

eCustoms Helpdesk Notification

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Subject:	ICS2 Release 1 live on 15th March 2021
Who should read:	Postal and Express Carriers who are involved in ICS2 Release 1
Related Notification:	None
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The [Import Control system \(ICS\)](#) is being gradually replaced with a new system called Import Control System 2 (ICS2).

1. What is ICS2?

ICS2 is the new and updated customs electronic system. It will manage the advance safety and security risk analysis for all goods entering the European Union (EU).

2. ICS2 Release 1 – 15th March 2021

Goods covered:

- Air postal and express consignments.

Dataset:

- Pre-Loading Advance Cargo Information (PLACI) minimum Entry Summary Declaration (ENS) dataset.

Scope:

- Lodgement of pre-loading minimum data set for air express and postal consignments.
- Presentation process for postal consignments.

3. Further releases of ICS2

- ICS2 Release 2 - 1st March 2023 will involve Air - General cargo, Full Express and Full Postal.
- ICS2 Release 3 – 1st March 2024 will involve Rail, Road and Maritime traffic.

4. Further information

Further information can be found on Revenue.ie by accessing the following link:

<https://www.revenue.ie/en/customs-traders-and-agents/customs-electronic-systems/import-control-system/ics-2/index.aspx>

The European Commission has published the following documents which may help you to prepare your business for ICS2:

- [Prepare your business for ICS2](#)
- [ICS2 fact sheet](#).

5. Queries

If you have any queries or need further information on ICS2, please contact:

The [eCustoms Helpdesk](#) – 09:00 to 17:00 – Monday to Friday
cdnpcs&sunitgroup@revenue.ie (+353 1 7383677) outside helpline hours.