



Subject: ENS- filing announcement (ICS2 Release 3)

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Dear valued business relation,

We hereby would like to give prominence to the implementation of Import Control System 2 or ICS2 Release 3. The deployment window for maritime and inland waterway carriers commenced as per the 3rd of June. New regulations imposed by the European Union will be enforced as from the 4th of December, and will apply to all cargo originating from outside the EU, shipped to the European Customs Union (inbound) by sea. ICS1 will remain operational till the end of the deployment window.

As Nirint, we wish to share additional information on ICS2 Release 3, to safeguard a smooth transition and to ensure that you as our valued customer will have ample time to prepare your organization and supply chain accordingly. Also, [click here](#) to find the latest updates on ICS2 Release 3.

Lodgment of the Entry Summary Declarations or ENS is filed directly to the European Customs System (ECS). The scheduled implementation of ICS2 Release 3 encompasses advanced security filing, for all 27 ECU members as well as Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway & Switzerland. Entry Summary Declarations are submitted directly to the Shared Trader Interface or STI, the central European system from the ECS. Whereas in the current situation, the ENS is filed to Customs in the first Member State of entry. The ECS aims to improve the overall quality of data, facilitate enhanced data exchange among EU member states, risk assessment and overall security of the external borders.

Filing the ENS to the STI demands additional information. At present, mandatory information is submitted on master level, whereas ICS2 Release 3 demands house filing. In short, this will encompass a more comprehensive data exchange, in which customers require to provide new data elements as part of their Shipping Instructions:

- The Economic Operator's Registration and Identification number (EORI) of the Consignee for all EU-destinations. Otherwise, full address details, including street name, postal code, city and country name.
- Buyer and Seller information is required for all cargo destined to the EU.
- Six-digit Harmonized (HS) Code, for each commodity line stated on the commercial invoice.
- Accurate and adequate goods description as per EU Guidelines.
- Number of packages and corresponding Gross Weight.
- Unique Consignment Reference or UCR (if available).
- CUS code for harmless and DG chemicals.
- EORI of the supplementary declarant. Only applicable for house- filers in case of multiple filing.

ICS2 Release 3 allows "Multiple filing". I.e. multiple parties can submit the mandatory data to the STI. Although, single filing remains an option.

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Cargo will only be considered ready for loading, if the newly imposed ICS2 regulations are met. This includes a successful Entry Summary Declaration (ENS) submission which will be confirmed by receipt of a valid Movement Reference Number or MRN. As Nirint, we will uphold a strict “No MRN No Load rule”, in order to comply with the new EU- regulations.

In addition, a 24 hrs. deadline is enforced for both single- as well as multiple filing. The European Customs System “STI” will perform a risk assessment bases the data provided ultimately resulting in a load- or non- load status. In order to ensure that all data is timely communicated and processed, Nirint will implement a 48 hrs. rule from the vessels estimated time of arrival or ETA. As a carrier, we therefore request our valued customers to provide the complete shipping instructions before the deadline, to avoid delays and potential rolling of cargoes.

With kind regards,

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