

Import Control System 2 (ICS2) CLdN Implementation Update

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ICS2 is the new EU information system that (like ICS currently) processes the lodging of Entry Summary Declarations (ENS), security and safety risk analysis, and the control of goods with EU Customs authorities. ICS2 will be available as from **03 June 2024** and must be fully implemented by **04 December 2024** for Maritime Carriers. This will introduce changes to your bookings from GB to EU.

CLdN has made preparations for these expected changes and will establish a connection to the EU Shared Trader Interface to submit the declarations whereas today this is governed through National Systems. As we have already adopted robust processes for the current version of ICS **where CLdN submits ICS declarations on your behalf based on the information provided in your booking**, we are pleased to advise the changes will be comparatively limited.

We reiterate it is at your risk and responsibility, and of paramount importance, that you provide **complete and accurate** information in your bookings to ensure declarations can be processed in a timely manner and in line with legal requirements to ensure your cargo can be shipped and collected in an efficient way.

What will change to my Laden C.WEB bookings compared to today?

As CLdN already has a bespoke system in operation for the collection of necessary data for ICS declarations, only minimal changes to the fields in the bookings will be required compared to the situation today:

- **Commodity codes** will become **mandatory** for all goods item lines and must be at least 6 digits long. These will be validated against the codes as published under “TARIC and Quota data and information” when making your booking.
- **Buyer & Seller Address** will become **mandatory** where today this is optional if an EORI number is provided
- When Shipper, Consignee, Buyer or Seller are EU legal entities, then the EU EORI number will be **mandatory**
- ‘**Address**’ field will be split into separate fields ‘**Street**’ and ‘**Number**’
- ‘**Type of Person**’ will be added as a mandatory field, you will need to choose between: Natural person, Legal person, Association of persons

All other data fields required for ICS2 declarations are already part of your bookings today.

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What will change to the **definitions** of the fields I need to provide?

ICS2 will not only demand more comprehensive data elements in the Entry Summary Declarations but the definitions and validations will be more stringent. Below a selection of the definitions of data elements where these are different or more comprehensive compared to the situation today:

- **Cargo Descriptions** and **Goods Item Descriptions**
These will need to be **complete and accurate**. Vague, unspecific descriptions are not allowed. Please consult the '**Unacceptable goods descriptions guidance**' available at [Import Control System 2 - Release 1 \(europa.eu\)](https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/dds2/ics2/ics2_guidance/unacceptable_goods_descriptions_guidance_en)
- On **Freight Booking** level
 - **Shipper Data** – Party consigning goods as stipulated in the transport contract: these are the details we hold in your account.
 - **Consignee Data** – Party to whom the goods are consigned. This could be yourself, the **Buyer** but also any other Party collecting or receiving the goods following shipment.
- On **Consignment** level
 - **Seller Data** – The seller is the last known entity by whom the goods are sold or agreed to be sold to the buyer. If the goods are to be imported otherwise than in pursuance of a purchase, the details of the owner of the goods shall be provided.
In C.WEB this currently has a field name 'Consignor', **this will be updated to 'Seller'**.
 - **Buyer Data** - The buyer is the last known entity to whom the goods are sold or agreed to be sold. If the goods are to be imported otherwise than in pursuance of a purchase, the details of the owner of the goods shall be provided.
In C.WEB this currently has a field name 'Consignee', **this will be updated to 'Buyer'**.

The EU customs authorities may reject ENS declarations in case of lack of complete data. This will result in delays and additional administration in processing of the ENS upon the arrival of the consignments and in the entry process. It is therefore of paramount importance that you prepare to submit the necessary data elements in a complete and accurate way.

What will change to my **Empty bookings** compared to today?

Bookings of **Empty** units will, as today, also require ICS2 declarations. For these types of bookings we will provide you the option to use your account details we hold on file, as such you will not be required to provide these separately reducing the administrative burden for units owned by yourself. Alternatively, if you choose to provide party information for empty units (for instance when you are not moving your own Empty units), then the above rules and data requirements will apply.

What will change to my **bookings containing durable returnable packaging** compared to today?

The provision of the ICS data is mandatory today, as such the same changes will apply as for Laden units containing goods.



When will this be applicable?

CLdN is in the process of requesting a **deployment window** with the relevant authorities and as such an exact transition date cannot yet be provided however this is expected to be **between the end of October 2024 and beginning of December 2024**.

What other changes are planned?

Please take into account that this document summarises the changes as a result from the ICS2 implementation only, based on the current understanding of requirements. Additional changes are planned in the various operating countries, for which we will communicate in due course:

- **Safety & Security Declarations for movements to GB** – planned for 31/10/2024 - It is expected a similar dataset will need to be provided as for ICS2, with perhaps a few data elements less
- Changes to the process of lodging **Temporary Storage declarations** for movements to Belgium and The Netherlands – planned for 30/09/2024 - It is expected these changes will mainly impact the validation of the fields and will not necessarily mean additional fields
- Introduction of **AES** in various European countries
- **NCTS P5** in various countries
- Changes to **Single Window systems in various countries** which may impact the dataset you need to provide

For more information, please refer to https://taxation-customs.ec.europa.eu/customs-4/customs-security/import-control-system-2-ics2-0_en

When more detailed information becomes available, this will be published on www.cweb.lu or if you have any additional questions, please contact customs@cldn.com

Technical Information - What will change to my EDI bookings compared to today?

- **<commodityCode>**

consignmentList → consignment → itemList → item

commodityCode (mandatory)

The use of the code '00000000' **will no longer be allowed.**

itemList					
item	Can be repeated				
shippingMarks	Marks and numbers of the goods	AN/20	O		
numberOfPackages	Number of packages	N/5	M		The total amount of packages in a booking may not exceed 99999
packageCode	UN code type of package	AN/4	M		
commodityCode	HS code	N/10	M		Numeric, at least 6 numbers The commodity code must be a valid code The validation of the codes will be checked against the codes as published under "TARIC and Quota data and information".
description	Description of the goods	AN/254	M		
grossWeight	Gross weight (in kilos)	N/20	M		> 0
nettoWeight	Netto weight (in kilos)	N/20	O		> 0 (<= grossWeight)
unNumber	Number only, without UN prefix	AN/4	C		If IMDG goods are present
primaryClass	'class' or 'division' without prefix	AN/6	C		If IMDG goods are present
technicalName	Without parentheses, see special provision 274	AN/100	O		
spisnd	TRUE or FALSE To indicate that the consignment item is SPS.	BOOLEAN	O		Sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) measures are measures to protect humans, animals, and plants from diseases, pests, or contaminants.

- **Addresses - for all parties** within a consignment the complete address must be provided

- name
- street
- number – where available
- city
- postal – where available
- country

- Fields **<street>** and **<number>**

The new fields **<street>** and **<number>** will replace the field **<address>**

(the field **<address>** will not give a conflict in the EDI, after the transition the content of this field will be ignored)

- **<typeOfPerson>** - An additional mandatory field **<typeOfPerson>** will be added to the Party section.

consignee	The customs party responsible for the declaration of this consignment.		M	
typeOfPerson	1 = Natural person 2 = Legal person 3 = Association of persons	N/1	M	
name		AN/254	M	
address	Will be replaced by fields "street" and "number" (October 2024)	AN/254	O	
street		AN/254	M	
number		AN/254	M	
city		AN/254	M	
postal		AN/20	M	
country		AN/2	M	
eori		AN/20	O	When EORI is used: If port of discharge is EU → EU EORI number must be used.
vat		AN/20	O	If Port of discharge is UK → UK EORI number must be used

- **Notify Party**

In case of the Notify party, the type of person and the address fields only become mandatory when information is added for this party (the party “notify” remains optional).

- The field names for ‘Consignor’ and ‘Consignee’ on **Consignment level** in the booking will be changed to ‘Seller’ and ‘Buyer’ to reflect the legal definition

The XSD sequence will be updated in the **C.WEB EDI manual** shortly, available on www.cweb.lu