



# ICS2:

## The new EU Customs Advance Cargo Information System

The European Union is implementing a new customs pre-arrival security and safety programme, underpinned by a large-scale advance cargo information system – **Import Control System 2 (ICS2)**.

### WHAT IS ICS2?

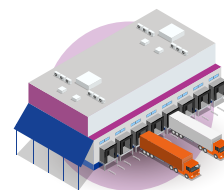
ICS2 is a new IT system created to collect data about all goods entering the EU prior to their arrival. Economic Operators (EOs) will have to declare safety and security data to ICS2, through the Entry Summary Declaration (ENS).

The system aims to better protect Europe's single market and its citizens with new customs safety and security measures and will facilitate free flow of trade through improved data-driven customs security processes, adapted to global business models.

### WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF ICS2?

- Increasing the protection of EU citizens and the internal market against security and safety threats.
- Allowing EU Customs authorities to better identify high-risk consignments and intervene at the most appropriate point in supply chain.
- Supporting proportionate, targeted customs measures at the external borders in crisis response scenarios.
- Facilitating cross-border clearance for the legitimate trade.
- Simplifying the exchange of information between EOs and EU Customs Authorities.

### WHO IS DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY ICS2?



**EXPRESS CARRIERS**



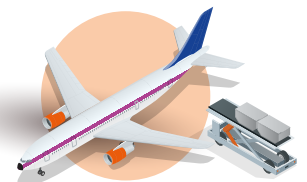
**FREIGHT  
FORWARDING AND  
LOGISTICS COMPANIES**



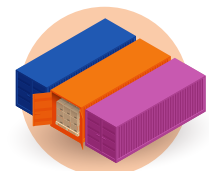
**FINAL CONSIGNEE  
ESTABLISHED  
IN THE EU**  
(for goods received by sea)



**POSTAL OPERATORS  
INSIDE AND OUTSIDE  
THE EU**



**AIR CARGO  
CARRIERS**



**MARITIME, RAIL AND  
ROAD TRANSPORT  
CARRIERS**



**REPRESENTATIVES OF  
ALL AFFECTED EOS**

# WHEN WILL ICS2 BECOME EFFECTIVE?



	RELEASE 1	2	3
Postal Operators	█	█	█
Express Carriers	█	█	█
Third-Country Postal Operators	█	█	█
Freight Forwarding and Logistics Providers	█	█	█
Air Carriers	█	█	█
Maritime, Rail and Road Carriers	█	█	█
Businesses receiving goods in EU (eg. consignees, importers)	█	█	█

ICS2 will also indirectly affect all manufacturers, exporters and individuals from outside the EU who send goods to or through the EU. They will have to provide the necessary information to directly affected economic operators.

## HOW TO GET READY:

- Get informed and gain understanding of the new requirements.
- Start preparing the update of your IT system and adapt your business processes.
- Take steps to ensure high-quality, precise data is provided.
- Provide training support to your staff.

## WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF EOs ARE NOT READY IN TIME?

- Consignments and freight will be stopped at the EU customs borders.
- The goods in question will not be cleared by the customs authorities.
- Inadequate declarations will either be rejected or subject to intervention, with possible sanctions imposed for non-compliance.



STAY ON TRACK FOR ICS2  
VISIT THE WEBSITE TO GET STARTED: [ec.europa.eu/ICS2](https://ec.europa.eu/ICS2)