

Dear stakeholders,

As you know, Import Control System 2 (ICS2) is the new IT system for submitting entry summary (ENS) declarations, arrival notifications and presentation of goods notifications. It's replacing Import Control System Northern Ireland (ICSNI) for goods entering Northern Ireland and Import Control System 1 (ICS1) for goods entering the EU.

After 31 December 2025, ICS2 must be used to make ENS declarations when moving goods from:

- Great Britain to Northern Ireland
- countries outside the EU into Northern Ireland
- Great Britain to the EU

### **What your members need to do now**

Traders should check now with their haulier or carrier about their ICS2 start date if they haven't yet migrated. They should also make sure they are ready to provide them with the extra ICS2-specific data required to submit ENS declarations.

Hauliers should make sure they have the extra data required to be able to submit ENS declarations into ICS2, and make plans to move to ICS2 as soon as possible, and no later than 31 December 2025.

If you are a Trader Support Service (TSS) user, TSS will register you for ICS2 automatically.

As a reminder, the type of information required for ICS2 includes:

- an accurate description of the goods - read [Guidance on acceptable and unacceptable terms for the description of goods](#) for more info on the new 'stop words' being introduced within ICS2
- the commodity code at item level (6-8 digits) – more information can be found on the NI [Online Tariff Tool](#)
- amount of goods (mass)
- buyer and seller information
- place of delivery
- additional information or supporting documents (such as licences or certificates)
- Arrival Notification (for unaccompanied RoRo only)
- Presentation of Goods Notification

## **Roles and responsibilities**

The haulier or carrier is legally responsible for submitting ENS declarations. Hauliers and carriers are also responsible for ensuring Arrival and Presentation of Goods Notifications are submitted into ICS2. These will automatically be submitted on behalf of carriers where they have made sure their ENS declaration Movement Reference Number is included in the Goods Movement Reference in GVMS.

A third party may submit ENS declarations on the carrier's behalf, but this must only be done by a representative or third party with the carrier's knowledge and consent.

Commercial terms and conditions should be used when arranging for a third party to file on the carrier's behalf. This may involve amending an existing contract or creating a new one.

## **Further information and support**

Visit these links for further information:

- [Register to use the Import Control System 2 - GOV.UK](#)
- [Make an entry summary declaration using the Import Control System 2 - GOV.UK](#)
- [Import Control System 2 - European Commission](#)