

# ICS Implementation: Are IATA airline members ready?

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## Background



- Following a EC Electronic Customs Group meeting held by the European Commission in December 2010, the EC confirmed that the transition period would not be extended beyond 1 January 2011
- In preparation for ICS implementation, IATA received requests from the freight forwarding community whether all Carriers were technically ready to comply
- In response to the forwarder's requests, IATA decided to conduct an airline readiness survey

## Airline Readiness Survey – EU ICS

- The survey was conducted from 7 December 2010 to 15 January 2011
- In the survey, IATA airline members were asked whether they are ready to comply and if their freight forwarder partners were also ready
- 37 IATA airline members completed the survey

# Survey result 1/5

**2.** Since the Import Control System (ICS) does not allow dual filing of the Entry Summary Declaration (ENS), has your airline informed the forwarder community on your filing processes?

Yes		22	79%
No		6	21%
Total		28	100%

**3.** Have you established coordination procedures with your forwarders? If No, please see the "IATA-FIATA Recommendation on Advance Cargo Reporting" for guidance at: <http://www.iata.org/workgroups/pages/ifcwg.aspx>

Yes		21	75%
No		7	25%
Total		28	100%






# Survey result 2/5

4. If your airline intends to file the Entry Summary Declaration (ENS) yourself, YOU have: (select all applicable options)

an Economic Operators Registration and Identification (EORI) number		20	74%
a connection to the EC Member States' Customs IT system where you will be lodging the declarations		12	44%
contacted the Member States that you serve and obtained their technical specifications		9	33%
subcontracted all necessary processes through a service provider		19	70%
implemented the latest versions of the Cargo-IMP messages that support the exchange of the required information between forwarders and airlines		13	48%
Other, please specify		6	22%




# Survey result 3/5

**5.** If freight forwarders are going to file the Entry Summary Declaration (ENS) with your knowledge and consent, THEY have : (select all applicable options)

an Economic Operators Registration and Identification (EORI) number		9	43%
a connection to the EC Member States' Customs IT where they will be lodging the declarations		3	14%
contacted the Member States that they serve and obtained their technical specifications		2	10%
implemented the latest versions of the CIMP messages that support the exchange of the required information between forwarders and airlines		4	19%
Other, please specify		10	48%

# Survey result 4/5

**6.** If the freight forwarder is filing and you expect to be informed of the Movement Reference Numbers (MRN) by Customs:  
(select all applicable options)

the forwarder has your EORI number to provide to Customs		9	50%
you have a connection to the EC Member States where the forwarder will be lodging the declarations		6	33%
Other, please specify		8	44%

# Survey result 5/5

**7.** If your airline is not in a position to comply with the Import Control System (ICS), it is because: (select all applicable options)

you are not ready		4	36%
your forwarder is not ready		3	27%
the Member State is not ready		3	27%
Other, please specify		7	64%

## Are IATA airline members ready?

Following is the summary based on the responses received:

- The majority of airlines are ready but still some external conditions appear
- Many airlines have subcontracted all necessary processes through a service provider
- Some service providers have not implemented connection with Member States in time
- Some Member States are not completely ready