

A QUICK GUIDE TO EU'S ICS2

WHAT IS ICS2?

Import Control System 2 (ICS2) is a customs electronic import system that manages the advance safety and security risk analysis for all goods destined to or transiting through the **European Union, Norway, Switzerland or Northern Ireland** prior to their arrival. Effective **March 1, 2023**, Release 2 of ICS2 requires carriers to file pre-load as well as pre-arrival information into EU systems for risk analysis by the customs authorities for all Air shipments. Incomplete information provided to the carrier will result in delays in the shipment being loaded onto a plane.

Upon receipt of the security filing, the European Country Customs Authorities will perform a security-related risk analysis to decide if the shipment is allowed or is refused to be carried, requires additional information or requires high-risk screening.

THE IMPACT ON YOU AS A SHIPPER:

The biggest change these new regulations will have on you as a shipper is that you will need to provide additional information than in the past when booking a shipment with BTX Global Logistics to ensure that your shipment moves without delay. The new requirements are as follows:

- 1** Line item information that includes a plain language description of the goods that is precise enough for Customs authorities to be able to identify the goods
- 2** Harmonized Tariff (HS) code for each line item – a minimum 6-digit HS code – to ensure seamless customs clearance and correct duty & VAT calculation
- 3** EORI (Economic Operator Registration Identification) for the business recipient of the shipment

Click the links below for additional information on ICS2, acceptable descriptions, information reviewed during security screenings, EORI numbers and a HS Code search resource:

- [What is the Import Control System 2 \(ICS2\)?](#)
- [Import Control System 2 - Release 2](#)
- [HS Code Search](#)

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