



# ICS2

## Release 2: New requirements for bringing goods by air to or through the EU

The Import Control System 2 (ICS2) is the EU's IT system created to collect data about all goods entering the EU prior to their arrival through an Entry Summary Declaration (ENS).

From 1 March 2023, Economic Operators involved in handling, shipping and transporting of cargo, express or postal consignments to or via the EU by air have to comply with new data reporting requirements for pre-loading and pre-arrival customs risk assessments.

### Who is directly affected?

EU and non-EU:



air carriers



freight forwarders<sup>1</sup>



express courier services



postal operators

### What are the new requirements?

#### For pre-loading risk assessment

(assessing air cargo security risks)

- › Freight forwarders, express couriers or postal operators with facilities outside the EU (ETOE) can either provide **Pre-Loading Advance Cargo Information (PLACI)** data about the goods transported to the EU to the air carrier or file the data themselves.
- › The PLACI data should be filed to the addressed EU Member State's customs authority via ICS2.

#### For pre-arrival risk assessment

(assessing general customs security and safety risks)

- › Freight forwarders, express couriers or ETOEs need to either provide a partial ENS with data from the **house level transport contract** to the air carrier or file the data themselves.
- › The ENS should be lodged to the EU Member State's customs authority via ICS2.
  - › For **short-haul flights** (less than 4 hours): by the time of departure of the aircraft at the latest.
  - › For **long-haul flights** (more than 4 hours): at least four hours before the goods arrive at the customs office of first entry to the EU.

<sup>1</sup> Freight forwarders and freight agents who issue house air waybills and do not want to share the relevant particulars of the ENS with the air carriers.

