



HM Revenue
& Customs

Get ready for ICS2

Important information for traders 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).

All hauliers and carriers moving goods into Northern Ireland by road and rail must be ready to use ICS2 by 31 December 2025. Check with your haulier or carrier about their ICS2 start date.

Once using ICS2, hauliers or carriers will need to submit extra data not required for ICSNI. Coordinate with your supply chain to ensure this information is ready when needed.

Hauliers or carriers are responsible for submitting Entry Summary Declarations, but you must provide the additional ICS2-specific data they require.

ICS2 dataset

The type of information required for ICS2 which wasn't required under ICSNI 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



If you use the Trader Goods Profile (TGP) in TSS, which holds information on your regular goods movements including commodity codes and goods descriptions, you can grant your haulier access to help the flow of information. To identify the correct commodity code for your goods, there is a dedicated HMRC classification Team. The team can be accessed by requesting a review of a goods description within your Trader Goods Profile.

You must be able to provide the relevant information to the person in your supply chain who will be completing the ENS. It is important you speak to those moving goods on your behalf as soon as possible to ensure they have the correct information, at the correct time. This will ensure your goods continue to move as smoothly and efficiently as possible.

For more information on preparing for ICS2
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