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# Get ready for ICS2

## Important information for hauliers who move goods into Northern Ireland (NI) by road and rail

Import Control System 2 (ICS2) is the EU's new system for submitting Safety and Security (S&S) declarations (also known as Entry Summary Declarations or ENS), replacing Import Control System Northern Ireland (ICSNI).

You can now use ICS2 if you're ready. If you need more time, you must work with your supply chain to make sure you're ready to start using ICS2 as soon as possible, and no later than 31 December 2025 when ICS2 becomes mandatory.

Please note that if you are a Trader Support Service (TSS) user, you do not need to register to use ICS2, as this will be done automatically. If you don't currently use the TSS, you can register via the [TSS website](#).

If you are not a TSS user, this guide explains how to prepare to use ICS2. You can also read more information on [GOV.UK](#).

## Responsibilities for hauliers and carriers

If you are a haulier or carrier, you are legally responsible for ensuring Entry Summary Declarations are submitted.

If someone else is submitting an ENS on your behalf, you must make sure you provide them with the correct information, at the correct time.

## How to register and use ICS2

### Non TSS users

- You'll need to register with HMRC to use ICS2 if your EORI number starts with XI. Please visit [GOV.UK](#) for guidance on how to register.
- If your EORI number does not start with XI, visit the [CIRCABC website](#) to find the contact details for the EU country (national customs authority) where your EORI number was issued to find out how to register.



Once registered, you'll need to request onboarding by emailing [ics.helpdesk@hmrc.gov.uk](mailto:ics.helpdesk@hmrc.gov.uk) and providing:

- your company name, contact email address, business address and EORI number
- role in the ICS2 process
- date that you expect to onboard

## New data requirements in ICS2

You'll need to provide some information in ICS2 that was not required in ICSNI. This includes:

- an accurate description of the goods – more information 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

Traders can grant their hauliers access to their Trader Goods Profile (TGP) in TSS. This holds information on their regular goods movements including commodity codes and goods descriptions, and can help with the flow of information.

For more information on preparing for ICS2 please visit [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk)