



# Information Bulletin

## ICS – Import Control System

The European Union (EU) as part of the safety and security amendment to the Customs Code set out in the European Parliament and Council Regulation (EC) No 648/2005 and Commission Regulation 1875/2006/EC, is introducing the Import Control System (ICS).

If you import goods **into the EU**, then the requirements of ICS will apply to your business. Shippers will need to provide information about shipments to the carrier before the consignment can be shipped.

ICS implements the EU safety and security legislation which requires carriers (or their authorised representatives) to provide pre-arrival information, in a specified format, for all cargo entering the EU regardless of the eventual destination of the cargo.

The UK intends to implement ICS on **2nd November 2010** before the final legal transition deadline of 1st January 2011, from when it will be mandatory for traders to provide customs authorities with advance information in the form of an ENS (Entry Summary Declaration) for all goods brought into the customs territory of the EU.

More information can be found on the following websites:

HMRC Website – [www.hmrc.gov.uk](http://www.hmrc.gov.uk)

Business Link Website – [www.businesslink.gov.uk](http://www.businesslink.gov.uk)

Or you can email the HMRC helpdesk at: [ics.helpdesk@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:ics.helpdesk@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk)

GKN Freight Services Ltd recommends for you to get in touch with your non-community suppliers to make them aware of these new requirements.

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