

New Computerised Transit System (NCTS) Phase 6

NCTS6 Phase 2 – Implementation

In 2025, HMRC confirmed that the New Computerised Transit System (NCTS) Phase 6 would be delivered in two phases. Phase 1 was successfully deployed on 1 September 2025.

On 1 June 2026, Phase 2, which is the final release of NCTS6, will go live. The necessary service downtime will be confirmed closer to the go-live date.

What is changing

Security Types

We previously confirmed that since 1 September 2025, when completing your Transit declaration, you may encounter issues if selecting either options 1 or 3, from one of the 4 security options listed below.

In the **Data Group** (DG) Transit Operation > **Data Element** (DE) Security > Transit Operation – Security, the options currently available are:

0. No security
1. Entry Summary declaration (ENS) for importing goods into Great Britain or Northern Ireland; or from Great Britain to Northern Ireland
2. Exit Summary declaration (EXS) for exporting goods from Great Britain to any country, or from Northern Ireland to any non-EU country
3. Both Entry and Exit Summary Declarations (ENS and EXS)

From 1 June 2026 you will only be able to select one of the following options:

0. No security
2. Exit Summary Declaration (EXS) – for exporting goods from GB to any country, or from XI to any non-EU country

The use of security option (1) or (3) will always result in rejection.

The HMRC web portal has been updated, and you will only be able to select “No security” or “Exit Summary Declaration (EXS)”.

If you use third-party software, this should already be updated in software products. If not, you must ensure that only Security Type 0 or 2 is selected to avoid rejections and delays.

[Incident Flags \(for authorised consignees\)](#)

NCTS5 introduced a new Office of Incident Registration role to report and record incidents directly into NCTS at a customs Office of Incident Registration, should an incident occur enroute from Departure to Destination. Any incidents must be reported to an Office of Incident Registration in line with [existing guidance \(section 4.5 Office of Incident\)](#).

From 1 June 2026, Incident Flags will no longer be visible in NCTS screens relating to IE007.

What you need to do

Make sure your business processes are updated to reflect the changes set out above.

- Only select Security types '0' – No Security or '2' Exit Summary Declaration (EXS), when completing Transit declarations.
- Ensure your drivers and/or haulage contractors are aware that they must report any incidents at the nearest customs office on their route to Destination.

Remember that Incident Flags are no longer available from 1 June 2026 and you will no longer be able to record an incident with your goods, once they have arrived. Instead you should follow the [existing guidance](#) to report any incidents. If you use third party software, please speak to your software provider to understand when and how they will update your product to the new NCTS6 specification, ahead of 1 June 2026.

What's next

HMRC will issue communications and update the [service availability](#) page in due course, to confirm when and how long NCTS will be unavailable while we implement NCTS6.

Thank you,

HMRC