

Export Control System

Divided into 2 phases:

- ECS Phase 1 – operational 1/7/2007
- ECS Phase 2 – operational 1/7/2009

ECS Phase 1

- Relates to indirect exports only.
- Established electronic communications between EU customs administrations and between customs and economic operators in relation to exports.
- Low take up – not mandatory until 1/7/2009

Single Transport Contracts

- Legislation has changed for goods moving under an STC.
- Declaration can now be handled in ECS.
- No need for physical presentation to customs for stamping of Copy 3/Transport document.
- 1st step to ECS Phase 2.

ECS Phase 2

- Concerns all export operations.
- Known as pre-departure or Exit Summary Declaration (ExSD).
- Carrier shall lodge the ExSD –or a representative on his behalf
- Envisage that a combined SAD, containing the ExSD details will be submitted for 99% of exports.

Impact on Economic Operators

- Export declarations, containing ExSD data, will have to be submitted sufficiently in advance of departure to allow for risk analysis and controls to be carried out where necessary.
- Up to 8 new data elements to be included in the SADExSD.

Impact on Carriers

- Regular and non-regular shippers.
- Shall lodge the ExSD or a representative on his behalf
- Catering for controls at export

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