European Commission

Are you ready for

ICS2?

Import Control System 2

WHAT IS ICS2?

ICS2 is the new EU customs advance cargo information system that will facilitate free flow of trade through improved data-driven customs security processes, adapted to global business models.

It will collect data about all goods entering the EU prior to their arrival. The system will be used by EU customs authorities to ensure security and safety of all people living in the EU.

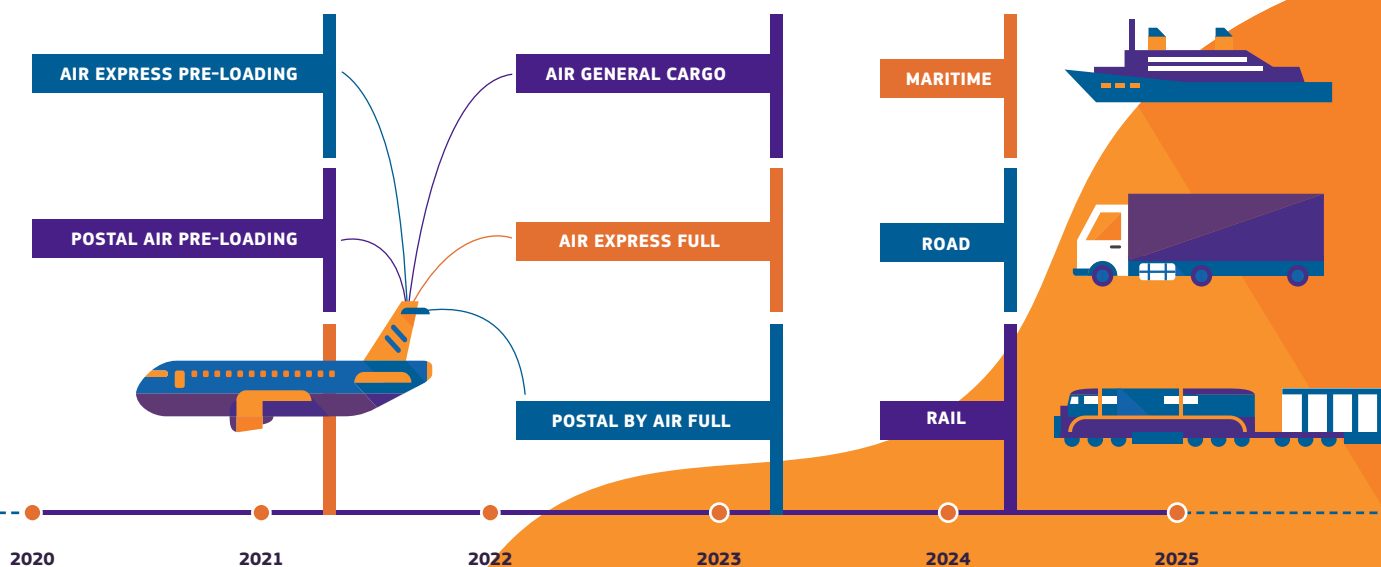## WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF ICS2?

- Strengthen protection of EU citizens and the internal market against security and safety threats.
- Allow EU Customs authorities to better identify high-risk consignments and intervene at the most appropriate point in supply chain.
- Facilitate cross-border clearance for the largest part of legitimate trade.
- Simplify the exchange of information between Economic Operators (EOs) and EU Customs Authorities.

WHEN DOES ICS2 BECOME OPERATIONAL?

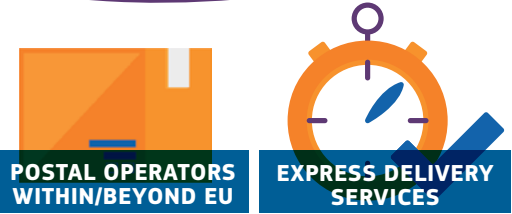**RELEASE 1**
15/03/2021

RELEASE 2
01/03/2023

RELEASE 3
01/03/2024

AIR EXPRESS PRE-LOADING

AIR GENERAL CARGO

MARITIME

POSTAL AIR PRE-LOADING

AIR EXPRESS FULL

ROAD

POSTAL BY AIR FULL

RAIL

2020   2021   2022   2023   2024   2025

WHO DOES ICS2 DIRECTLY AFFECT?

All Economic Operators involved in handling, shipping and transporting of cargo, express or postal consignments. They will need to provide safety and security data to ICS2.

POSTAL OPERATORS WITHIN/BEYOND EU

EXPRESS DELIVERY SERVICES

AIR CARGO CARRIERS

FREIGHT FORWARDING LOGISTICS COMPANIES

ULTIMATE CONSIGNEES ESTABLISHED IN EU
(for goods received via maritime transport)

MARITIME, RAILWAY AND ROAD CARRIERS

REPRESENTATIVES OF AFFECTED EOs

HOW TO PREPARE FOR ICS2

- Adapt your business processes.

- Take steps to ensure high-quality, precise data is provided.

- Develop or update your IT systems for exchange of information.

- Provide training and support to your staff.

IF YOU ARE NOT READY IN TIME

- If the necessary data have not been submitted to ICS2, consignments/cargo will be stopped at EU Customs border.

- Customs will not proceed with goods clearance.

- Poor quality declarations will either be rejected or subject to unnecessary interventions, and may result in sanctions for non-compliance.

WHO DOES ICS2 INDIRECTLY AFFECT?

All manufacturers, exporters and individuals from outside the EU who wish to send goods to or through the EU. They will have to provide the necessary information to the directly affected stakeholders.

WHEN DO I HAVE TO BE READY?

Each release affects different EOs and modes of transport. EOs will begin declaring to ICS2 depending on the type of services they provide.

Postal Operators >	**Release 1, 2 & 3**
Express Carriers >	**Release 1, 2 & 3**
Third-Country Postal Operators >	**Release 1, 2 & 3**
Freight Forwarding Logistics Providers >	**Release 2 & 3**
Air Carriers >	**Release 2**
Martitime, Rail and Road Carriers >	**Release 3**
Businesses Receiving Goods in EU (e.g. consignees, importers) >	**Release 3**

MORE INFORMATION:
https://ec.europa.eu/ICS2