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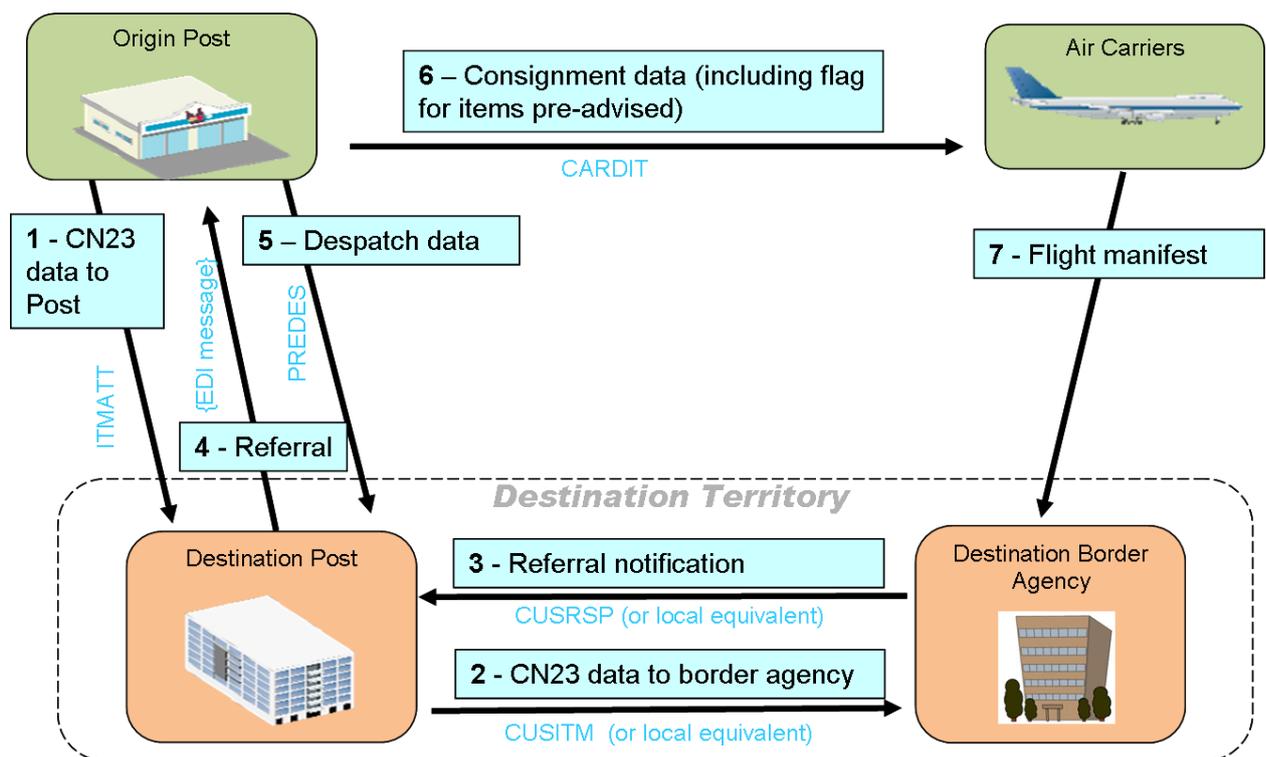
## European Commission's consultation on the exchange of customs-related information with third countries

### Royal Mail

Royal Mail and the UK's border agencies have been operating CDS as a trial and not as a functioning system for some imported mail from third countries. In this time we have been in close contact with various EU bodies. We remain open to further assisting the European Commission in increasing the use of electronic customs data, within the existing standards and structures.

Please find below the UPU's postal model for the electronic exchange of customs data (which is sufficient to facilitate systematic data exchange) and which has been agreed at the UPU and WCO.

### The UPU's postal model for the electronic exchange of customs data



Note:

1. The advanced data flowchart comprises seven (7) steps shown in the explanatory dialog boxes. However, this is only a conceptual representation because we have several challenges to overcome (e.g. EDI messaging between designated operators and carriers is not available everywhere, and may need to be complemented by paper-based procedures).
2. DNL ("Do not load") and HRC (High risk cargo screening) are considered to be the representative examples of the "Referral."
3. If no "referral" is received for an item at the end of an "agreed response time", the origin Designated operator can load the items concerned so that the current worldwide mail flows will not be hampered. The decision regarding the "agreed response time" is a critical element.