

IATA – Customs Advisory Group

ECS Phase 2 Recommendation (as of 16 June 2009)

The EU deadline for the implementation of the Export Control System (ECS) Phase 2 is 1 July 2009. Members are strongly advised to directly contact the EU states that they service to confirm national implementation requirements.

Under Phase 2 most goods will oblige exporters to submit an electronic export goods declaration to the Customs office of export including the additional safety and security elements required by Regulation 1875/2006.

It is recommended that traders indicate that their declarations are being made under the Single Transport Contract (STC) provisions.

Under STC

In using the STC, the trader benefits from less administrative burdens and related costs. The export declaration can be processed and finalized at the air waybill airport of departure, since the Customs office of export is also the Customs office of exit. This adds simplification and reliability at a local level and may avoid any duplicate procedures at the Customs office of physical exit from the European Community.

At the point where the goods physically exit the European Community, some member States may nevertheless still require that the list of MRN(s) be available.

The ability to provide these in an electronic format would be aligned with IATA's e-freight initiative with a view to remove paper in the transportation of cargo and should help ensure a secure supply chain.

Not under STC

Should the trader decide not to use the STC simplified procedures, it is recommended that the air waybill indicates that an Export Accompanying Document (EAD) is required.

To meet the ECS requirements in an EDI environment it is highly recommended to implement the latest versions of the following CIMP messages which allow stakeholders to convey in a standard manner the necessary Customs information:

- Consolidation List (FHL)
- Air Waybill Data (FWB)
- Airline Flight Manifest (FFM)
- Status Update (FSU)

This Recommendation outlines the procedures associated whereby the exporter provides the export departure information.

Exporter Provides Departure Information

1.1 Direct/Agency Shipments

- a. The declarant (exporter or his agent) sends the Export Goods Declaration to Customs office of export
- b. Customs system returns the MRN to the declarant
- c. The declarant associates the MRN(s) with an air waybill and sends the FWB to the Carrier
- d. The Carrier exits the goods and reports the exited air waybill to the agent with a Status Update (FSU) message indicating a departed status (DEP)
- e. The agent sends the confirmation message to Customs office of Exit indicating the MRN that was associated to the air waybill
- f. The Customs office of exit confirms the exit of the goods to the Customs office of export

1.2 Consolidations

- a. The declarant (exporter, or the forwarder on his behalf), submits the Export Goods Declaration to Customs office of Export
- b. Customs system returns the MRN to the declarant
- c. The Forwarder associates the MRN(s) to a house waybill
- d. The Forwarder associates the house waybill and the MRNs to a master air waybill and sends the FWB and the FHL with house waybill information to the carrier, including the ULD identifier that the house waybill were loaded into if applicable
- e. The Carrier exits the goods and reports the exited air waybill to the forwarder with a Status Update (FSU) message indicating a departed status (DEP) and the ULD if applicable
- f. The forwarder sends the confirmation message to Customs office of Exit indicating the MRN(s) that were associated to the air waybill
- g. The Customs office of exit confirms the exit of the goods to the Customs office of export