

EUROPEAN COMMISSION DIRECTORATE-GENERAL TAXATION AND CUSTOMS UNION Customs Risk Management and Security

# ICS2 Release 2 Go-Live procedure for Economic Operators

## ICS2-R2-GLP-EO

Date:	07/02/2023
Status:	Final
Version:	1.00 EN
Author:	DG TAXUD Unit A3
Approved by:	DG TAXUD
Public:	DG TAXUD external
Confidentiality:	Publicly available (PA)

Property	Value
Title	ICS2 Release 2 Go-Live procedure for Economic Operators
Subtitle	ICS2-R2-GLP-EO
Author	DG TAXUD Unit A3
Project owner	DG TAXUD Unit A3
Version	1.00 EN
Confidentiality	Publicly available (PA)
Date	07/02/2023

## **Document control information**

## **Document history**

The document author is authorised to make the following types of changes to the document without requiring that the document be re-approved:

- Editorial, formatting, and spelling;
- Clarification.

To request a change to this document, contact the document author or project owner.

Changes to this document are summarised in the table in reverse chronological order (latest version first).

Version	Date	Created by	Description
1.00	07/02/2023	DG TAXUD	Final version of the document published for approval. Document is
			updated to add the last paragraph in section 4.2 and prepare it for
			publication.
0.20	25/01/2023	DG TAXUD	Updated version of the document implementing comments
			received during review cycle and sent out to reviewers for
			information.
0.10	20/12/2022	DG TAXUD	Initial draft sent out for internal and external review

## Table of contents

1.	INTRODUCTION	5
1.1.	Document Purpose	5
1.2.	Target Audience	5
1.3.	Scope	5
1.4.	Structure of this Document	5
1.5.	Abbreviations and Acronyms	6
1.6.	Definitions	7
1.7.	Reference and Applicable Documents	7
	1.7.1. Reference Documents	7
2.	APPLICABLE LEGAL PROVISIONS WITH THE DEPLOYMENT OF ICS2 RELEASE 2	
2.1.	Legal provisions that become applicable	
2.2.	Provisions that are no longer applicable	
3.	PROCEDURE TO GO-LIVE WITH ICS2 RELEASE 2	
3.1.	Pre-conditions to go-live with ICS2 Release 2	
3.2.	Preparations to be carried out by DG TAXUD	
3.3.	Preparations to be carried out by EOs	
3.4.	Go-live with ICS2 Release 2	
4.	TRANSITION FROM ICS2 RELEASE 1 TO RELEASE 2	
4.1.	Transition of the Member States	
4.2.	Procedure to grant the deployment window for EOs	
4.3.	Request for deployment window	
4.4.	EO notification on planned go-live date	
4.5.	Switch over period from ICS2 Release 1 to Release 2	
5.	LODGEMENT OF ENS FILINGS AND ARRIVAL NOTIFICATIONS	
5.1.	Air carriers	16
5.2.	Postal operators	16
5.3.	Express carriers	
5.4.	Other house filers	
6.	USEFUL INFORMATION	18
6.1.	How to obtain EORI number in different MS	18
	6.1.1. Bulgaria	18
	6.1.2. Czech Republic	
6.2.	How to request deployment window in different MS	
6.3.	List of countries developing national arrival system component	
6.4.	Contact details for referral purposes	
6.5.	NSD contact details	

## List of tables

Table 1: List of acronyms and abbreviations	6
Table 2: List of definitions	7
Table 3: Reference Documents	7
Table 4: DG TAXUD tasks	12
Table 5: EO readiness	12

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

#### **1.1. DOCUMENT PURPOSE**

This document (GLP) defines the Go-Live procedure that economic operators have to apply prior to launch of the Release 2 of ICS2 system on the 1 March 2023.

The main purpose of this GLP is to set up all practical arrangements in preparation of the official launch of ICS2 Release 2.

#### **1.2. TARGET AUDIENCE**

The GLP is intended to be used by EOs involved in the planning, organisation and co-ordination of golive of ICS2 system for Release 2.

#### **1.3. SCOPE**

This GLP covers all the necessary organisational steps related to ICS2 Release 2 Go-Live procedure, which need to be taken by the Economic Operators to prepare for the launch of the system on 1 March 2023. This document is owned and controlled by DG TAXUD.

Technical steps to be taken by DG TAXUD contractors related to ICS2 Release 2 go-live procedure are not in the scope of this document.

#### **1.4. STRUCTURE OF THIS DOCUMENT**

This document is structured as follows:

- <u>Chapter 1</u>: An introduction, presenting the content of the document, the references (glossary of terms, acronyms, reference and applicable documents) and the terminology;
- <u>Chapter 2</u>: List of legal provisions;
- <u>Chapter 3</u>: Pre-requisites to go-live with ICS2 Release 2, tasks (checklist) to be performed by economic operators to prepare for go-live with ICS2 Release 2 as well as sets go-live date and time;
- <u>Chapter 4</u>: Practical aspects of go-live with ICS2 Release 2;
- <u>Chapter 5</u>: Practical aspects of lodgement of ENS filings and arrival notifications.
- <u>Chapter 6</u>: Useful information on different aspects of go-live with ICS2 Release 2.

#### **1.5.** ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

A list of acronyms and abbreviations used in this document follows in the table below.

Abbreviation or Acronym	Description
COFE	Customs Office of the First Entry
DG TAXUD	Directorate General of Taxation and Customs Union
ENS	Entry Summary Declaration
EO	Economic Operator
EORI	Economic Operator Registration and Identification number
GLP	ICS2 Release 2 Go-Live Procedure
ICS	Import Control System
ICS2	Import Control System 2
ITSP	Information Technology Service Provider
MS	Member State
NES	National Entry System
NSD	National Service Desk
OMS	Other Member State
PLACI	Pre-loading advance cargo information
RA	Risk analysis
STI	Shared Trader Interface
STP	Shared Trader Portal
UCC	Union Customs Code
UCC DA	Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/2446 of 28 July 2015 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 952/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards detailed rules concerning certain provisions of the Union Customs Code
UCC IA	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2447 of 24 November 2015 laying down detailed rules for implementing certain provisions of Regulation (EU) No 952/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the Union Customs Code

Table 1: List of acronyms and abbreviations

#### **1.6. DEFINITIONS**

Term	Description
EO system	System developed by EO, on behalf of EO or by ITSP for ICS2 purposes.
Member State	All European Union Member States and other countries and territories applying European Union customs legislation.
MS of registration	Member State of the European Union that has registered economic operator for customs purposes and has issued EORI number.
Information Technology Service Provider (ITSP)	IT service provider is entity acting as a technical sender of the messages and assuming only technical responsibility.

 Table 2: List of definitions

#### **1.7. REFERENCE AND APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS**

#### **1.7.1. Reference Documents**

This section provides a list of references that were used for the creation of this document. Reference documents are those providing non-binding and supplementary information.

Id	Title	Version
[R01]	COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2015/2447 of 24 November 2015 laying down detailed rules for implementing certain provisions of Regulation (EU) No 952/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the Union Customs Code	
[R02]	COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION of XXX granting a derogation requested by certain Member States pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 952/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council to use means other than electronic data-processing techniques for the exchange and storage of information for Release 2 of the Import Control System 2 <i>Provisional document name – it will be updated once it is approved</i>	
[R03]	COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) 2015/2446 of 28 July 2015 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 952/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards detailed rules concerning certain provisions of the Union Customs Code	
[R04]	UCC Work Programme – COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2019/2151 of 13 December 2019	
[R05]	ICS2 Transition from Release 1 to Release 2 strategy	v1.10
[R06]	REGULATION (EU) No 952/2013 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 9 October 2013 laying down the Union Customs Code	

**Table 3: Reference Documents** 

# 2. APPLICABLE LEGAL PROVISIONS WITH THE DEPLOYMENT OF ICS2 RELEASE 2

This subsection provides an overview of the provisions of the UCC [R06], UCC IA [R01] and UCC DA [R03], which become applicable with the start of operations of ICS2 Release 1 and 2. Their application is limited to the cases that are covered by the scope of ICS2 Release 1 and 2 until the deployment of ICS2 Release 3. Within this scope they are applicable for all Member States and economic operators as from 1 March 2023, except where a deployment window in accordance with the UCC Work Programme [R04] was granted to an economic operator. In the latter case the provisions become applicable for the economic operator after the end of the granted deployment window.

#### **2.1.** LEGAL PROVISIONS THAT BECOME APPLICABLE

#### • <u>Article 183 (1) UCC IA:</u>

Where none of the waivers from the obligation to lodge an entry summary declaration applies, the particulars of the entry summary declaration shall be provided as follows for goods transported by air.

#### • <u>Article 183 (2) UCC IA:</u>

Where the ENS is submitted by a partial or minimum data set, the person submitting it shall do so to the customs office that, according to his/her best knowledge, should be the customs office of first entry. If that person does not know the place in the customs territory of the Union at which the means of transport carrying the goods is expect to arrive first, the customs office of first entry may be determined based on the place to which the goods are consigned.

#### • <u>Article 185 (1) UCC IA:</u>

The customs authorities shall register the entry summary declaration upon its receipt and shall immediately notify the declarant or his/her representative of its registration and shall communicate a MRN of the entry summary declaration and the date of registration to that person.

#### • <u>Article 185 (2) UCC IA:</u>

With Deployment of ICS2 Release 1 each submission of the minimum data set or of a partial ENS dataset is to be registered by the customs authorities by allocating a MRN. The MRN and the date of registration are immediately to be communicated to the person that submitted those ENS particulars.

#### • Article 185 (3) and (4) UCC IA:

The customs authorities shall immediately notify the carrier of the registration, provided that the carrier has requested to be notified

#### • <u>Article 186 (1) UCC IA:</u>

Risk analysis shall be completed before the arrival of the goods at the customs office of first entry, provided that the entry summary declaration has been lodged within the time limits laid down in UCC DA

#### • Article 186 (1) second sub-paragraph UCC IA:

A first (air pre-loading) risk analysis on goods to be brought into the customs territory of the Union by air shall be carried out as soon as possible upon receipt of the minimum data set of the ENS.

#### • <u>Article 186 (2) (a) UCC IA:</u>

RMS (COFE) shall share the ENS particulars immediately with IMSs and OMSs with matching parameters.

#### • <u>Article 186 (2) (b) UCC IA:</u>

IMSs and OMSs as referred to under (a) shall perform a safety and security risk analysis (e-screening) within the time limits and share identified risks with the RMS (COFE).

#### • Article 186 (2) (c) UCC IA:

RMS (COFE) shall take into account the information on e-screening results provided by IMSs and OMSs to complete the risk analysis.

#### • Article 186 (2) (d) UCC IA:

The RMS (COFE) shall make the risk analysis results available to IMSs and OMSs that contributed to the risk analysis and to those Member States that are potentially concerned by the movement of the goods (roles: MS of presentation, MS of control).

#### • <u>Article 186 (2) (e) UCC IA:</u>

The RMS (COFE) shall notify the declarant or the representative and carrier of the completion of the risk analysis where these persons have requested to be notified (assessment complete).

#### • <u>Article 186 (3) UCC IA:</u>

RMS (COFE) can require further information from the person that lodged or submitted the ENS. Risk analysis will be completed after that information was received (Referral type RfI).

#### • <u>Article 186 (4) UCC IA:</u>

RMS (COFE) can require HRCM-screening (Referral type RfS). Declarant, representative or carrier have to provide the results of the screening to the requesting RMS.

#### • <u>Article 186 (5) UCC IA:</u>

Where the customs office of first entry has reasonable grounds to consider that goods brought by air or containerised cargo brought by sea would pose such a serious threat to security and safety ("bomb in the box") that immediate action is required, it shall direct that the goods not be loaded on the relevant means of transport.

#### • <u>Article 186 (6) UCC IA:</u>

Where a consignment has been identified as posing a threat of such nature that immediate action is required upon arrival of the means of transport, the customs office of first entry shall take that action upon arrival of the goods.

#### • Article 186 (7) UCC IA:

After completing the risk analysis, the customs office of first entry may recommend the most appropriate place and measures to carry out a control.

The customs office to which control was recommended shall decide on the control and shall share the results of that decision available to all the customs offices potentially concerned by the movement of goods, at the latest at the moment of presentation of the goods at the customs office of first entry.

#### • <u>Article 186 (7a) UCC IA:</u>

Customs authorities shall make the results of a (safety and security) control available to other customs authorities via ICS2 (control results message IE4S03).

#### • <u>Article 188 (1) UCC IA:</u>

ICS2 Release 1 shall be used for amendment and invalidation of ENS or ENS filings applicable that were lodged with ICS2 Release 1.

#### • <u>Article 133 (1) UCC:</u>

The operator of an aircraft entering the customs territory of the Union shall notify upon arrival to the customs office of first entry an arrival of the means of transport.

#### • <u>Article 189 (1) UCC IA:</u>

Where an aircraft is diverted and is expected to arrive in the first place at a customs office that was not indicated in the entry summary declaration, the operator of that means of transport shall inform the customs office indicated as the customs office of first entry in the entry summary declaration of that diversion and shall lodge the arrival notification to the actual customs office of first entry.

#### **2.2. PROVISIONS THAT ARE NO LONGER APPLICABLE**

#### • Article 104 (2) (a) (b) UCC DA:

The waiver from the obligation to lodge an ENS for postal consignments transported by air into the Union does not apply anymore (i.e., ENS is required for all goods in postal consignments, those destined to and those that are intended to move through the customs territory of the Union).

#### • <u>Article 104 (4) (a) (b) UCC DA:</u>

The waiver from the obligation to lodge an ENS for express consignments transported by air with an intrinsic value not exceeding 22 Euros is no longer applicable with regard to the obligation to lodge the ENS.

#### Article 187 UCC IA:

The provisions of that Article do not apply anymore in cases where the ENS was lodged with ICS2 Release 1.

## 3. PROCEDURE TO GO-LIVE WITH ICS2 RELEASE 2

#### 3.1. PRE-CONDITIONS TO GO-LIVE WITH ICS2 RELEASE 2

#### EOs:

- EO system compatible with the ICS2 Release 2 specifications (EO has successfully completed self-conformance testing), or
- use of the ITSP system compatible with the ICS2 Release 2 specifications (ITSP has successfully completed self-conformance testing), or
- use of the STI STP (interface developed by DG TAXUD) to lodge the ENS filings and arrival notifications;
- confirmation of the MS of registration about successful self-conformance for the roles and messages that the EO will be using to submit their ENSs and other notifications, where EO or ITSP system is used.

#### **3.2. PREPARATIONS TO BE CARRIED OUT BY DG TAXUD**

The following activities will be taken by DG TAXUD:

Activities	Time line	Completed?
• Distribute contact details of the National Service Desks to all ( <sup>1</sup> ):	Continuously as of	
o EOs;	October 2022	$\checkmark$
o NSDs;		
Update ICS2 code lists	27 February 2023	
• Publish centrally developed guidance to the Member States and EOs ( <sup>2</sup> );	1 March 2023	
<ul> <li>ICS2 Release 2 Operational guidance for express consignments</li> </ul>	Completed	$\checkmark$
<ul> <li>ICS2 Release 2 Operational guidance for postal consignments</li> </ul>	Completed	$\checkmark$
• ICS2 Release 2 Operational guidance for air cargo general	1 March 2023	
• EU guidance on air cargo security referral protocols	Completed	$\checkmark$

 <sup>(1)</sup> Contact details are published on CIRCA BC under "ICS2 Release 2: air cargo general, postal and express pre-arrival" interest group in library (direct link: <u>https://circabc.europa.eu/ui/group/ea5f882b-9153-4fc1-9394-54ac8fe9149a/library/899651cf-76bc-493a-9230-a56bad6e8c43?p=2&n=10&sort=modified DESC</u>)

<sup>(&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>) Guidance's are published on CIRCA BC under "ICS2 Release 2: air cargo general, postal and express pre-arrival" interest group in library (<u>https://circabc.europa.eu/ui/group/ea5f882b-9153-4fc1-9394-54ac8fe9149a/library/899651cf-76bc-493a-9230-a56bad6e8c43</u>).

• ICS2 Pre-arrival referral guidance;	Completed	$\checkmark$	
<ul> <li>ICS2 Business continuity plan for Economic operators</li> </ul>	Completed	$\checkmark$	
• Provide instructions for the MSs and EOs on how to apply ICS2 Business continuity plan for Member States and ICS2 Business continuity plan for Economic Operators as of 1 March 2023.	1 February 2023		
Table 4: DG TAXUD tasks			

#### **3.3. PREPARATIONS TO BE CARRIED OUT BY EOS**

The following activities should be taken by EOs in preparation to their go-live:

Activities	Time line	Completed?	
• EOs not being ready to go-live with ICS2 Release 2 on 1 March 2023 or required to go-live later than on 1 March 2023 (due to EO role for the purpose of fulfilling ENS obligations and deployment window that has to be granted for that role) should request MS of registration to grant them with deployment window;	1 February 2023		
• EOs should inform MS of registration on planned go-live date (for more details please see section 4.4);	At least 2 weeks before planned go-live date		
Table 5: EO readiness			

EOs should follow instructions provided by MS of registration. In case the EO is established in Norway or Switzerland, they should follow instructions provided by the country of their establishment.

#### **3.4.** GO-LIVE WITH ICS2 RELEASE 2

ICS2 Release 2 go-live on 1 March 2023 at 12:00 pm (CET).

## 4. TRANSITION FROM ICS2 RELEASE 1 TO RELEASE 2

This section describes the transition from ICS2 Release 1 to Release 2 by the EOs. The transition is impacted by the deployment windows granted to the economic operators in line with the ICS2 Transition from Release 1 to Release 2 strategy [R05].

#### 4.1. TRANSITION OF THE MEMBER STATES

All MSs must start ICS2 Release 2 operations on 1 March 2023, unless they were granted a derogation to use means for the exchange and storage of information other than electronic data-processing techniques for the ICS2 Release 2 in relation to goods transported by air [R02].

Processing of the ENSs:

- all ENSs for air cargo general that were lodged into ICS must be finalised in ICS by lodging the arrival and presentation notifications, if applicable, to that system. As soon as EO has started filing into ICS2 Release 2, they can no longer continue filing new ENSs into ICS;
- ENSs for postal consignments that were lodged into ICS2 Release 1 must be finalised during the switch over window (see section 4.5), that the postal operators will have to agree with the MS;
- ENSs for express consignments that were lodged into ICS must be finalised in ICS by lodging the arrival and presentation notifications, if applicable, to that system. As soon as EO has started filing pre-arrival ENS filings into ICS2 Release 2, they can no longer continue filing new ENSs into ICS;
- until all EOs connect to ICS2 Release 2, the MS will have to support the processing of ICS, ICS2 Release 1 and Release 2 versions of the ENSs. The cut-off date for processing of the ICS and ICS2 Release 1 newly lodged ENSs for goods transported by air is 2 October 2023.

Processing of the arrival notifications:

- arrival notifications for ENSs lodged into ICS, must be lodged into the same system;
- arrival notification lodged to ICS2 must be lodged either via STI (STP) or national arrival system if such system exists (see section 6.3) and is compatible with ICS2 requirements. If national arrival system is planned but not deployed on 1 March 2023, the STI (STP) must be used until national system is operational;
- EOs can choose any interface to file their arrival notifications that is available to them.

Processing of the presentation:

• presentation notification will be submitted into the new Member State system for AN/PN/TS (arrival notification/ presentation notification/ temporary storage) declarations for all ENSs irrespective if they were lodged into ICS or ICS2 Release 1 or 2. Presentation information that must be submitted from NES to ICS2 CR can be obtained from the new MS AN/PN/TS system or, in case the MS has been granted a derogation to use means other than electronic data-processing techniques for the exchange and storage of information for the presentation notification, the existing presentation system that is already used for ICS2 Release 1 will be used.

#### 4.2. PROCEDURE TO GRANT THE DEPLOYMENT WINDOW FOR EOS

Deployment window can be granted to the EOs for the period starting from 1 March 2023 until 2 October 2023. Nevertheless, EOs with different role in overall ICS2 business process (air carrier, postal operator, express carrier or house filer) can only be granted with deployment window within the following timeframe:

• air carriers – from 1 March 2023 till 30 June 2023;

postal operators, express carriers and other house filers – from 1 March 2023 till 2 October 2023.

The MS of registration must provide national procedure/guidance to the EOs registered or established (in case of Switzerland and Norway) in that country on the granting of the deployment window. This procedure/guidance should contain at least the following information:

- how should the EO submit formal request to the customs authority to be granted with the deployment window;
- what communication means can be used by the EO to submit the application via e-mail or electronic system of customs authority, via official letter etc.;
- if application in free text format or template should be used to apply for the deployment window;
- what language(s) can be used in the application (please consider that ENS filers located in the 3<sup>rd</sup> countries will request deployment window);
- how MS of registration will ensure that the EO and/or the ITSP comply with the pre-conditions (see section 3.1) to go-live with ICS2 Release 2;
- any other useful information.

Even if the MS is not ready to go-live with ICS2 Release 2, they must grant the deployment window to the EOs if they request it. The derogation granted to the MS for ICS2 Release 2 [[R02]] does not automatically grant a deployment window for the EOs registered in that MS. In case the MS does not grant a deployment window for the EO, this will mean that this EO will have to start filing ENSs in ICS2 Release 2, even if the MS is not yet connected.

#### **4.3. REQUEST FOR DEPLOYMENT WINDOW**

EO that has a legal obligation to file an ENS and is not ready to go live with ICS2 Release 2 can request a deployment window from the customs authority of the country of registration/establishment. At least the following information should be provided in the application by the EO:

- company name and EORI number;
- role in ICS2 business process (air carrier, express carrier, postal operator, house filer);
- requested duration of the deployment window "from date" and "to date";
- provisional date when EO is planning to go-live with ICS2 Release 2.

MS of registration should check whether duration of requested deployment window and provisional golive date is in line with ICS2 Transition from Release 1 to Release 2 strategy [R05] and chapter 5 of GLP.

#### **4.4. EO** NOTIFICATION ON PLANNED GO-LIVE DATE

EO willing to go-live with ICS2 Release 2 before the end of the granted deployment window should inform MS of registration (and Norway or Switzerland in case EO is established in these countries) at least two weeks before planned go-live date of that. MS of registration (and Norway or Switzerland, if applicable) should verify and ensure, that the planned go-live date is in line with ICS2 Transition from Release 1 to Release 2 strategy [R05] and chapter 5 of GLP.

### 4.5. SWITCH OVER PERIOD FROM ICS2 RELEASE 1 TO RELEASE 2

A switch-over period is a short period of time (1-2 days but not exceeding one week in some exceptional cases), which is needed for all open transactions in ICS2 Release 1 to be completed in the ICS2 Release 1. During the switch-over period the EO should lodge new ENS filings in ICS2 Release 2 only. ICS2 Release 1 messages are used to close the transactions started in ICS2 Release 1, e.g., amendments or invalidation of already lodged ENS, referral responses.

It is also recommended to start transition from ICS2 Release 1 to ICS2 Release 2 in a day after weekend or holidays so that there are not so many cases to be closed for ICS2 Release 1 and switch over from ICS2 Release 1 to ICS2 Release 2 could be done in 1-2 days period.

## 5. LODGEMENT OF ENS FILINGS AND ARRIVAL NOTIFICATIONS

#### 5.1. AIR CARRIERS

In order to ensure orderly transition from ICS2 Release 1 to Release 2, air carriers are the first ones to lodge ICS2 Release 2 ENS filings and arrival notifications. Some MSs are planning to develop National arrival systems allowing carriers to lodge arrival notifications (please see section 6.3). Air carriers are free to choose which component (central or national) to use to lodge arrival notification, nevertheless delayed deployment of national arrival system cannot be a reason not to lodge arrival notifications at all. Functionality provided by ICS2 central components should be used until MS deploy national arrival system.

Please note that newly (after 1 March 2023) registered air carriers being ready to lodge ENS filings in ICS2 Release 2 should not be granted with deployment window and they should start lodgement of ENSs. Nevertheless, if deployment window is granted to newly registered air carrier it should comply with requirement to lodge ENSs in ICS.

#### **5.2. POSTAL OPERATORS**

Considering that different air carriers are involved to deliver postal consignments into the EU, postal operators should start lodging ICS2 Release 2 ENS filings not earlier than 1 July 2023 (at the end of deployment window granted to the air carriers).

Transition from ICS2 Release 1 to Release 2 should be done in switch over period described in more details in section 4.5.

Considering that 26 out of 29 postal operators (except postal operators located in Germany, Italy and Slovenia) are using services of ITSP to lodge ENS filings in ICS2, deployment window for those postal operators should be granted considering ITSP readiness to go-live with ICS2 Release 2.

For postal operators located in Germany, Italy and Slovenia deployment window can be granted in line with air carrier and postal operator readiness to go-live with ICS2 Release 2 but they should not start filing before all the carriers providing services to that postal operator are connected to ICS2.

#### **5.3.** EXPRESS CARRIERS

In scope of the ICS2 Release 1, pre-loading ENS filings for express consignments (F32) were treated as standalone ENS filings and pre-arrival ENS filings were lodged in ICS. In Release 2 the pre-arrival ENS filings for express consignments will be lodged and associated with the pre-loading ENS filings and later complemented with arrival and presentation notifications ensuring the management of the entire ENS lifecycle.

Considering the above, the express carriers should be granted with the deployment window taking into account express carrier readiness to lodge both PLACI and pre-arrival ENS filings, as well as arrival and presentation notifications in line with ICS2 processes. If express carrier is not ready to lodge pre-arrival ENS filings, they must remain in ICS2 Release 1 and request deployment window.

In case of express consignments on air cargo general, the deployment window of the express carrier should be aligned with deployment window of the air carriers.

For goods in express consignments that are transported by the express carriers themselves, the deployment window can be granted between 1 March and 2 October 2023. For express consignments on air cargo general, the deployment window has to be aligned with the air carrier deployment window, i.e., it has to be granted at least until 1 July 2023.

<u>Change of the place where ENS has to be lodged</u> will be done at the latest by the 1 March 2024. Until this change is implemented, the express operators will file the pre-loading ENS filings (F32) to the MS where their main EU hub is located. After the change the pre-loading ENS filings (F32) will be filed in the MS where the anticipated COFE is located.

Transition from ICS2 Release 1 to ICS2 Release 2 should be done in switch over period described in more details in section 4.5.

#### **5.4.** OTHER HOUSE FILERS

House filers should start lodging ICS2 Release 2 ENS filings not earlier than 1 July 2023 (at the end of deployment window granted to the air carriers).

MS should grant house filers with the deployment window at least until 1 July 2023, but not longer than until 2 October 2023.

Please note that newly (after 1 March 2023) registered house filers despite being ready to lodge ENS filings in ICS2 Release 2 should be granted with the deployment window and should start lodgement of ENSs not earlier than 1 July 2023.

## 6. USEFUL INFORMATION

#### 6.1. HOW TO OBTAIN EORI NUMBER IN DIFFERENT MS

Information on how to obtain EORI number in different Member States can be found in an official website of the European Union (direct link: <u>https://taxation-customs.ec.europa.eu/customs-4/customs-procedures-import-and-export-0/customs-procedures/economic-operators-registration-and-identification-number-eori\_en</u>). In the embedded files you can find additional information that can be useful to request EORI number in different Member States.



6.1.1. Bulgaria



6.1.2. Czech Republic



#### 6.2. HOW TO REQUEST DEPLOYMENT WINDOW IN DIFFERENT MS



#### 6.3. LIST OF COUNTRIES DEVELOPING NATIONAL ARRIVAL SYSTEM COMPONENT



6.4. CONTACT DETAILS FOR REFERRAL PURPOSES



#### 6.5. NSD CONTACT DETAILS



The latest version of contact details of NSDs are published in CIRCABC interest group "ICS2 Release 2: air cargo general, postal and express pre-arrival" under "Library" tab (direct link: <u>https://circabc.europa.eu/ui/group/ea5f882b-9153-4fc1-9394-54ac8fe9149a/library/899651cf-76bc-493a-9230-a56bad6e8c43?p=2&n=10&sort=modified\_DESC</u>).

End of document