS2 coming 3rd June 2024

The European Union are making changes to their advance manifesting process “Import Control System” with their latest release of ICS2 aimed at the maritime industry. These changes will be relevant to all parties including shippers, freight forwarders, NVOCC’s and consignees and will require action from any party providing shipping instructions to the carrier.

Here is some brief information for your guidance and awareness.

The process of advance manifesting allows for pre-arrival safety and security checks that support effective risk-based customs controls whilst enabling the free flow of permitted trade. The third release of the ICS2 programme focuses on cargoes arriving in the EU via the maritime industry and goes live on the 3rd of June 2024.

The new regulations will involve changes to the existing Entry Summary Declarations (ENS) that are submitted for all deep sea and short sea cargo that either discharges or tranships at EU member states as well as all cargo that remains on board, otherwise referred to as FROB (freight remaining on-board).

Going forward ICS2 will allow the ENS transmission from either the carrier, freight forwarder or consignee and shortly after its initial release, allow the filing of house bill of lading (HBL).

Customers will need to provide more detailed information for inclusion in the new ENS, some of the changes will involve the provision of:

- 6-digit HS Code for the commodity
- Complete and accurate cargo descriptions [Link](#)
- Detailed and concise Document Party addresses (*see note)
- EORI number for Consignee established in the EU [Link](#)
- Buyer and Seller data (not required for FROB cargo discharging outside of the EU)

We are currently in the process of adapting our systems to record the provided additional data elements for inclusion in our transmissions.

ICS2 also introduces a new step in the approval process, upon successful transmission and approval of the ENS the declarant will receive a new status “Assessment Complete” (AS), only cargo that has received this status can be loaded on board the carrying vessel.

We strongly recommend that you prepare for the new regulations and ensure that you have all the necessary information required for the introduction of ICS2 as soon as possible.



We will update you as shortly as to when we will start filing ICS2 ENS data.

You can find out more on the EU website via the link below:

[Import Control System 2 - Release 3 - European Commission \(europa.eu\)](https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/tgm/table.do?tab=table&init=1&language=en&code=sdg17.1.1)

*Note: [ICS2 requires the following data elements for](#) all shipment parties: (Shipper, Consignee, Notifies).

- Business Name
- Street Name Line 1 (mandatory unless PO Box is provided)
- Street Name Line 2 (optional)
- House Number (mandatory unless PO Box is provided)
- PO Box (mandatory unless House Number is provided)
- City (mandatory)
- Postal Code/ZIP (mandatory)
- Country (mandatory)

[Please ensure this information is submitted in your shipping instructions.](#)