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IMPORT CONTROL SYSTEM (ICS) 2 – RELEASE 2 REGULATORY CHANGES

OVERVIEW

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- **ICS** stands for 'Import Control System'. This is the electronic security screening system for goods **destined to, or in transit through**, the European Union (EU*), Norway, Switzerland, and Northern Ireland.
- **ICS2 is the enhanced EU security screening system** with improved data-driven customs security processes.
- For more details about ICS2, please visit the European Commission website below:
https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/general-information-customs/customs-security/ics2_en

Release	Go-Live	Scope
ICS2 - Release 2	Between March 1 st 2023 & October 2 nd 2023	Security screening of air shipments prior to loading of cargo on planes at the country of departure, and pre-arrival of goods into (or transiting via) the European Union, Norway, Switzerland, and Northern Ireland.

IMPACT:



- The most significant change applicable with **ICS2 - Release 2**, is that **pre-arrival security filing** messages must be submitted to European Country Customs Authorities in a **much more granular level**.
- Without a **detailed goods description** per commodity (on line-item level), and the **respective Harmonized System (HS) code**, the shipment security filing may not be submitted on time.
- DHL Express relies on **high quality electronic Commercial/Proforma Invoice data from the Customer** to be able to meet the legal requirements and timelines.

HOW CAN SHIPPERS AVOID DELAYS?

In order to avoid delays, it is important that shippers **provide complete and accurate Commercial / Proforma Invoice line-item data electronically** via one of the DHL Express Electronic Shipping Solutions, with high-quality information **no later than Aug 28th**.

Among others, the **most critical data elements** to ensure a smooth security filing & customs clearance at import are:

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<h3>Line-Item Goods Descriptions</h3> <p>Please provide accurate commodities description, using detailed, precise & plain language</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Detailed description per commodity should indicate what the goods are, for which purpose they are used, what they are made of – e.g.: “Women’s T-shirts made of 100% Cotton” ○ Avoid generic goods descriptions such as “gifts”, “samples”, “spare parts”, “equipment”, “clothes”, etc. ○ Please find additional examples of unacceptable descriptions in the EU Commission document 	<h3>Line-Item Harmonized System (HS) Code</h3> <p>Please include the respective Harmonized System (HS) Code (at least the first 6 digits) on line-item for each of the different commodities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Preferably, indicate the complete Import Tariff Code of each commodity being shipped ○ The Harmonized System (HS) Code is defined by the World Customs Organization (WCO), and the HS Nomenclature edition is publicly available on the WCO website 	<h3>Economic Operator Registration Identification (EORI) Number</h3> <p>Please provide the Economic Operator Registration Identification (EORI) number of the EU consignee, whenever assigned and where applicable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Not applicable in Non-EU (Norway, Switzerland, and Northern Ireland) shipments or EU transit material. Additional exceptions may apply based on country regulations. ○ To learn more about the EORI number of the EU27 consignee, please read the EU guidelines here.

The Commercial/Proforma Invoice data must be complete, available and compliant at the time of shipment booking for submission to Customs Authorities as early as possible.

* European Union (EU) countries: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden. NOTE: Northern Ireland is considered an entry point to the European Union, therefore shipments to (or transiting via) Northern Ireland are also impacted, as well as shipments destined to (or transiting via) other EU territories (e.g. French Guyana, etc.)

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