

IATA – FIATA Customs Working Group

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Recommendation (as of 7 August 2008)

To comply with the EU Import Control System (ICS) requirement to provide Entry Summary Declaration (ENS) information electronically in advance, amendments to existing standard procedures and messages will be required.

ICS also requires arrival notification (ARN). However, each individual EU Member State (MS) determines the details of these requirements and procedures but ARN must contain “Entry Key” data elements or MRNs as an alternative.

The EU deadline is 1 July 2009. Members are strongly advised to directly contact the EU states that they service.

To meet the ICS requirements the Air Waybill Data (FWB version 14 or higher) message and the Consolidation List (FHL version 4 or higher) will be needed.

1. THE EDI ENVIRONMENT

1.1 Direct/Agency Shipments

- a. The agent sends the FWB to the Carrier
- b. The Carrier reports the Entry Summary Declaration (ENS) information to the Import Control System (ICS) to the EU MS of first entry and receives back the Movement Reference Number (MRN)
- c. The Carrier reports the Arrival Notification (ARN) information to the Import Control System (ICS) including the unique entry key (mode of transport, flight id and scheduled arrival date)

1.2 Consolidations

1.2.1 Where the Carrier reports Entry Summary Declaration (ENS) information

- a. The Forwarder sends the Air Waybill Data (FWB) message and the Consolidation List (FHL) message with full house waybill details to the carrier prior to tender
 - House Airway bill
 - The Free Text Description of Goods (TXT) line in FHL **will** be used to contain the full specific cargo description. Carriers will use this description to populate the description of goods for customs (although the HWB Manifest Description of Goods is mandatory in FHL it is usually inadequate for Customs reporting purposes).
- b. The Carrier reports the Entry Summary Declaration (ENS) information to the Import Control System (ICS) and receives back the Movement Reference Number (MRN)
- c. The Carrier reports the Arrival Notification (ARN) information to the Import Control System (ICS) including the unique entry key (mode of transport, flight id and scheduled arrival date)

1.2.2 Where the Forwarder Reports Entry Summary Declaration (ENS) information with Carrier knowledge and consent

- a. The Forwarder obtains any required transport information from the carrier
- b. The Forwarder reports the Entry Summary Declaration (ENS) information to the Import Control System (ICS) to the EU MS of first entry and receives back the Movement Reference Number (MRN)
- c. The Forwarder sends the FWB and the FHL with summary house waybill information to the carrier along with the MRN numbers prior to tender
- d. The Carrier reports the Arrival Notification (ARN) information to the Import Control System (ICS) including the unique entry key (mode of transport, flight id and scheduled arrival date)

2. IN CASE OF SYSTEM FAILURE

- A business continuity plan is being developed and will be circulated until that time, fall back to the current reporting process

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This document will be updated as necessary and can also be found at the IATA web site (<http://www.iata.org/cargofal>) and the FIATA web site (www.fiata.com).