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- **Safety and Security requirements on imports into Northern Ireland**
- **Safety & Security requirements on exports from Great Britain**

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## Section one – Background & Legislation

The UK left the European Union (EU) on 31 January 2020 and the Transition Period ended on 31 December 2020, which means Great Britain (GB) is now no longer part of a Safety and Security zone with the EU.

The Government recognises the impact that COVID-19 has had on businesses and is introducing border controls from the end of the transition period in stages. Safety and security export declarations have been required since 1 January 2021. Due to pressures on global supply chains, the requirement to submit safety and security import declarations has been waived until 30 June 2022.

From 1 July 2022, Safety and Security declarations will become due on goods being imported from the EU and other territories that did not require these before 1 January 2021 to GB. This will reflect the existing model already in place for Rest of World (RoW) trade with GB.

From 1 October 2021, Safety and Security declarations will become due on goods leaving GB in RoRo vehicles, and for empty containers, pallets and vehicles moving to the EU under a transport contract. This will reflect the existing model already in place for GB trade with RoW countries.

Safety and Security requirements for goods moving from GB to Northern Ireland (NI) are in place as of 1 January 2021 and are covered in the NI section.

Safety and Security declarations continue to be required for goods entering and leaving the UK from RoW countries.

The UK is committed to upholding the principles of the World Customs Organisation (WCO) SAFE framework.

Any references to GB within this document include the three island territories off the coast of GB which are Crown Dependencies. These are the Isle of Man, the Bailiwick of Jersey and the Bailiwick of Guernsey (which includes Alderney and Sark).

### The Legislation

The requirements for Safety and Security declarations are underpinned by the following legislation:

[Regulation \(EU\) No 952/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council](#)

[Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2015/2446](#)

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2015/2447](#)

[Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2016/341](#)

[The Customs Miscellaneous Non-fiscal Provisions and Amendments etc. \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020](#)

[The Customs \(Safety and Security Procedures\) Regulations 2021](#)

The Safety and Security regulations mandate pre-arrival information for all consignments entering GB, with exceptions for qualifying NI goods moving from NI to GB or from NI to GB via the Republic of Ireland. The Government has legislated to guarantee unfettered access for NI business to the whole of the UK internal market.

For safety and security that means:

- No Entry Summary (ENS) declaration as qualifying NI goods enter the rest of the UK from NI.
- No requirement to submit export or Exit Summary (EXS) declarations for qualifying NI goods leaving Northern Ireland for the rest of the UK.

The only exceptions to these arrangements will be goods falling within the very limited number of procedures relating to specific international obligations binding on the UK and the EU - for example, obligations on the movement of endangered species - and where traders want to use special procedures like duty suspense where we would continue to provide facilitations.

On 9 September 2021, the Government legislated to ensure that no ENS declaration will be required for qualifying NI goods which arrive in GB having moved through the Republic of Ireland. Further guidance will be provided closer to this change coming into effect.

All information submitted will be assessed against a set of risk rules, allowing the UK to continue to secure its borders effectively.

## Section two: Imports into Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Safety and security data for imports is submitted by the lodgement of an ENS declaration.

### Responsibility

The legal requirement to submit an ENS declaration lies with the operator of the active means of transport (e.g. the vessel, aircraft, train or road vehicle) on or in which the goods are brought into the Customs territory (i.e. GB or NI). We will refer to this party as the carrier.

- For **rail**, this means the Rail Freight Operator who is authorised to traction the train through the Channel Tunnel, into GB.
- For **maritime and air**, the legal requirement is with the party that has contracted and issued the bill of lading or an air waybill, for the carriage of the goods into GB or NI. For sea, this means the shipping company is responsible, and for air, the airline.
- For **RoRo**, this means the Haulage Company is responsible for lodging the declaration for 'accompanied' goods and the ferry operator for 'unaccompanied' goods.

In the case of 'combined transport' (for example, a truck carried on a ferry), the obligation to file an ENS lies with the operator of the active means of transport on arrival in the UK. For example, where a truck is carried on a ferry, and will drive off the ferry on arrival in the UK, the obligation lies with the trucking company.

Where a ferry is transporting an unaccompanied trailer or container, the active means of transport is the ferry, even where the trailer or container could be attached to a truck when it arrives at its destination.

## Accuracy & completeness

Customs authorities and economic operators must be able to identify the person (or persons) responsible for compliance with this requirement.

The declarant (person lodging) is obliged to provide the information known to them at the time of lodgement of the ENS. Thus, the declarant is entitled to base their ENS filing on data provided by the trading or contracting parties.

All the data elements prescribed in the table in Appendix 1 for S&S GB and Appendix 2 for ICS NI must be contained in the ENS filing. If the declarant learns later that one or more particulars contained in the ENS filing have been incorrectly declared, the provisions on **amendments** will apply.

Safety and Security declarations are an important part of Border Force's frontier risk assessment processes. The timely provision of complete and accurate data will help your goods flow through the border more smoothly.

HMG will continue to engage with carriers, hauliers and traders to ensure that their obligations to meet Safety and Security requirements are fully understood. We will seek to support those who make genuine errors to get it right, including education and intervention. Enforcement action in respect of non-compliance will be evidenced based and proportionate. This action could involve goods being delayed at the border for further risking and/or fines.

## Who can submit the ENS?

Someone other than the carrier may lodge an ENS. However, as it is the carrier's responsibility to ensure that it is submitted within the legal time limits, and it must only be done by a representative or third party with the carrier's knowledge and consent.

Arranging for an alternative third party ENS filing may be done through the use of commercial terms and conditions and may involve the third-party declarant and the carrier making amendments to an existing, or creating a new, contractual agreement that the third party is to file the ENS instead of the carrier.

How the carrier's consent to the third party ENS filing is to be evidenced and under which conditions and terms are subject to contractual agreement between the commercial parties. For example - time for submission of the ENS, the shipments involved, and the duration of the filing arrangement.

Except where there is evidence to the contrary, the customs authorities may assume that the carrier has given its consent under contractual arrangements and that the third party's lodging of the ENS is made with the carrier's knowledge and consent.

If responsibility is passed on to a third party, the legal liability to ensure that an ENS declaration is submitted remains with the carrier. However, the responsibility that the information provided is accurate lies with whomever the declarant is – in this case, the third party.

## When to submit

Legislation requires that an electronic ENS must be lodged before **arrival** in GB or NI or, in the case of maritime deep-sea containerised shipments, **before loading** onto the vessel that will carry the goods into GB or NI.

The time limits for submitting an ENS to GB or NI can be found in the table below.

Table 1	
Transportation Mode	Time Limit
<b>Maritime containerised cargo</b> (except <i>short sea</i> containerised shipping)	At least 24 hours before loading onto the vessel that will carry the goods into GB or NI
<b>Maritime bulk or break bulk</b> (except short sea bulk/ break bulk shipping)	At least 4 hours before arrival at the Office of First Entry in GB or NI
<b>Short sea* voyages</b>	At least 2 hours before arrival at the Office of First Entry in GB or NI
<b>Short haul flights</b> (less than 4 hours duration)	At least by the time of the actual take off
<b>Long haul flights</b> (more than 4 hours duration)	At least 4 hours before arrival at the Office of First Entry in GB or NI
<b>Rail</b>	At least 2 hours before arrival at the UK customs office of entry (or at least 1 hour if the journey is less than 2 hours) For Rail the UK customs office of entry is <u>Dollands Moor.</u>
<b>RoRo Accompanied</b>  RoRo listed Ports <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/list-of-roll-on-roll-off-ports">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/list-of-roll-on-roll-off-ports</a>	This must be lodged at least 2 hours before the goods are due to arrive in the GB or NI, (for Channel Tunnel, due to Juxtaposed controls this must be lodged at least 1 hour before arrival at the Eurotunnel EU terminal), by the:  • Haulage company if goods are Accompanied
<b>RoRo Unaccompanied</b>  RoRo listed Ports <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/list-of-roll-on-roll-off-ports">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/list-of-roll-on-roll-off-ports</a>	This must be lodged at least 2 hours before the goods are due to arrive in GB or NI  • by the Ferry Operator if goods are Unaccompanied

\*Short sea journeys into Great Britain refer to journeys from: -

- The English Channel, or the Atlantic coast of Europe from the point where it meets the English Channel to and including the port of Algeciras
- Norway
- Ireland
- The Faroe Islands
- Iceland
- Ports on the Baltic Sea and the North Sea

\*Short sea journeys into Northern Ireland refer to journeys from: -

- Great Britain and the Channel Islands
- Greenland
- The Faroe Islands
- Iceland
- Ports on the Baltic Sea, the North Sea, the Black Sea and the Mediterranean Sea
- All ports of Morocco

## If you're using the Goods Vehicle Movement Service

The entry summary declaration will need to be submitted at the earliest of either:

- the minimum timing requirement
- before check-in closes

This is to allow for the Movement Reference Number from the entry summary declaration to be recorded in the Goods Movement Reference, which will be validated by the carrier at check in.

[More information about the Goods Vehicle Movement Service.](#)

## Which Service to use and how to access it – imports into GB

Safety and security data is submitted by the lodgement of an ENS declaration.

For all goods imported into GB from EU and Rest of World countries, the ENS will be submitted into the **S&S GB** service.

This will apply to all imports using the following Modes of Transport: Sea/Maritime, Air, RoRo (Accompanied and Unaccompanied) and Rail.

Currently, when goods are moved from a RoW country to GB via an EU port, for the movement to the EU port carriers are required to submit an ENS into the Import Control System (ICS) of the relevant EU member state. A separate ENS is required for the movement of goods from the EU member state to GB, however, this requirement has been temporarily waived until 30 June 2022.

From 1 July 2022, for the movement of goods from the EU member state to GB, carriers will be required to submit a separate ENS into S&S GB in line with the timings noted in Table 1 above.

S&S GB does not have a User Interface and therefore data will need to be lodged using compatible software.

This can be done by:

1. Employing the services of a Community System Provider (CSP), or;
2. Purchasing compatible software, available from software developers.

## What you need before you can submit ENS into S&S GB

### Access to the system

As explained in the section above, you will need access to **S&S GB**. You will need to [Register and enrol](#) to use the **S&S GB** service and before you can do this you need a Government Gateway user ID and password.

You can find more information about [CSPs](#) and [software developers](#) on gov.uk and it is your choice regarding the option that best suits your business needs. We will be happy to provide further information and support where necessary.

The ENS should be submitted as an XML message and all technical documentation for third-party software providers and CSPs, including API (Application Platform Interface) specification, message types and authentication protocols, are available via the HMRC Developer Hub.

A testing environment is available to allow CSPs and software developers to test that their software works with the **S&S GB** service.

If you require further details on technical specifications for S&S GB, please contact [SDSTeam@hmrc.gov.uk](mailto:SDSTeam@hmrc.gov.uk)

### **A Government Gateway account**

If you decide to submit the ENS declarations yourself, and you get the appropriate software, you will also need to register for a Government Gateway user ID and password. You may already have a Government Gateway account for other interactions with HM Government. If so, you can use the same account and then register and enrol for the access to **S&S GB** as mentioned above.

You can find help and information about registering for HMRC Online services on [gov.uk](http://gov.uk)

### **An EORI number starting with GB**

If you move goods to Great Britain, you need an Economic Operator Registration Identification (EORI) number that starts with GB to make the ENS declaration into the **S&S GB** service.

The S&S GB service does not share data or information with safety and security systems in other countries so the person lodging the ENS declaration, either the carrier or an appointed third-party representative, must have an EORI number starting with GB.

You can find more information about EORI numbers on [gov.uk](http://gov.uk)

## **Submitting an Amendment – S&S GB**

The legal requirement is that the ENS is complete and accurate. There are a number of principles regarding what can be amended in the ENS and when the amendment can take place. From a legal point of view, there is no restriction in the Customs Code or the Customs Code Implementing Provisions. However, the particulars concerning: -

- The person lodging the ENS; and
- The representative

should **not** be amended.

The customs Office of First Entry (OoFE) may be amended only if the new OoFE is also in Great Britain. If the new OoFE is not in Great Britain, please follow the guidance in the section 'Arrivals and Diversions – S&S GB.'

Amendments can only be made up until the point that the goods arrive in Great Britain. The time limits for the lodging of the ENS do not start again after the amendment since, legally, it is the initial declaration that sets them.

There is no cancellation message for **S&S GB**. ENSs submitted can be amended but not cancelled. An amendment contains all the data of the original ENS plus any amendment made and overwrites the first entry. Where goods are no longer to be shipped it is not necessary to inform the **S&S GB** service.

Within RoRo and Road modes, it is recognised that periodic extensive disruption due to weather or industrial action can disrupt ferry/rail services and this could unduly impact the road haulage industry due to the volume and cost of amending their ENS declarations. Where a routing suffers cancellations or delays in excess of 2 hours of the normal scheduled arrivals, an amendment would not be required as long as the following criteria are met: -

- The vehicle moves on the same routing as declared within the ENS declaration
- The vehicle moves with the same carrier as declared within the ENS declaration
- The vehicle moves after the original declared sailing/scheduled departure time
- The vehicle moves from the declared port of departure no longer than 12 hours after its original declared sailing/scheduled departure time.

## Arrivals and Diversions – S&S GB

### Arrivals

There is no requirement to submit an 'Arrival Notification' for goods being imported into Great Britain.

### Diversions

Diversions to Great Britain for cargo that has not already been declared into S&S GB will require ENS declarations for that cargo. ENS declarations should be submitted as soon as the decision to divert is made, but no later than 2 hours pre-arrival.

Where ENS declarations have already been submitted in S&S GB, amendments will be needed if the diversion results in a significant change to information such as port of arrival or date of arrival.

Amendments can be submitted up to the point of arrival in Great Britain.

In exceptional circumstances ("force majeure"), please contact HMRC Import Control System (ICS) Helpdesk ([ics.helpdesk@hmrc.gov.uk](mailto:ics.helpdesk@hmrc.gov.uk)) immediately for advice on next steps.

## What data is needed? – S&S GB

An ENS declaration should be submitted for every individual consignment. For example, a trailer or container may be carrying one, two or many different consignments and therefore, an ENS declaration is required for each consignment.

The data to be provided on an ENS, for risk assessment, includes information on:

- the vessel/conveyance/container/vehicle bringing the goods into Great Britain;
- the route the conveyance takes to get to Great Britain;
- the persons/companies involved in the transaction (i.e. consignor, consignee, carrier, agent etc); and
- the goods being brought into Great Britain.

The specific data elements required for an ENS submitted into S&S GB are set out in Appendix 1.

## Data held by other parties in the supply chain – S&S GB

Although the carrier has the responsibility to ensure the submission of the ENS, some of the data required may be held by other parties, such as freight forwarders or individual traders/importers. It is, therefore, for the carrier to decide who should submit the ENS for individual shipments.

If a carrier decides to allow a third party to submit an ENS on their behalf, they will need to arrange to pass the relevant conveyance and routing information to that third party.

Where a carrier decides to allow a third party to submit the ENS on its behalf there are, among other required data elements, several that the third-party representative would need to obtain from the carrier prior to lodging the ENS. These include:

- The EORI number of the carrier;
- mode of transport at the border;
- the nationality of the active means of transport entering GB;
- expected date and time of first place of arrival/entry in GB;
- first place of arrival/entry code;
- the IMO vessel number (in the case of maritime shipments), the flight number (for air), Trailer number or Vehicle Registration number (for accompanied RoRo).

The carrier will need to make such data elements available to the third-party declarant preferably at the time of booking or as logically required for a timely submission of that party's ENS filing.

In all circumstances the carrier's **EORI number** and the **carrier's transportation document number** (e.g. for maritime - ocean (master) bill of lading if known (or the booking reference number supplied by the carrier) or, for air - (master) air waybill number or, for RoRo - CMR) must **always** be included in any **third party ENS filings**.

If a carrier decides to submit all ENSs themselves then they may need to gather the required, more detailed, data on the goods and persons involved in the movement from other sources (such as freight forwarders or individual traders) further down the supply chain.

## Which Service to use and how to access it – imports into NI

For all goods imported into Northern Ireland, from Great Britain and Rest of World countries, the ENS will be submitted into the **Import Control System Northern Ireland (ICS NI)**.

This will apply to all imports using the following Modes of Transport: Sea/Maritime, Air, RoRo (Accompanied and Unaccompanied).

ICS NI does not have a User Interface and therefore data will need to be lodged using compatible software.

This can be done by:

1. Employing the services of a Community System Provider (CSP), or;
2. Purchasing compatible software, available from software developers.

ICS NI is gradually being replaced by a new system, the Import Control System 2 (ICS2).

ICS2 will become operational in three releases. Each release affects different operators and modes of transport. Operators will begin declaring their goods into ICS2 depending on the type of services they provide.

The first release of ICS2 requires express operators and postal operators moving postal consignments into Northern Ireland by air to submit Pre-Loading Advance Cargo Information (PLACI) information into ICS2. Where relevant, express and postal operators have been required to submit PLACI information into ICS2 since 31 August 2021.

The second release of ICS2 is expected to go live in March 2023 and will require full ENS declarations for all air movements.

The third release is expected to go live in March 2024 and will require full ENS declarations for Rail, Road & Maritime modes of transport.

ICS2 declarations will be submitted via the EU Shared Trader Interface (STI). To access the STI, traders will need appropriate software and to register via Uniform User Management (UUM). This will be done by contacting HMRC and requesting a profile.

The EU has published information on [ICS2 releases and requirements](#).

Further information on sending parcels into Northern Ireland can be found [here](#).

## What you need before you can submit ENS into ICS NI

### Access to the system

As explained in the section above, you will need access to **ICS NI** to submit ENS declarations. You can find more information about [CSPs](#) and [software developers](#) on gov.uk and it is your choice regarding the option that best suits your business needs. We will be happy to provide further information and support where necessary.

The ENS should be submitted as an XML message and all technical documentation for third-party software providers and CSPs, including API (Application Platform Interface) specification, message types and authentication protocols, are available via the HMRC Developer Hub.

### A Government Gateway account

If you decide to submit the ENS declarations yourself, and you get the appropriate software, you will also need to register for a Government Gateway user ID and password. You may already have a Government Gateway account for other interactions with HM Government. If so, you can use the same account and simply enrol for the access to **ICS NI**.

You can find help and information about registering for HMRC Online services on [gov.uk](#)

### An EORI number starting with XI or EU

If you move goods to Northern Ireland, you need an Economic Operator Registration Identification (EORI) number that starts with XI or EU to make the ENS declaration.

To get an EORI number that starts with XI, you must first have an EORI number that starts with GB.

If you already have an EORI number from an EU country which starts with EU, then you do not need an EORI number starting with XI. However, you may still need an EORI number starting with GB to use some UK customs systems.

You can find more information about EORI numbers on [gov.uk](#)

## Trader Support Service - If you move goods between Great Britain and Northern Ireland

You could sign up for the free Trader Support Service which can complete the ENS declarations on your behalf.

Find out more about the Trader Support Service on [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk)

## Submitting an Amendment – ICS NI

The legal requirement is that the ENS is complete and accurate. There are a number of principles regarding what can be amended in the ENS and when the amendment can take place. From a legal point of view, there is no restriction in the Customs Code or the Customs Code Implementing Provisions. However, the particulars concerning: -

- The person lodging the ENS;
- The representative

should **not** be amended.

The customs Office of First Entry (OoFE) may be amended only if the new OoFE is also in Northern Ireland. If the new OoFE is not in Northern Ireland, please follow the guidance in the section 'Arrivals and Diversions – ICS NI.'

Amendments can only be made up until the point that an 'Arrival Notification' is received into ICS (NI) upon goods arriving at the OoFE in Northern Ireland. The time limits for the lodging of the ENS do not start again after the amendment since, legally, it is the initial declaration that sets them.

There is no cancellation message for ICS NI. ENSs submitted can be amended but not cancelled. An amendment contains all the data of the original ENS plus any amendment made and overwrites the first entry. Where goods are no longer to be shipped it is not necessary to inform ICS NI.

Within RoRo and Road modes, it is recognised that periodic extensive disruption due to weather or industrial action can disrupt ferry/rail services and this could unduly impact the road haulage industry due to the volume and cost of amending their ENS declarations. Where a routing suffers cancellations or delays in excess of 2 hours of the normal scheduled arrivals, an amendment would not be required as long as the following criteria are met: -

- The vehicle moves on the same routing as declared within the ENS declaration
- The vehicle moves with the same carrier as declared within the ENS declaration
- The vehicle moves after the original declared sailing/scheduled departure time
- The vehicle moves from the declared port of departure no longer than 12 hours after its original declared sailing/scheduled departure time.

## Arrivals and Diversions – ICS NI

### Arrivals

Upon arrival at the Northern Ireland [air]port, regardless of whether it is an OoFE or OoSE, the 'operator of the active means of transport' (carrier) entering Northern Ireland (or his representative)

must submit an 'Arrival Notification' allowing customs to identify all the ENSs that were previously submitted for the cargo carried on the vessel (or aircraft).

The Arrival Notification must cover all ENSs on the vessel even if the goods are remaining on board or destined for discharge at either subsequent EU [air]ports or [air]ports outside of the EU.

### **Diversions**

Diversions can be accepted within ICS NI, so long as the ENS declaration is still submitted as soon as the decision to divert is made, but no later than 2 hours pre-arrival.

If the diversion results in a significant change to information in the ENS declaration after submission, such as changes to the port of arrival or date of arrival, this should be amended.

In exceptional circumstances ("force majeure"), please contact HMRC Import Control System (ICS) Helpdesk (ics.helpdesk@hmrc.gov.uk) immediately for advice on next steps.

### **What data is needed? – ICS NI**

An ENS declaration should be submitted for every individual consignment. For example, a trailer or container may be carrying one, two or many different consignments and therefore, an ENS declaration is required for each consignment.

The data to be provided on an ENS, for risk assessment, includes information on:

- the vessel/conveyance/container/vehicle bringing the goods into Northern Ireland;
- the route the conveyance takes to get to Northern Ireland;
- the persons/companies involved in the transaction (i.e. consignor, consignee, carrier, agent etc); and
- the goods being brought into Northern Ireland.

The specific data elements required for an ENS submitted into ICS NI are set out in Appendix 2.

### **Data held by other parties in the supply chain – ICS NI**

Although the carrier has the responsibility to ensure the submission of the ENS, some of the data required may be held by other parties, such as freight forwarders or individual traders/importers. It is, therefore, for the carrier to decide who should submit the ENS for individual shipments.

If a carrier decides to allow a third party to submit an ENS on their behalf, they will need to arrange to pass the relevant conveyance and routing information to that third party.

Where a carrier decides to allow a third party to submit the ENS on its behalf there are, among other required data elements, several that the third-party representative would need to obtain from the carrier prior to lodging the ENS. These include:

- The EORI number of the carrier;
- mode of transport at the border;
- the nationality of the active means of transport entering NI.
- expected date and time of first place of arrival/entry in NI;

- first place of arrival/entry code;
- the IMO vessel number (in the case of maritime shipments), the flight number (for air), Trailer number or Vehicle Registration number (for accompanied RoRo).

The carrier will need to make such data elements available to the third-party declarant preferably at the time of booking or as logically required for a timely submission of that party's ENS filing.

In all circumstances the carrier's **EORI number** and the **carrier's transportation document number** (e.g. for maritime - ocean (master) bill of lading if known (or the booking reference number supplied by the carrier) or, for air - (master) air waybill number or, for RoRo - CMR) must **always** be included in any **third party ENS filings**.

If a carrier decides to submit all ENSs themselves then they may need to gather the required, more detailed, data on the goods and persons involved in the movement from other sources (such as freight forwarders or individual traders) further down the supply chain.

## What happens after submission? – S&S GB and ICS NI

### Validation of data

Information submitted in the ENS will be subjected to various levels of validation (on the structure and content of the information) before an MRN is issued. Once the ENS has passed all levels of validation, an MRN is issued to the person who submitted the ENS.

### Risk assessment

Once the ENS has been validated, accepted and an MRN issued, it will be risk assessed against a set of risk rules. The results of the risk assessment will then be used by the UK Border Force to:

- identify shipments they wish to prevent being loaded onto the vessel entering GB (see Do Not Load message); or
- identify imports that they may wish to control on entering GB.

The provision of timely, complete and accurate data will prevent unnecessary delays in this process.

### Do Not Load (DNL) message

For deep-sea containerised shipments only, a Do Not Load (DNL) message, the IE351, may be issued. This will be sent to the person submitting the declaration.

There are a number of steps which must be followed to ensure that the carrier will be made aware that a DNL has been issued where a third party (e.g. a freight forwarder) has made the ENS filing:

- the third-party may only file the ENS with the ocean carrier's **knowledge and consent**;
- in its ENS filing, the third-party must identify the ocean carrier with the **ocean carrier's EORI number**;
- the third-party must also include both the **container number(s)** and the **ocean carrier's transport document number (that is, the master bill of lading number/booking reference number)** in addition to its own (house) bill of lading number in its ENS filing.

Provided these data elements are included in the ENS, and provided that the ocean carrier is IT-connected to **S&S GB or ICS NI** the ocean carrier would automatically be notified not only of the

MRN for the third-party filing (which will serve as proof that the carrier's obligation that an ENS is filed has been met) but also of any DNL messages.

Based on the container and transportation document numbers included in the DNL message, the ocean carrier would be able to identify the containerised shipment that may not be loaded. Moreover, it is not unrealistic to expect that if a Customs Administration believed that a consignment posed such a serious threat that a DNL is appropriate then they would not simply rely on the sending of an electronic message to interested parties.

The UK Border Force will contact you to tell you what to do if you receive a Do Not Load message.

## Unintentional dual filing – S&S GB and ICS NI

If the carrier has contractually agreed that a third party will file the ENS instead of it, the carrier should not make its own ENS filing for that same shipment. Similarly, a third party may not file without the carrier's prior knowledge and contractual agreement.

In cases where dual filings for the same shipment nonetheless occur, i.e. the carrier and a third party both file an ENS for the same shipment, customs authorities may decide to use both filings for their safety and security risk analysis. Otherwise, they will consider that the ENS lodged by the carrier takes precedence.

Dual filings may affect compliance with the legal requirement that an ENS is made if the information is not compliant with the relevant authority, or within the specified time limits.

## Section three: Exports from Great Britain

### When an Exit Summary (EXS) declaration is needed

Most exports will have safety and security requirements met with the customs export declaration which contains safety and security information. This is sometimes referred to as a combined exports declaration. The person(s) normally responsible for submitting a combined declaration is the exporter of the goods, or their representative.

The carrier of the goods has a legal responsibility to make sure the UK customs authority is provided with pre-departure safety and security information. The carrier will need to make sure they provide certain information to the person submitting the combined exports declaration.

An Exit Summary declaration (EXS) is required in some cases where the export consignments are not covered by a combined export declaration.

When an EXS is required, the responsibility for ensuring this is submitted lies with the carrier or the operator of the 'active means of transport'.

An EXS is required when: -

- an empty pallet, container or vehicle is being moved under a transport contract \*
- goods have remained in temporary storage for more than 14 days
- goods have remained in temporary storage for less than 14 days, but the import safety and security declaration details are unknown, or the destination or consignee has changed
- goods are moved under transit using either a transit accompanying document (TAD), a transit security accompanying document (TSAD) or a transport internationaux routiers (TIR) Carnet document

\*a transport contract, or contract of carriage, is an agreement between a carrier and shipper or passenger, setting out each party's duties and rights.

A temporary waiver is in place from 1 January 2021 to 30 September 2021 for safety and security requirements, for two categories of movements only.

The temporary waiver applies to: -

- empty pallets, containers and vehicles being moved under a transport contract to the EU (and to other countries for which a pre-departure declaration was not required before 31 December 2020), and;
- goods in RoRo vehicles where there would otherwise be a requirement for an EXS. This will include, for example, transit movements using RoRo.

From 1 October, a permanent waiver of safety and security export requirements will apply to goods moved under common transit procedures from Great Britain to the Republic of Ireland, where the goods are destined for NI.

Export safety and security information will be required on **all** other movements out of Great Britain, unless permanently exempt. You can find more information about those exceptions on [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk).

Safety and security export declarations are not required for goods moving from Great Britain to Northern Ireland.

## Who is responsible for EXS and who can submit?

The legal requirement to submit an EXS declaration lies with the 'operator of the active means of transport' (e.g. the vessel, aircraft, train or road vehicle) on or in which the goods depart the Customs territory (i.e. Great Britain). We refer to this party as the carrier.

- For **rail**, this means the Rail Freight Operator who is authorised to traction the train through the Channel Tunnel, into the EU.
- For **maritime and air**, the legal requirement is with the party that has contracted and issued the bill of lading or an air waybill, for the carriage of the goods out of Great Britain. For sea, this means the shipping company is responsible and for air, the airline.

- For **RoRo**, this means the Haulage Company is responsible for lodging the declaration for 'accompanied' goods and the ferry operator for 'unaccompanied' goods.

Where a ferry is transporting an unaccompanied trailer or container, the active means of transport is the ferry, even where the trailer or container could be attached to a truck when it arrives at its destination.

Someone other than the carrier may lodge an EXS. However, as it is the carrier's responsibility to ensure that it is submitted within the legal time limits, an EXS must only be lodged by a representative or third party with the carrier's knowledge and consent.

Arranging for such an alternative third party EXS filing may be done through the use of commercial terms and conditions and may involve the third-party declarant and the carrier making amendments to an existing, or creating a new, contractual agreement that the third party is to file the EXS instead of the carrier.

How the carrier's consent to the third party EXS filing is to be evidenced and under which conditions and terms are subject to contractual agreement between the commercial parties. For example - time for submission of the EXS, the shipments involved, and the duration of the filing arrangement.

Except where there is evidence to the contrary, the customs authorities may assume that the carrier has given its consent under contractual arrangements and that the third party's lodging of the EXS is made with the carrier's knowledge and consent.

If responsibility is passed on to a third party, the legal liability to ensure that an Exit Summary (EXS) declaration is submitted remains with the carrier. However, the responsibility that the information provided is accurate, lies with whomever the declarant is – in this case, the third party.

## Which HMRC system to use and how to access it

Export declarations, including EXS declarations, are made on the HMRC Customs Handling of Import & Export Freight (CHIEF) based National Export System (NES).

You can get someone to deal with the declarations for you, or you can make the declaration yourself.

You'll need: -

- Access to the CHIEF system
- Software that can submit declarations; or,
- To be registered for the National Export System

If you make the declarations yourself, you can use the NES system to send declarations via: -

- Web
- Email
- XML; or Community Systems Providers

You must have an Economic Operator Registration and Identification (EORI) number and a [Government Gateway user ID and password](#).

Alternatively, you can arrange for a third-party with CHIEF access to submit the declaration on your behalf.

Further information on making Exit Summary declarations can be found on [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk)

## When to submit an EXS

You must present your EXS to customs before export so it can be risk assessed and the safety and security information must be submitted a specific number of hours before leaving the GB port.

The way in which the goods are transported affects how far in advance the safety and security information must be provided.

The table below advises when the information must be submitted.

Table 2	
Transportation Mode	Time Limit
'deep sea' containerised cargo	At least 24 hours before the goods are loaded
'short sea' containerised and non-containerised cargo	At least 2 hours before leaving the port
air traffic	At least 30 minutes before departure from an airport
rail traffic	At least 2 hours before the goods leave Union territory
road and inland waterways traffic	At least 1 hour before departure

You can amend safety and security declarations after the initial submission if certain information changes (such as the ferry company used or time of arrival), up until the point of customs clearance.

## Which EXS process to follow

There are different processes to follow depending on how and where you move your goods or empties out of GB.

### 1. Submit an EXS – using the Insert Exit Summary (IEXS) declaration type in CHIEF

You will need to submit an IEXS declaration in CHIEF if:

- you are exporting goods from GB to the EU or RoW by any transport mode via an inventory linked port.
- you are exporting goods from GB to the EU or RoW by any transport mode other than RoRo via a non-inventory linked port.

You should submit an IEXS declaration in CHIEF using the Customs Procedure Code (CPC) **10 00 046**. Further information on the data fields you will be required to complete in the declaration can be found in Appendix 3.

Once your exit summary declaration is accepted, you'll be issued with a movement reference number (MRN).

This exit summary declaration will still need to be presented to the customs office of export in the UK and gain permission to progress before the goods can leave the UK using a [DUCR](#). You can use the movement reference number of the exit summary declaration or DUCR to present your goods.

The exit summary declaration must be 'arrived' on CHIEF at the port or airport. Input of the electronic arrival message completes presentation of the goods so that they may be cleared for the export procedure. You must make arrival messages at the port or airport. If the arrival message has been inputted fully and correctly, CHIEF will proceed directly to acceptance and automated risk analysis.

At non-inventory linked ports, where CHIEF arrival facilities are not available, an approved loader for the location can request that HMRC input the goods as 'arrived' on the system using form [C1601](#). If this is successful, the arrival message will be entered onto CHIEF.

CHIEF will then indicate whether the goods have been given clearance to be exported or HMRC may indicate that the goods should not be shipped, pending further enquiries or submission of further paperwork or the need for a physical check. If, at the end of the further checks process, HMRC or Border Force are satisfied that all is in order, HMRC will grant permission to progress and CHIEF will indicate that the goods can then be shipped.

There is a requirement to notify the customs Office of Exit about goods departing the customs territory. All EXS declarations will automatically be assumed as departed on CHIEF, so there is no need to facilitate the departure notification for EXS declarations.

## **2. Submit an 'arrived' EXS – using the Export Full Declaration type in CHIEF**

You will need to submit an 'arrived' EXS declaration in CHIEF if: -

- you are exporting goods from GB to the EU or RoW via Roll On Roll Off (RoRo) through a port which is not inventory linked
- you are exporting goods from GB to the EU or RoW via any transport mode through Dover, Holyhead or Eurotunnel

When an EXS is submitted as arrived, it is not necessary to submit a separate arrival message in CHIEF after the arrived EXS has been submitted.

Some ports lack the physical space to run checks on consignments and are operating with Inland Border Facilities. This means an 'arrived' Exit Summary (EXS) declaration will be required. When an 'arrived' declaration is submitted, an arrival message is automatically sent as soon as the declaration is made, and, if necessary, the carrier can then be directed away from the port for checks elsewhere.

At non-inventory linked ports, submitting an 'arrived' EXS means that the person submitting the EXS does not need to contact the National Clearance Hub to request that an arrival message is submitted in CHIEF. This will avoid disruption caused by carriers waiting for "permission to progress" which is only sent once a declaration is arrived.

To submit an 'arrived' EXS you will need to enter the CPC **10 00 056** into the Export Full Declaration (EFD) in CHIEF and declare declaration type (Box 1) as 'EXA' to submit the declaration as arrived. Further information on the data fields you will be required to complete in the declaration can be found in Appendix 4.

Once your exit summary declaration is accepted, you'll be issued with a movement reference number (MRN). The declarant will be notified by CHIEF whether permission to progress has been given or whether further checks are required. You should not move to the border location until permission to progress is received, or you are asked to do so.

Once permission to progress has been received, you may proceed to the port of exit and the goods may be shipped.

There is a requirement to notify the customs Office of Exit about goods departing the customs territory. All EXS declarations will automatically be assumed as departed on CHIEF, so there is no need to facilitate the departure notification for EXS declarations.

## Appendix 1

### Entry Summary Declaration (ENS) Data Elements – S&S GB

Key

An = Alpha Numeric

A = Alpha

N = Numeric

A2 = 2 characters only (NB there is usually a code list to go with these)

An.7 = up to 7 characters etc.

ENTRY SUMMARY DECLARATION DATA ITEMS Air, Sea, RoRo and Rail			
Data Item *Data item name in Annex 30A Data item name in TIS (where different)	Header (H) and/or item (I) level	Notes and further info to assist with completion	Mode
Reference Number (LRN)	H	An..22  This number may be used by HMG to reference the specific Entry Summary Declaration if there are any queries/questions around the submitted declaration, therefore must be unique per declarant submitting the declaration. Note: Where an amendment is made, the LRN on the amendment should be unique i.e. different to the LRN of the original ENS being amended.	All
(*Number of items) Total number of items (n..5)	H	Total number of items declared in the Entry Summary Declaration.	All
(*Unique Consignment Reference Number)  Commercial Reference Number	H/I	Alpha numeric up to 70 characters. (an...70)  This field is optional – If further reference numbers are available to support identification of declaration for commercial purposes please use this field.	All
(*Transport document number) Produced Documents /Certificates - Document type (an..4) - Document reference (an..35)	H/I	Identification or reference number of international and national documents, certificates and authorisations produced in support of the declaration and additional references.  This can include; Bill of lading, Airway bill, CMR  It includes the relevant code for the type of transport document, followed by the identification number of the document.  Where the person lodging the declaration is different from the carrier the transport document number of the carrier shall also be provided. Document code list to be referred to.	All
(*Consignor) (Consignor) Trader	H/I	<u>Consignor</u> (this could also be the Seller) This information takes the form of the consignor EORI number whenever this is available to the person lodging the ENS.  Alternatively include; Company Name, Building No, Street, Town, Region, Postcode, Country.	

		<p>This is the party consigning the goods as stipulated at the lowest level of the Bill of Lading, Air Waybill, or CMR.</p> <p>This information takes the form of the true consignor EORI number whenever this is available to the person lodging the ENS.</p> <p>Alternatively include; Company Name, Building No, Street, Town, Region, Postcode, Country.</p> <p>Where there is more than one consignor / true consignor – all must be added at item level</p> <p>The consignor must be identified by an EORI number and the Consignor name and address is conditional as per rules below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The name and address are optional if the EORI is a GB EORI.</b></li> <li>• <b>The name and address are mandatory if the EORI is an EU EORI.</b></li> </ul>	
(*Person lodging the summary declaration) (Lodging Summary Declaration) Person	H	Declare the EORI number of the person lodging the ENS.	All
(*Consignee) (Consignee) Trader	H/I	<p><u>Consignee</u> (this could also be the Buyer)</p> <p>This information takes the form of the consignee EORI number whenever this is available to the person lodging the ENS.</p> <p>Alternatively include; Company Name, Building No, Street, Town, Region, Postcode, Country.</p> <p>This is the party consigning the goods as stipulated at the lowest level of the Bill of Lading, Air Waybill, or CMR.</p> <p>This information takes the form of the true consignee EORI number whenever this is available to the person lodging the ENS.</p> <p>Alternatively include; Company Name, Building No, Street, Town, Region, Postcode, Country.</p> <p>Where there is more than one consignee / true consignee – all must be added at item level</p> <p>The consignee must be identified by an EORI number and the Consignee name and address is conditional as per rules below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The name and address are optional if the EORI is a GB EORI.</b></li> <li>- <b>The name and address are mandatory if the EORI is an EU EORI.</b></li> </ul>	All
(*Carrier) (Entry Carrier) Trader	H	<p>This information must be provided if the carrier is different from the person lodging the ENS. The person lodging the ENS must have the carrier's 'knowledge and consent'.</p> <p>The carrier <u>must</u> be identified by an EORI number and the carrier name and address are conditional.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>The name and address are <u>optional</u> if the EORI is a GB EORI.</b></li> <li>- <b>The name and address are <u>mandatory</u> if the EORI is an EU EORI.</b></li> </ul>	All
(*Country(ies) of routing codes) <i>Itinerary</i> - Country of routing code	H	<p>Alpha...2 (country codes to be taken from code list).</p> <p>Identification, in chronological order, of the countries through which goods are routed between the country of original departure and final destination. It should include the countries of departure and destination.</p>	All
Notify party	H/I	Party to be notified at entry of the arrival of the goods. This information needs to be provided where applicable.	All

		<p>Where the goods are carried under a negotiable bill of lading that is 'to order blank endorsed', in which case the consignee is not mentioned and special mentions code 10600 (from code list) is entered, the Notify Party shall always be provided.</p> <p><b>Cannot</b> be used if True (buyer) consignee and True (seller) consignor information available.</p> <p>EORI number should be used where available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>The name and address are <u>optional</u> if the EORI is a GB EORI.</b></li> <li>- <b>The name and address are <u>mandatory</u> if the EORI is an EU EORI.</b></li> </ul>	
(*Mode of transport at the border) <i>Transport mode at border</i> <b>For S&amp;S GB:</b> 1 - Maritime 2 - Rail 3 - Road 4 - Air 8 - Inland water transport 10 - RoRo – accompanied 11 - RoRo – unaccompanied	H	<p>n1 The mode of transport corresponding to the active means of transport in which the goods are expected to enter the customs territory of the Community.</p> <p><b>Where air cargo is transported on modes of transport other than air, the other mode of transport shall be declared.</b></p> <p><b>However, IATA number must be completed in the “conveyance reference number” field and Airway bill number must be provided in “Produced Documents”</b></p>	All
Identity of means of transport crossing border	H	<p>An..27</p> <p><u>Sea</u> Where sea transport is concerned, the IMO ship identification number shall be declared.</p> <p><u>RoRo</u> For RoRo this will be the Vehicle Registration Number and Registered Trailer number. A space must be entered between Registration number and trailer number.</p> <p>Registrationnumber[space]registeredtrailernumber</p> <p>For example: <b>AB12CDE FG34HIJ</b></p> <p><i>No other spaces, hyphens or other special characters to be included.</i></p> <p>For unaccompanied RoRo, the IMO ship identification number to be included</p> <p><u>Rail</u> For Rail this will be the wagon number.</p> <p><u>Air</u> <b>Not to be used for air</b> – the IATA flight number should be included in the data field '<b>Conveyance Reference number</b>'.</p>	All (excluding air)
(Nationality of active means of transport crossing the border)	H	<p>a..2 Nationality of the active means of transport</p>	All
Conveyance reference number	H	<p>An..35 Identification of the journey of the means of transport for example voyage, flight or trip number, if applicable.</p> <p><b>Air</b> – the IATA number should be in this field. If 'Transport mode at border' = '4' (Air) then format is Alpha-numeric 8, and must contain the carrier code (AN3), the flight number (N4) and an optional suffix (a1) without any separator between the two or three elements</p> <p><b>Sea</b> - If 'Transport mode at border' = '1' (Sea/Maritime) and the Conveyance reference number is used, and the first four digits consist of XFER in uppercase, then it must be followed by the lorry registration plate number,</p>	Air Sea

		<p>without any separator between 'XFER' and the lorry plate. Otherwise XFER cannot be used in the first four digits of the Conveyance reference number.</p> <p>Note: This is not applicable when using RoRo, as 'Transport Mode at Border' will be 10 or 11</p> <p><b>RoRo</b> – Intended Ferry company name to be provided if known.</p>	
(*First place of arrival code) (First Entry) Customs Office - Reference number	H	<p>An..8 Identification of the customs Office of First Entry (OoFE) in the UK. (To be taken from Code lists)</p> <p>codes structured as follows: - the first 2 characters (a2) serve to identify the country by means of the country code - the next 6 characters (an..6) stand for the office concerned in that country.</p> <p>Codes will be set up for the Identification of all potential customs Offices of First Entry (OoFE).</p>	All
(*Date and time of arrival at first place of arrival in the Customs territory) (First Entry) Customs Office - Expected date and time of arrival	H	<p>n..12</p> <p>Format (YYYYMMDDHHMM) shall be used. Local time of first place of arrival shall be used. This must be GMT.</p> <p>Scheduled date and time of arrival of means of transport at (for air) first airport (land) arrival at first border post and (sea) arrival at first port.</p> <p>The scheduled date and time of arrival is a static reference point. It should be the same on all ENS's submitted for consignments on that vessel/aircraft regardless of whether they are submitted by the carrier or by representatives on his behalf. Representatives should, therefore, obtain this information from the carrier.</p>	All
Place of loading	H/I	<p>an.35 The first 2 digits of the place of loading shall be the Country Code from the code list. This should be followed by the name of seaport, airport, freight terminal, rail station or other place at which goods are loaded onto the means of transport being used for their carriage, including the country where it is located. For <b>unaccompanied</b> goods the place of loading will be the port of first entry.</p> <p>For <b>Accompanied</b> goods the place of loading is the Freight Terminal, Warehouse or Other place of loading.</p>	All
(*Place of unloading code) Place of unloading	H/I	<p>an. 35 The first 2 digits of the place of unloading shall be the Country code from the code list. This should be followed by the name of seaport, airport, freight terminal, rail station or other place at which goods are unloaded onto the means of transport being used for their carriage, including the country where it is located. For <b>unaccompanied</b> goods the place of unloading will be the port of first entry.</p> <p>For <b>Accompanied</b> goods the place of unloading is the Freight Terminal, Warehouse or Other place of unloading.</p>	All
Goods description	I	An.280	All

		<p>This is a plain language description precise enough for customs to be able to identify the goods.</p> <p>'White goods' should not be used to describe a microwave oven or a washing machine.</p> <p>General terms such as 'consolidated', 'general cargo' 'groupage or 'parts' cannot be accepted.</p>	
(*Type of packages (code)) <i>Kind of packages</i>	I	<p>An.2</p> <p>From a list of available codes.</p>	All
<i>Total number of packages</i>	H	<p>n..7</p> <p>Enter figures of the total number of packages for goods declared within declaration.</p> <p>The total number of packages is equal to the sum of all 'Number of packages' + all 'Number of pieces' + a value of '1' for each declared 'bulk'.</p>	All
Number of packages	I	<p>n..5</p> <p>Number of individual items packaged in such a way that they cannot be divided without first undoing the packing; or number of pieces if unpackaged.</p> <p>This information does not need to be provided where goods are in bulk.</p>	All
<i>Number of pieces</i>	I	<p>n.5</p> <p>Number of individual "pieces" if unpackaged.</p>	All
(*Shipping marks) <i>Marks and numbers of packages (long)</i>	H/I	<p>an.140</p> <p>Free form description of the marks and numbers on transport units or packages.</p> <p><i>This should include information/description that will enable the identification of an individual package within the load.</i></p> <p>This information shall only be provided for packaged goods where applicable.</p>	All
<i>Container Number</i>	H/I	<p>an.17</p> <p>The unique Container number (letters and/or numbers) which identifies the container. Where goods are containerised the container number can replace the 'shipping marks'.</p> <p>For unaccompanied RoRo, the trailer number to be included</p>	All
(*Goods item number) <i>Goods item - Item Number</i>	I	<p>n.5</p> <p>The number of the item in relation to the total number of items contained in the declaration.</p>	All
(*Commodity code) <i>Code (Commodity)</i>	I	<p>an. 8</p> <p>Commodity Codes list is available in Part 2 of the UK Tariff (and on-line). For ENS, the first 4 digits of the 8-digit commodity code may be used.</p> <p>It is not necessary to provide this information if a 'Goods description' is provided.</p>	All
(*Gross mass (kg)) <i>Gross mass (n..11,3)</i>	H/I	<p>Weight (mass) of goods including packaging but excluding the carrier's equipment for the declaration.</p> <p>The declarant should provide this data at item level as well as header level.</p> <p>Enter, where necessary up to 3 decimal places, the gross mass in kilograms.</p>	All
UN Dangerous Goods code	I	n4	All

UNDG code list available.		The United Nations Dangerous Goods Identifier (UNDG) is a unique serial number (n4) assigned within the United Nations to dangerous substances and articles. This element shall be provided where it is relevant.  From the code list available.	
(*Seal number) <i>Seals ID</i> - <i>Seals identity</i>	H/I	An.20 The identification numbers of the seals affixed to the transport equipment, where applicable.  If no seal attached, please complete field with “ <b>No Seal</b> ”	All
Transport charges method of payment code <i>Transport charges/ Method of Payment (a1)</i>	H/I	Enter the relevant code specifying the payment method for transport charges.  Codes to be used: A – Payment in cash B – Payment by credit card C – Payment by cheque D – Other H – Electronic credit transfer Y – Account holder with carrier Z – Not pre-paid	All
(*Other specific circumstance indicator) <i>Specific Circumstance Indicator</i>	H	a1  Code to be used E Authorised Economic Operators	All
<i>Special Mentions</i> - <i>Additional information coded</i>		an.5 Code list for available codes.	All
(*Declaration date) <i>Declaration date and time</i>	H Provided by declarant system	n.12 Date at which the respective declarations were issued and when appropriate, signed or otherwise authenticated.  YYYYMMDDHHMM  1. Date and time of declaration submitted 2. Must be provided by trader system 3. This must be GMT	All
<i>Declaration place</i>	H	an.35 Text describing where the declaration was completed (office address etc).	All
Signature/Authentication	H Provided by declarant system		All

## Appendix 2

### Entry Summary Declaration (ENS) Data Elements – ICS NI

Key

An = Alpha Numeric

A = Alpha N = Numeric

A2 = 2 characters only (NB there is usually a code list to go with these)

An.7 = up to 7 characters etc.

ENTRY SUMMARY DECLARATION DATA ITEMS Air, Sea, Road		
Data Item *Data item name in Annex 30A Data item name in TIS (where different)	Header (H) and/or item (I) level or Conveyance (C) level	Notes and further info (Includes extracts from notes to the articles in Annex 30A of Regulation 1875/2006 and also to rules and conditions in the ICS NI TIS)
Reference Number (LRN)		An..22 This is the number/identifier allocated <b>by the sending trader</b> for a specific transaction (ENS, Arrival Notification, Diversion request etc). It must be unique per trader sending the transaction. Once an ENS is accepted a <b>Movement Reference Number (MRN)</b> is issued. In the UK we will be able to search ICS NI by <b>either</b> the MRN or the traders original LRN.  The MRN generated by ICS NI will use 'XI' in place of 'GB' in Field 2 (Appendix E: Reference Numbers)
(*Number of items) Total number of items (n..5)	H	Total number of items declared in the Entry Summary Declaration
(*Unique Consignment Reference Number)  Commercial Reference Number	H/I	Alpha numeric up to 70 characters. (an...70)  Unique number assigned to goods, for entry, import, exit and export. WCO (ISO15459) codes or equivalent shall be used.  Please see the note below this table on the use of UCRs in the UK and other countries.
(*Transport document number) Produced Documents /Certificates - Document type (an..4) - Document reference (an..35)	H/I	Reference of the transport document that covers the transport of the goods into the EU. Where the person lodging the declaration is different from the carrier the transport document number of the carrier shall also be provided.  Document type code list – see TIS App C code list 13.
(*Consignor) (Consignor) Trader	H/I	This information takes the form of the consignor EORI number whenever this is available to the person lodging the ENS.  Please note that in the TIS the 'TIN' field is the EORI number.  Alternatively include name, street and number, Postal code, City and Country Code.
(*Person lodging the summary declaration) (Lodging Summary Declaration) Person	H	Declare the EORI number of the person lodging the ENS.
(*Consignee) (Consignee) Trader	H/I	EU consignees declared on the ENS should normally be identified by their EORI number (if this is available). Consignees outside the EU with no EORI number (and those EU consignees where the EORI number is not available) should be identified by their name and address.
(*Carrier) (Entry Carrier) Trader	C	This information should be provided if the carrier is different from the person lodging the ENS. The person lodging the ENS must have the carrier's 'knowledge and consent'. The carrier must be identified by an EORI number.

(*Country(ies) of routing codes) <i>Itinerary</i> - <i>Country of routing code</i>	H	Alpha...2 (country codes to be taken from TIS App C code list 8).  Identification in chronological order of the countries through which goods are routed between the country of original departure and final destination. It should include the countries of departure and destination.
Notify party	H/I	Party to be notified at entry of the arrival of the goods. This information needs to be provided where applicable. Where the goods are carried under a negotiable bill of lading that is 'to order blank endorsed', in which case the consignee is not mentioned and special mentions code 10600 (see TIS App C code list 39) is entered, the Notify Party shall always be provided.  EORI number should be used where available.
(*Mode of transport at the border) <i>Transport mode at border</i> Codes: 1 - Sea 3 - Road 4 - Air	C	n1 The mode of transport corresponding to the active means of transport in which the goods are expected to enter the customs territory of the Community. Where air cargo is transported on modes of transport other than air, the other mode of transport shall be declared.  There are separate rules on combined transportation.
(*Identity and nationality of active means of transport crossing the border)  A number of data fields in the TIS make up this data requirement as follows: - <i>Identity of means of transport crossing border (an..27)</i> - <i>Nationality of means of transport crossing border (a..2)</i>  These fields are used in conjunction with the 'Mode of Transport at the border' field above.	C	Where sea transport is concerned, the IMO ship identification number shall be declared.  Not to be used for air – the IATA flight number should be included in the data field 'Conveyance Reference number'.  Where road transport is concerned, the registration plate number may be declared and has no format restrictions.  NB Accurate completion of these fields on all ENSs is essential when the carrier (or his representative) intend to use the <b>Entry Key</b> to Arrive or Divert all consignments on a vessel.
Conveyance reference number	C	An..35 Identification of the journey of the means of transport for example voyage, train or flight number etc.  For air – the IATA number should be in this field.  NB Accurate completion of this field on all ENS's is essential when the carrier (or his representative) intend to use the <b>Entry Key</b> to Arrive or Divert all consignments on a plane.
(*First place of arrival code) ( <i>First Entry</i> ) <i>Customs Office</i> - <i>Reference number</i>	C	an8 Identification of the customs Office of First Entry (OoFE) in the EU. an..8 codes structured as follows: - the first 2 characters (a2) serve to identify the country by means of the country code of the EU Member State - the next 6 characters (an..6) stand for the office concerned in that country.  Codes will be set up for the Identification of all potential customs Offices of First Entry (OoFE). These will be uploaded by all Member States to a central COL (Customs Office List). These will be available on the EUROPA website.
(*Date and time of arrival at first place of arrival in the Customs territory) ( <i>First Entry</i> ) <i>Customs Office</i> - <i>Expected date and time of arrival</i>  NB As a general rule, this field once set by the carrier should <u>not</u> be amended. See note on Arriving and Diverting consignments using the Entry Key in Notes column.	C	n..12 (CCYYMMDDHHMM) shall be used. Local time of first place of arrival shall be used.  <b>Scheduled</b> date and time of arrival of means of transport at (for air) first airport (land) arrival at first border post and (sea) arrival at first port.  It is particularly important, where a carrier intends to use the <b>Entry Key</b> to Arrive or Divert all consignments on a vessel/aircraft, that the scheduled date and time of arrival is a static reference point. It should be the same on all ENSs submitted for consignments on that vessel/aircraft regardless of whether they are submitted by the carrier or by representatives on his behalf. Representatives should, therefore, obtain this information <b>from the</b>

		<b>carrier</b> and should <b>not</b> amend the expected date and time of arrival unless the carrier instructs him to do so.
(*Subsequent customs office(s) of entry code) <i>(Subsequent Entry) Customs Office</i> - <i>Reference number</i>	C	an.8 Identification of all known customs Office(s) of Subsequent Entry (OoSE) in the EU.  See notes on the structure of codes to be used above in the Notes column to the OoFE field.
Place of loading	H/I	an.35 The first 2 digits of the place of loading shall be the Country Code.  Name of seaport, airport, freight terminal, rail station or other place at which goods are loaded onto the means of transport being used for their carriage, including the country where it is located.
(*Place of unloading code) <i>Place of unloading</i>	H/I	an. 35 The first 2 digits of the place of unloading shall be the Country code. Name of seaport, airport, freight terminal, rail station or other place at which goods are unloaded onto the means of transport being used for their carriage, including the country where it is located.
Goods description	I	This is a plain language description precise enough for customs to be able to identify the goods. General terms such as 'consolidated', 'general cargo' or 'parts' cannot be accepted.  A list of other inappropriate descriptions has been published by the Commission. It is not necessary to provide this information where a commodity code is used.
(*Type of packages (code)) <i>Kind of packages</i>	I	An.2 List of codes available in the TIS App C code list 17.
<i>Total number of packages</i>	H	n..7 NB Rule 105 applies as follows: 'The total number of packages is equal to the sum of all 'Number of packages' + all 'Number of pieces' + a value of '1' for each declared 'bulk'.'
Number of packages	I	n..5 Number of individual items packaged in such a way that they cannot be divided without first undoing the packing; or number of pieces if unpackaged. This information does not need to be provided where goods are in bulk.
<i>Number of pieces</i>		n.5
(*Shipping marks) <i>Marks and numbers of packages (long)</i>	H/I	an.140 Free form description of the marks and numbers on transport units or packages.  This information shall only be provided for packaged goods where applicable. Where goods are containerised, the container number can replace the shipping marks, which can however be provided by the trader where available. A UCR or the references in the transport document that allows for the unambiguous identification of all packages in the consignment may replace the shipping marks.
(*Equipment identification number, if containerised) <i>Containers</i> - <i>Container Number</i>	H/I	an.17 Marks (letters and/or numbers) which identify the container. Where goods are containerised the container number can replace the 'shipping marks'.
(*Goods item number) <i>Goods item</i> - <i>Item Number</i>	I	n.5 The number of the item in relation to the total number of items contained in the declaration, the summary declaration or the diversion request.
(*Commodity code) <i>Code (Commodity)</i> - <i>Combined Nomenclature</i>	I	an. 8 Commodity Codes list is available in Part 2 of the UK Tariff (and on-line). For ENS, the first <b>4 digits</b> of the 8-digit commodity code may be used. It is not necessary to provide this information if a 'Goods Description' is provided.
(*Gross mass (kg)) <i>Gross mass (n..11,3)</i>	H/I	Weight (mass) of goods including packaging but excluding the carrier's equipment for the declaration. Where possible, the trader should provide data at item level.

NB this means up to 11 digits then 3 following the decimal point.		
UN Dangerous Goods code  UNDG code list is available in the TIS App C code list 101.	I	n4 The United Nations Dangerous Goods Identifier (UNDG) is a unique serial number (n4) assigned within the United Nations to dangerous substances and articles. This element shall be provided where it is relevant.
(*Seal number) <i>Seals ID</i> - <i>Seals identity</i>	H/I	The identification numbers of the seals affixed to the transport equipment, where applicable.
Transport charges method of payment code <i>Transport charges/ Method of Payment (a1)</i>	H/I	Enter the relevant code specifying the payment method for transport charges. Codes to be used: A – Payment in cash B – Payment by credit card C – Payment by cheque D – Other H – Electronic credit transfer Y – Account holder with carrier Z – Not pre-paid
(*Other specific circumstance indicator) <i>Specific Circumstance Indicator</i>	H	a1 A - Postal and express consignments C - road mode of transport D - Rail mode of transport E - Authorised Economic Operators
<i>Special Mentions</i> - <i>Additional information coded</i>		an.5 See TIS App C code list for available codes.
(*Declaration date) <i>Declaration date and time</i>	H Provided by declarant system	Date at which the respective declarations were issued and when appropriate, signed or otherwise authenticated.
<i>Declaration place</i>		an.35 Text describing where the declaration was completed (office address etc).
Signature/Authentication	H Provided by declarant system	

## Appendix 3

### Exit Summary Declaration (IEXS) Data Elements

(IEXS) EXIT SUMMARY DECLARATION DATA ITEMS		
Data field name	Mandatory (M) or Optional (O) to complete	Notes and further information
Consignor - Identity (EORI number) - Name and address	M	An EORI number must be provided.  If a GB EORI number is provided, it is not necessary to provide name and address.  If the EORI provided is not a GB EORI, then you must also provide name, street, city, post code and country details.
Items [number field: total number of items]	M	It is possible to include up to 99 items in one declaration.
Packages [number field: total number of packages]	M	
Reference number [declarant's own reference]	O	
Consignee - Identity (EORI number) - Name and address	M	An EORI number must be provided.  If a GB EORI number is provided, it is not necessary to provide name and address.  If the EORI provided is not a GB EORI, then you must also provide name, street, city, post code and country details.  If consignee details are not known, AI statement 30600 must be entered in 'Additional Information.'
Declarant/representative - Rep - Identity - Name and address	O	Not required to be completed unless an agent is completing the declaration on behalf of the declarant, in which case it is required
Country of export	M	
Destination country	M	
Location of goods	M	Enter the location of the port of exit where the goods will leave Great Britain. The goods do not need to be available at the location at the time when the declaration is made.
Packages and description of goods - Description of goods - Package marks - Package number - Package kind - Containers	O	Required to be completed if Box 33 (commodity code) is not completed  For Exit Summary Declarations, a full and unambiguous goods description must be supplied if a commodity code is not declared.
Item number	O	

Commodity code	O	Required to be completed if 'Description of goods' is not completed.  A 4 or an 8-digit commodity code can be used.
Gross mass	M	Gross mass must always be completed.
Procedure	M	Use the CPC 10 00 046. All items within the declaration must have the same CPC.
<p>Additional information</p> <p>Header level:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Header level AI statement</li> <li>- Transport charges method of payment</li> <li>- Country of routing codes</li> <li>- Declaration currency</li> <li>- Registered consignor</li> <li>- Premises</li> <li>- Supervising office</li> <li>- Header level documents</li> <li>- DUCR</li> <li>- MUCR</li> </ul> <p>Item level:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Item level AI statement</li> <li>- Transport charges method of payment</li> <li>- UN dangerous goods code</li> <li>- Third quantity</li> <li>- Supervising office</li> <li>- Item level documents</li> </ul>	M	<p>Required to be completed in accordance with the existing rules laid out in the Trade Tariff Vol 3.</p> <p>E.g. if carrying dangerous goods, the UN dangerous goods code will be needed, but not otherwise.</p> <p>A DUCR must always be provided.</p>

## Appendix 4

### Arrived Exit Summary Declaration (EFD) Data Elements

(EFD) EXIT SUMMARY DECLARATION DATA ITEMS		
Data field name	Mandatory (M) or Optional (O) to complete	Notes and further information
Declaration (1st section) Type of declaration 'EX' (2nd section) Indication of arrival at office of export	M	"In first sub-division, enter 'EX' "In second sub-division, enter 'EXA'"
Consignor - Identity (EORI number) - Name and address	M	An EORI number must be provided.  If a GB EORI number is provided, it is not necessary to provide name and address.  If the EORI provided is not a GB EORI, then you must also provide name, street, city, post code and country details.
Items [number field: total number of items]	M	Up to 99 items can be included in one declaration.
Packages [number field: total number of packages]	M	
Reference number [declarant's own reference]	O	
Consignee - Identity (EORI number) - Name and address	M	An EORI number must be provided.  If a GB EORI number is provided, it is not necessary to provide name and address.  If the EORI provided is not a GB EORI, then you must also provide name, street, city, post code and country details.. If consignee details are not known, AI statement 30600 must be entered in 'Additional Information.'
Declarant/representative - Rep - Identity - Name and address	O	
Country of export	M	
Destination country	M	
Means of transport on departure	O	Do not complete this field

Identity and nationality of the active means of transport crossing the border	O	Do not complete this field
Invoice currency	O	Do not complete this field
Mode of transport at the border	M	1 – Maritime 2 – Rail 3 – Road 4 – Air 6 - RoRo
Mode of transport inland	O	Do not complete this field
Location of goods	M	Enter the location of the port of exit where the goods will leave Great Britain. The goods do not need to be available at the location at the time when the declaration is made.
Packages and description of goods - Description of goods - Package marks - Package number - Package kind - Containers	O	Description of goods, package marks, package number and package kind must be completed. Containers must be completed unless goods are being exported by an express operator.
Item number	O	
Commodity code	O	Required to be completed if 'Description of goods' is not completed  An 8-digit commodity code must be used. It is not possible to use just the first four digits of the commodity code.
Country origin code	O	Do not complete this field
Gross mass	M	Gross mass must always be completed.
Procedure	M	Use the CPC 10 00 056. All items within the declaration must have the same CPC.
Net mass	O	Required to be completed if an 8-digit commodity code has been provided in 'Commodity code' data field.
Previous document - Class - Type - Reference	O	

Supplementary units	O	Required to be completed if an 8-digit commodity code has been provided in 'Commodity code' data field.
<p>Additional information</p> <p>Header level:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Header level AI statement</li> <li>- Transport charges method of payment</li> <li>- Country of routing codes</li> <li>- Declaration currency</li> <li>- Registered consignor</li> <li>- Premises</li> <li>- Supervising office</li> <li>- Header level documents</li> <li>- DUCR</li> <li>- MUCR</li> </ul> <p>Item level:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Item level AI statement</li> <li>- Transport charges method of payment</li> <li>- UN dangerous goods code</li> <li>- Third quantity</li> <li>- Supervising office</li> <li>- Item level documents</li> </ul>	M	<p>Required to be completed in accordance with the existing rules laid out in the Trade Tariff Vol 3.</p> <p>E.g. if carrying dangerous goods, the UN dangerous goods code will be needed, but not otherwise.</p> <p>A DUCR must always be provided.</p>

## S&S Requirements update: 20 September 2021

### **The changes made to the body of the document are:**

- Change of waiver end date for ENS from 01/01/22 to 01/07/22
- No ENS declaration required for qualifying Northern Ireland goods which arrive in GB having moved through the Republic of Ireland
- ICS2 new release dates
- Parcels link included for more information
- Addition of Transport Internationaux Routiers (TIR) for EXS requirements
- Explanation of IEXS (Insert Exit Summary)
- Assumption of departure declaration
- Rewording of Inland Border explanation

### **Changes to the data tables are:**

- For unaccompanied RoRo the IMO ship identification number to be included
- For unaccompanied RoRo the trailer number to be included
- Clearer notes for EXS consignor and consignee
- Inclusion of Supplementary units if commodity code has been included for EXS



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## UPDATE ON BREXIT

*Forthcoming changes in the implementation of UK procedures*

### **Principal changes in the UK procedures timetable, including a requirement for submission of Safety and Security declarations.**

### **Reminder to TIR holders on the necessity to ensure proper termination of TIR operations upon the exit point from the EU**

#### **I. BACKGROUND**

IRU had informed members in previous CAD letters (notably, [GE7354](#) and [GE7557](#) dated 15 December 2020 and 2 April 2021) about gradual introduction of border controls in the UK, and related key dates.

In the meantime, IRU has been monitoring the situation, also in terms of practical application and use of TIR procedure on the UK – EU route, and has addressed and resolved a number of issues reported by the transport operators via IRU hotline.

IRU has also shared, and will continue distribution of invitations to some webinars and live events organized by the UK and French authorities, which cover important topics related to new procedures being implemented on both sides of the Channel.

#### **II. PRINCIPAL CHANGES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF UK PROCEDURES**

1. The UK Government announced further changes to the timetable for the gradual introduction of full customs checks

**Full customs declarations and controls will be introduced on 1 January 2022 as previously announced. Safety and Security Declarations on imports will now not be required until 1 July 2022. No changes for Safety and Security Declarations on exports, which will be required as from 1 October 2021**

More specifically, under the revised timetable:

- The requirements for pre-notification of Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) goods, which were due to be introduced on 1 October 2021, will now be introduced on 1 January 2022.
- The new requirements for Export Health Certificates, which were due to be introduced on 1 October 2021, will now be introduced on 1 July 2022.
- Phytosanitary Certificates and physical checks on SPS goods at Border Control Posts, due to be introduced on 1 January 2022, will now be introduced on 1 July 2022.
- Safety and Security declarations on imports will be required as of 1 July 2022 as opposed to 1 January 2022.

Further information can be consulted [here](#).

2. EXS (an exit summary declaration) will be required as from 1 October 2021

There are two types of Safety and Security Declarations which can be submitted for the UK territory: an exit summary declaration (EXS) and an entry summary declaration (ENS).

While according to the recently revised timetable, ENS will not be required until 1 July 2022, the requirement for submission of EXS declarations for certain movements from the UK to the EU still stands and will be applicable as from 1 October 2021. Some key information on EXS requirement is provided below:

**Which movements:** a standalone EXS is not common but needed only in cases where the exported goods are not covered by a full export declaration, which includes safety and security data. EXS will be required for:

- goods being moved under transit procedure (Common Transit Convention or TIR Convention);
- empty pallets, containers, vehicles being moved within the EU under transport order;
- certain categories of cases where goods have been placed in temporary storage.

**Normally, export declaration shall contain safety and security data. Therefore, hauliers will first need to verify the availability of this information in the export declaration (or with their exporters / brokers). Only if this data is missing in export declaration, hauliers must ensure that EXS is duly submitted prior to departure.**

**Who (party responsible):** The party responsible for ensuring submission of an EXS is the “active means of transport”, e.g. haulier or haulage company that is contracted to drive the goods from the place of loading to the place of unloading. This means that even in the event the EXS is submitted by a third-party (e.g. by customs brokers or other intermediary), the haulier will retain overall responsibility for making sure that the declarations are submitted. However, the third-party shall remain responsible for the content, accuracy and completeness of the EXS filling.

**When:** EXS must be submitted a specific number of hours in advance (for road traffic – 1 hr before departure, for short sea voyages – 2 hrs before leaving the port).

**How:** Export declarations, including EXS declarations, are made on the HMRC Customs Handling of Import and Export Freight (CHIEF) based National Export System (NES). Although there is a possibility that hauliers submit EXS declarations themselves, it will require them to have an [access to CHIEF](#). Therefore, it is our understanding that most hauliers will need to use the services of customs brokers in order to submit EXS declarations.

In this regard, members are kindly informed that our member association in the UK – RHA, via its [RHA brokerage](#) service would be in a position to provide its services to the hauliers. Full list of Customs agents providing their services in the UK can be consulted [here](#).

Find out more on as to [why, when and how to make an exit summary declaration \(EXS\)](#).

### 3. EU / EEA and Swiss ID cards

As from 1 October 2021, most EU, EEA and Swiss ID cards will no longer be accepted as valid travel documents to enter the UK for professional drivers to enter UK. Therefore, the drivers from these respective countries must use passports. More information is available on [gov.uk](#) website.

## III. IMPORTANCE OF FOLLOWING CORRECT AND COMPLETE TIR PROCEDURES AT THE EXIT POINT IN THE EU

Early July, IRU organised training sessions for customs offices of Calais and Dunkerque on TIR formalities, in order to address the issues reported by a number of TIR holders with regard to incorrect or incomplete filling of TIR carnets. The aim of these training sessions was to ensure proper handling of TIR carnets at the EU border, by highlighting the importance of the relevant EU customs offices of entry / exit, particularly following Brexit.

The trainings took place during three days to enable participation of all Calais and Dunkerque customs officers as well as other relevant customs' personnel such as TIR focal points. The training sessions were welcomed and received positive feedback.

While IRU is making all possible to support customs in handling TIR, we have recently observed an increased number of irregularities with regard to TIR transports carried out via these borders, notably cases where TIR exit formalities in the EU were not duly undertaken. Therefore, IRU would like to kindly call upon your cooperation with the following:

- **TIR holders should be instructed to always ensure termination of TIR carnets upon exit from the EU territory (e.g. at Calais)** as absence of relevant stamps on the TIR carnet may potentially lead to claims from customs offices of entry / departure in the EU. Therefore, **TIR carnet holders must imperatively always present themselves to the border force authorities prior to embarking the ferry or passing through Eurotunnel.**
- For TIR transports starting in the UK, TIR carnets should be reminded to ensure as much as possible that all the necessary transport information and documents (e.g. MRN number), are at their possession before they enter the EU customs territory.
- TIR holders should be encouraged and invited to immediately address any issues they may have on the spot during their transports to IRU and/or their association as to allow their rapid resolution.

#### **IV. ACTION BY MEMBERS**

CAD members are invited to share the information presented in this document with their hauliers and continue encouraging them to use TIR on the UK routes. Any feedback in this regard should be sent to [tir@iru.org](mailto:tir@iru.org)

Members are also requested to remind TIR hauliers about the necessity to ensure proper termination of TIR operations at the exit point in the EU (e.g. Calais) when moving the goods to the UK under TIR. Any issues encountered in this regard shall be reported to [hotline@iru.org](mailto:hotline@iru.org) or the telephone number + 41 22 918 20 73.

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## Exit Summary (EXS) Declaration Webinar / walk through 25 August 2021 – Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. What are the Safety and Security (S&S) and Goods Vehicle Movement Service (GVMS) requirements from 1 October 2021 and 1 January 2022?

- a. Pre-departure S&S information, using full export declarations or exit summary (EXS) declarations has been required since 1 January 2021 for goods moving from GB to EU, with the exception of the following categories, for which there was a temporary waiver in place until 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021: -
  - i. Empty pallets, containers and vehicles being moved under a transport contract, and;
  - ii. Goods in RoRo vehicles where there would otherwise be a requirement for an EXSGVMS is not required for GB to EU movements at this time.
- b. From 1 October 2021 EXS declarations will be required for all movements from GB to EU for which the S&S information is not already included in a full export declaration, such as: -
  - i. Empty pallets, containers, vehicles being moved under a transport contract (including empty reusable packaging such as stillages, roll-cages etc.)
  - ii. Goods which have remained in temporary storage for more than 14 days
  - iii. Goods which have remained in temporary storage for less than 14 days but the import ENS details are unknown or the destination consignee has changed
  - iv. Goods being moved under transit using either a Transit Accompanying Document (TAD), a Transit Security Accompanying Document (TSAD) or TIR (Transports Internationaux Routiers)GVMS is not required for GB to EU movements from 1 October 2021.
- c. From 1 January 2022 movements departing from locations using GVMS will need a GMR created with either the EXS or the full export declaration DUCR included.

### 2. Will you change the 1 October date for the introduction of these requirements?

- a. The requirement to submit EXS declarations for empty movements has been in place for a number of years for Rest of World exports. S&S requirements have also been in place for most GB to EU movements from 1 January 2021. However, to help businesses to prepare and recover from the COVID pandemic, a temporary waiver was put in place for the two categories of movement above.

## **CHIEF / EXS Declarations**

- 3. Why is CPC 10 00 046 required? What if goods are under some form of customs control in UK? If an export entry has been completed do you also have to submit an EXS declaration?**
  - a. An EXS declaration is required in certain circumstances only. If 'goods' are being exported, then the S&S information will normally be included in the full export declaration submitted by the trader or their representative and a separate EXS is not required.
  
- 4. Can we submit an EXS 10 00 046 as an arrived declaration rather than using a C1601 each time?**
  - a. The standard process to submit an EXS using CPC 10 00 046 cannot be lodged as an 'arrived' declaration. The standard process must be used in the following circumstances: -
    - i. All modes of transport departing via inventory linked locations
    - ii. Any mode except RoRo (for example Rail or Air) departing via non-inventory linked locations
  
- 5. If we need to request HMRC to input an EXS 'arrival' notification in CHIEF, using form C1601, what is the turnaround time/SLA to complete this?**
  - a. The service level agreement in place for the National Clearance Hub (NCH) acting as the customs loader in this circumstance is 2 hours.
  
- 6. Can we use a single administrative document (SAD) for all EXS instead of into CHIEF?**
  - a. The SAD, also referred to as a C88 is completed when you are providing full customs information and includes the relevant S&S data. If you are providing full customs information including the relevant safety and security data then a separate EXS is not required.
  - b. You cannot use the C88 SAD to provide only S&S information. If you are not providing customs information, such as in the case of moving empty containers, where customs information is not required, then you must use the EXS to provide the S&S data.
  
- 7. If I already have links to CHIEF or if I develop a new link to CHIEF, will the same interface work with CDS?**
  - a. CHIEF and CDS are housed on different platforms and therefore they will need separate connections. You should contact our Software Developer Support Team for further information, at [SDSTeam@hmrc.gov.uk](mailto:SDSTeam@hmrc.gov.uk)

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**8. Are CHIEF arrival facilities available at Dover, Eurotunnel/Folkestone?**

- a. You should check with individual port/border locations to confirm what facilities are available at their location.
- b. For RoRo movements through a non-inventory linked location, as well as any movements through Dover, Holyhead and Eurotunnel, the 'Arrived' EXS process will be followed which means there is no requirement to notify 'arrival' at that border location.

**9. Is there a combined code for the Short Straits, in the same way there is a combined code for creating a GMR/using CHIEF?**

- a. You should check information on gov.uk, within the customs [Trade Tariff for CHIEF](#), to verify location codes.

**10. Are you able to share user manuals for ECS/EXS?**

- a. Technical specifications for connecting to CHIEF or the National Exports System (NES) are available on gov.uk or by contacting our Software Developer Support Team, at [SDSTeam@hmrc.gov.uk](mailto:SDSTeam@hmrc.gov.uk)

**11. When we complete an export entry is it possible to combine an EXS with the entry summary (ENS) declaration?**

- a. ENS declarations are used to provide S&S information on goods arriving in GB from the EU and cannot be combined with any other declaration – they are submitted into the S&S GB service.
- b. An EXS is only required in an export scenario where a full export declaration is not being submitted, as described in Question 1.

**12. If a truck is carrying 100 shipments for 100 customers how many EXS declarations will be required?**

- a. EXS declarations should be submitted at consignment level. A consignment is defined by the transport contract, such as the CMR, airway bill or bill of lading.

**13. For non-inventory linked ports, who will depart the EXS?**

- a. All EXS declarations will automatically be assumed as departed, on CHIEF, so there is no requirement for carriers to facilitate the departure notification for EXS declarations.

**14. Do we need an EXS if an ENS or equivalent Safety and Security/Phytosanitary declaration has been completed for entry into the EU?**

- a. S&S information must be provided for all movements departing GB, in addition to any documents that are provided to EU customs authorities.
- b. An EXS is used to satisfy the provision of S&S information to UK customs on exiting GB in the circumstances noted at Question 1.

**15. Will an EXS create a new MRN or is it the same MRN and DUCR as the export declaration?**

- a. If a full export declaration has been submitted it will include the safety and security information and a separate EXS is not required.

**16. Is the EXS a physical document with a scannable QR code?**

- a. The EXS is an electronic submission into the CHIEF system and is not a physical document.

**17. We currently apply for an MRN for exports using ATA carnets for temporary exports. Does the EXS now supersede the current MRN application.**

- a. An EXS is not required in the case of temporary exports using an ATA carnet.

**18. When transporting empties via Dover, Holyhead or Eurotunnel, is an EXS enough or is an EXA necessary?**

- a. An EXA is an EXS which has been submitted as 'arrived' to meet the requirements for exporting at some locations. There would never be a need to submit an EXA as well as an EXS.
- b. To submit an EXA you will need to complete an Export Full Declaration (EFD) in CHIEF and use the Customs Procedure Code 10 00 056 listing the declaration type as EXA in Box 1.
- c. Empty units only have S&S requirements when they are being moved under a transport contract.

**19. Will you be sending a guide of how to use CHIEF to submit EXS?**

- a. You can find comprehensive guidance on how to access and use CHIEF, [here](#).

**Customs control / presentation / clearance and departure Notifications**

**20. At Dover, will ferry operators send the 'departure' message to CHIEF?**

- a. There is a requirement to notify the customs Office of Exit (OoE) about goods departing the customs territory. All EXS declarations will automatically be assumed as departed, on CHIEF, so there is no requirement for carriers to facilitate the departure notification for EXS declarations.

**21. When you need to 'present' documents to the NCH is that physical presentation, or electronic?**

- a. Documents requested by the NCH will normally be by electronic means, unless advised otherwise.

**22. Will there be a list of the customs-controlled places for export locations?**

- a. A list of Inland Border Facilities (IBFs) can be found [here](#).

**23. What is the definition of customs clearance on an export?**

- a. When goods are 'presented' to customs, otherwise described as being 'arrived', the customs systems will risk the declaration and provide an outcome which could be: -
  - i. Route 1 – documentary check required
  - ii. Route 2 – physical check required
  - iii. Route 6 – Permission to Progress
- b. Permission to Progress is confirmation that movements have been granted customs clearance.

**24. Does the declarant need to be 'established' in the UK?**

- a. If your business is not based in the UK, you should still get an Economic Operators Registration and Identification (EORI) number if you're making EXS or ENS declarations into GB systems. You can find more information [here](#).

**Common Transit Convention (CTC) / TIR**

**25. If CTC goods are created from an export declaration which is then ceased by raising the Transit document, does this fulfil the requirement?**

- a. If goods are covered by a full export declaration, which is then cancelled in favour of starting a Transit movement on NCTS, then a standalone EXS will still be required as well as any Transit declarations. The original S&S information will have been cancelled with the export declaration, so it is no longer applicable.

**26. If I open a T1 in GB that includes Security data set, do I need to submit separate EXS?**

- a. Goods being moved under transit using a TAD, TSAD or TIR will still require a separate EXS declaration to be submitted where there is no full export declaration.

**27. We need to create a DUCR and MRN for the TAD in a Transit movement – do we need to do EXS as well?**

- a. If your movement is not covered by a full export declaration, which may be the case in a Transit movement, then you need to create an EXS for the S&S information. This is in addition to any TAD you create
- b. If you're moving through a border location that uses GVMS, you will need to create a GMR and include the DUCR from the TAD as well as the DUCR from the EXS declaration.

**28. When moving multiple consignments using TIR, you have one Transit declaration. How many EXS declarations do you need, and do you need a GMR for each consignment?**

- a. Although you can have one TIR that covers a whole vehicle, which may have multiple consignments, there needs to be an EXS declaration for every consignment that is not already covered by a full export declaration.
- b. When GVMS is required you will create one GMR and input the TIR MRN as well as the DUCR from one of the EXS declarations.

**29. From 1st January 2022, will a Transit movement need a GMR to exit UK? If yes what should it include? Is the transit MRN sufficient?**

- a. Yes, a GMR will be required for any movements through a port that has adopted GVMS.
- b. A Transit MRN will be required as well as an EXS DUCR if the movement is not already covered by an EFD which includes the Safety and Security information.

### **Responsibility**

**30. For a container shipping line, would our own empty equipment being repositioned be exempt from EXS?**

- a. Empty vehicles, containers or pallets *not* being moved under a transport contract i.e. the shippers' own containers, are permanently exempt from the requirement to submit EXS.

**31. What happens if a driver decides to change to an alternative departure port?**

- a. If Permission to Progress has already been granted, such as in the case of an 'arrived' EXS, then a new EXS would need to be submitted in order to allow customs to risk the declaration again.
- b. If the movement is one that requires 'arrival' to be notified at the departure port, then whichever port the driver chooses, will undertake the 'arrival' notification function.

**32. It is stated that the responsible party for filing the EXS is the Vessel Operator, but this is not always the case where there are vessel sharing arrangements in place. A container of cargo may be moved by one entity, on a ship operated by another entity.**

- a. The EXS is only used in those circumstances where the movement is not already covered by a full export declaration which includes the S&S information, such as those circumstances noted in Question 1.
- b. The responsible party for submitting an EXS declaration is the carrier, defined as 'the operator of the active means of transport' so this is whoever is operating that particular vessel.

- c. If that operator does not have the required information to complete the EXS, they can put business processes in place to ensure they retrieve that information prior to submitting the EXS; or alternatively, they can pass the responsibility for filing the EXS to another party within their supply chain, or a customs agent.

**33. Why would RoRo Accompanied and Unaccompanied be different? Shouldn't responsibility rest with haulier or haulage company for both?**

- a. Legal responsibility for submitting S&S information lies with the 'operator of the active means of transport'. In the case of an accompanied movement the haulier/driver is in charge of the vehicle he/she is driving. That cannot be the case for unaccompanied movements, and it is the ferry operator that is in charge of ensuring the container gets loaded on and off their vessel as there is no haulier/driver at the location at that time.

**Definition of 'empty' vehicles, containers, pallets**

**34. Does the term 'empties' include empty stillages?**

- a. The requirement for EXS is for any empty vehicles, containers or pallets. As a stillage is another form of pallet this would also be included.

**35. Does 'empty vehicles' include trade cars?**

- a. No, trade cars would be moved under other customs procedures. The EXS only applies to empty vehicles that would ordinarily be carrying goods but are empty of goods on that particular movement.

**36. What is the definition of an empty vehicle being moved under a transport contract?**

- a. A transport contract, or contract of carriage, is an agreement between a carrier and shipper or passenger, setting out each party's duties and rights; for example, a CMR, Bill of Lading or Airway bill.
- b. If the empty vehicle belongs to the carrier who is moving it, such as in the case of a haulier/driver driving their own vehicle, then this is not being moved under a transport contract.

Example: If a haulier is contracted by a trader to move goods from France to GB and deliver them to a destination point. Once those goods have been delivered, the contract has been satisfied and therefore the haulier is driving his own vehicle back to France and no EXS is needed.

**37. Does an empty ship need EXS?**

- a. An EXS would only be required if the empty ship was being moved by someone other than the owner of the ship, under a transport contract.

**38. Do we need to complete EXS for every container or can we log multiple containers on one EXS?**

- a. EXS declarations should be submitted at consignment level. A consignment is defined by the transport contract, such as the CMR, airway bill or bill of lading.

**39. What are the EXS requirements for moving cargo from Ireland, to the EU under Transit via GB?**

- a. For the Ireland to GB movement GVMS would be required now.
- b. You should check with EU authorities what the EXS requirement would be on leaving Ireland
- c. For the GB to EU movement an EXS would be required from 1 October 2021 (if the movement is not covered by a full export declaration). Use of GVMS would be required from 1 January 2022.

**EXS and Goods Vehicle Movement Service (GVMS)**

**40. Why is an 'arrived EXS' (10 00 056) required after 01/01/22 when GVMS will be in place to arrive the EXS, like a CSP would for a 10 00 046?**

- a. The 'arrived' EXS process is to be used at all non-inventory linked locations, as well as Dover, Holyhead and Eurotunnel. However, it is a decision for each individual location to make, whether they adopt the use of GVMS.

**41. How will this EXS process work between 1 October 2021 and 1 January 2022 while we do not have GVMS?**

- a. EXS declarations are a mandatory requirement from 1 October 2021 when the current waiver has ended. The EXS process is separate from any GVMS process. The EXS declaration will be risked by HMRC and Permission to Progress must be granted before the movement is allowed to depart the UK.

**42. As a Customs Agent or Freight Forwarder, do we need to register for GVMS?**

- a. Any Economic actor who will be responsible for creating a GMR should register for GVMS

**43. As a RoRo carrier, do we need GVMS?**

- a. The integration and use of GVMS at individual port locations is a commercial decision taken by that port location. Carriers should check with their Port Operators and, if applicable, their CSP, to understand if they need to integrate GVMS.

**44. Will GVMS depart the EXS as it was not on the process flow shared?**

- a. We previously advised that in both the Standard and Arrived EXS processes, it would be necessary to send a departure notification to customs once the movement departed GB. HMRC have now reviewed this step in the process and agreed it will no longer be a requirement for someone at the location to notify departure. HMRC's CHIEF system will automatically assume departure after 15 days.

**45. Can we have a list of what scheme each port in the UK is adopting?**

- a. Some port locations are still in the process of implementing their new customs control model. We would advise you check with individual port locations to find out which model they will be introducing.

Dear Customer,

We are writing to let you know that a new Customs Procedure Code (CPC) - code 10 00 056 is now available for testing in the Customs Handling of Import and Export Freight (CHIEF) HMUT service.

On **26 July 2021**, we sent you our Safety and Security Business Requirements document v3.0 which outlined the Exit Summary declaration (EXS) process that will need to be followed from **1 October 2021**.

If you need to submit an EXS declaration, you will need to follow one of two processes depending on which port and mode of transport you use to export from Great Britain:

- You will follow the existing rest of world EXS process if you export through an inventory linked port or for any mode other than RoRo through a non-inventory linked port.
- You will follow a new EXS process for exports if you export through Dover, Holyhead or Eurotunnel or by RoRo via a non-inventory linked location:
  - You will need to submit an 'arrived' Exit Summary Declaration which removes the requirement to submit a separate arrival message in CHIEF.
  - To do this, you will need to submit an Export Full Declaration on CHIEF using a new CPC code 10 00 056.
  - This code will be available in CHIEF from 1 October 2021. You will need to ensure your software is compatible with this new code.

If you have any queries about testing the new CPC code, please contact the Software Developer Support Team at [SDSTeam@hmrc.gov.uk](mailto:SDSTeam@hmrc.gov.uk).

Regards,

**HMRC Borders and Trade.**