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IMPORT CONTROL SYSTEM (ICS) BREXIT

Mandatory safety & security formalities (ENS)
for the introduction of goods into the customs
territory of the Union

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THE IMPORT CONTROL SYSTEM (ICS): LOGGING AN ENTRY SUMMARY DECLARATIONS (ENS) WITHIN THE SMART BORDER SYSTEM

● What is the ICS process and what is its impact on the operators importing goods from UK?

This procedure aims to secure the flow of international trade when **entering** the territory of the European Union (EU) by carrying out a risk assessment while ensuring the fluidity of trade at entry points, regardless of the nature of the means of transport. It results in the filing of an entry summary declaration (ENS).

Its transmission must be carried out in **the French ICS system** before crossing the EU border through the smart border system.

● Who must file the ENS?

Hauliers (road, rail and sea) or their representatives.

● Which data should be recorded in the ENS?

Among the data set to be produced, the main information to communicate is:

- **the identity of the person liable** for the ENS or its representative (EORI number);
- **the commercial description** of the goods;
- **the mode of transport** and border crossing:
 - **Ferries**: generic vessel code 1111111 and trailer's number plates;
 - **EuroTunnel**: ISO code 2 and trailer's number plates;



Attention: **It is essential to indicate the trailer's number plate of the transport unit (and not of the tractor).** Without this information, the lorry will be considered by French customs as not having an ENS and may be subject to customs sanctions.

- **the estimated date and time of arrival** at the first point of entry into France.

● When does the ENS shall be filed?

The ENS must be lodged before the transport unit is paired at the departure infrastructure (port or tunnel), in order to be taken into account in the smart border. If the ENS is lodged too late, the lorry will be considered by the French Customs as having no ENS and may be subject to Customs sanctions.

It is strongly recommended to lodge the ENS after loading the goods on the transport unit crossing the border, in order to know the registration plate of the trailer to be registered in the ENS.

● How to file the ENS?

- through the **French ICS**;
- quick, easy and available 24/24.

● Is the ENS compulsory for all movements of goods?

No, the ENS is not necessary for:

- postal items;
- empty road vehicles;
- empty packaging not covered by a transport contract;
- personal luggage of travelers.

An ENS must be lodged for all other goods and especially for goods covered by an import or transit customs declaration.

● What are the consequences if an ENS is not filed?

If the ENS has not been filed on time, the lorry will be stopped at the arrival in France and a penalty may be given in accordance with article 410 of the French customs code (300 to 3000 € fine). This formality should therefore be completed in order to ensure the fluidity of exchanges across the border.



For further informations, please refer to the French Customs Brexit guide by clicking [here](#) and the ICS notice to operators through the following [link](#).

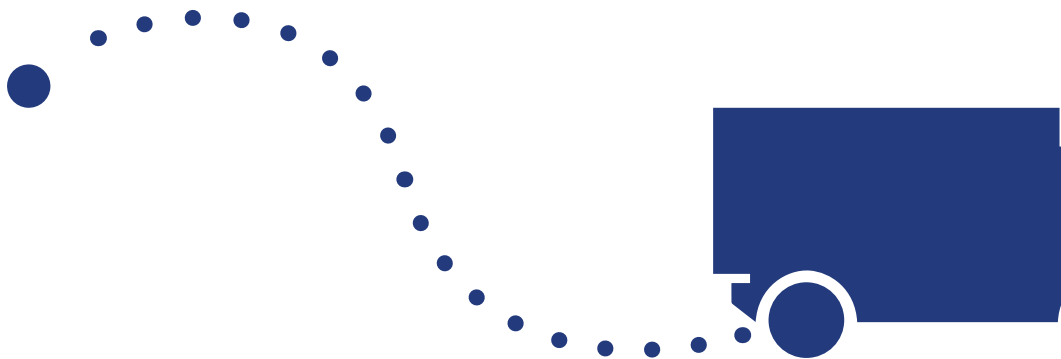
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