



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
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The Director

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MESSAGE FROM EUROPEAN COMMISSION: IMPORTANT CHANGES IN THE PROCEDURE OF ENTRY OF GOODS BY RAIL AND ROAD INTO THE EU

Dear Sir or Madam,

From 1 April 2025, the European Union's customs pre-arrival safety and security system – Import Control System 2 (ICS2) – will require **rail and road carriers to provide data on goods sent to or through the EU prior to their arrival**, through a complete Entry Summary Declaration (ENS).

Economic operators who are not ready by this date must contact the National Service Desk of the EU Member State where they have registered and obtained their EORI number, to **request a deployment window by 1 March 2025 at the latest**. Deployment windows are granted only upon request.

I would be most grateful for your assistance in conveying this information to key economic and trade stakeholders in your countries. This will contribute to avoiding unnecessary disruptions at EU customs. You can download an information package with material in several languages and share with your networks via the “Resources” section [here](#).

Furthermore, the European Commission hosts monthly webinars (in English) where economic operators can ask questions about the operational and technical aspects of ICS2. The next webinar is planned for 5 February, with details available [here](#). Additionally, the Commission can organise country or region-specific ICS2 webinars upon request.

Please note that ICS2 requirements also concern **postal and express carriers** as well as other stakeholders such as **logistic providers**. In certain circumstances, **final consignees** established in the EU will also have to submit ENS data to ICS2. Similar safety and security data requirements are already in force for the air, maritime, and inland waterway transport of goods.

To comply with the ICS2 requirements, all affected companies must make sure they collect accurate and complete data from their clients and establish appropriate contractual arrangements. They must undertake the necessary IT development activities as early as possible and ensure that they have successfully completed the mandatory self-conformance testing of their systems to start filing into ICS2.

For additional information, do not hesitate to contact my team at TAXUD-ICS2-PROJECT-TEAM@ec.europa.eu.

Thank you for your assistance in this important matter.

Yours sincerely,

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