

DHL Aviation

# 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\*), Switzerland & Norway.
- **ICS2 is the enhanced EU security screening system** with improved data-driven customs security processes.
- **ICS2** is being implemented in release phases defined by the EU Authorities.
- 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](https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/general-information-customs/customs-security/ics2_en)

Release	Go-Live	Scope
<b>ICS2 - Release 2</b>	March 1 <sup>st</sup> 2023	Security screening of <b>all</b> air shipments <b>prior to loading</b> of cargo on planes at the country of departure, and <b>new pre-arrival filing</b> of goods into (or transiting via) the European Union, Switzerland & Norway.

#### IMPACT:



- The most significant change applicable with **ICS2 - Release 2**, is **pre-load filing** and that **pre-arrival security filing** messages must be submitted to European Country Customs Authorities in a **much more granular level**.
- Security filing requires compliant **goods description**, the **respective Harmonized System (HS) code**, for **each** shipment item (line item), as well as weight, payment & packing type amongst others. Without these fields the shipment security filing cannot be submitted on time and shipment will be stopped.
- DHLAviation must receive "OK" from ICS2 Authorities prior to loading shipment on to aircraft destined to ICS2 country.
- DHLAviation relies on **high quality electronic messaging from the Customer** to be able to meet the legal requirements and timelines.

### HOW CAN SHIPPERS AVOID DELAYS?



**In order to avoid delays, Shipper must send complete and compliant electronic MAWB/HAWB messaging on line item level to Carrier as soon as possible. This enables Carrier to submit filings to Customs Authorities thus ensuring timely uplift.**



#### Reminder Goods Descriptions

We remind Shippers that accurate description using **detailed, precise & plain language is mandated by all Customs Authorities globally.**

- The detailed description per commodity should indicate **what the goods are, for which purpose** the goods are used and **what they are made of** – for example: **"Women's T-shirts made of 100% Cotton"**
- ICS2 Authorities have indicated that they will disregard generic goods descriptions such as **"gifts", "samples", "spare parts", "equipment", "clothes", "textiles", etc. Be specific.**

\* 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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