



## ICS 2

Import Control System  
Releases 2 & 3



# ICS 2



## IMPORT CONTROL SYSTEM 2

EU advance cargo information system to which safety & security declarations are submitted for goods imported into the EU customs territory.



# CHALLENGES ADDRESSED

- **Protect** EU citizens and internal market **against threats**
- **Identify** high-risk consignments more efficiently
- Intervene at **most appropriate point** in supply chain
- Better support **crisis response** scenarios
- **Facilitate** cross-border clearance for **legitimate trade**
- **Simplify the data exchange** between Economic Operators (EOs) and EU Customs Authorities



All **goods arriving** in the **EU** customs territory must be the subject of an **ENS\***



Regulatory **timeframes** for filing ENS according to the mode of **transport**



**Risk analysis** is carried out by the **Member States** of the ICS2 countries

**\*ENS = ENtry Summary declaration**



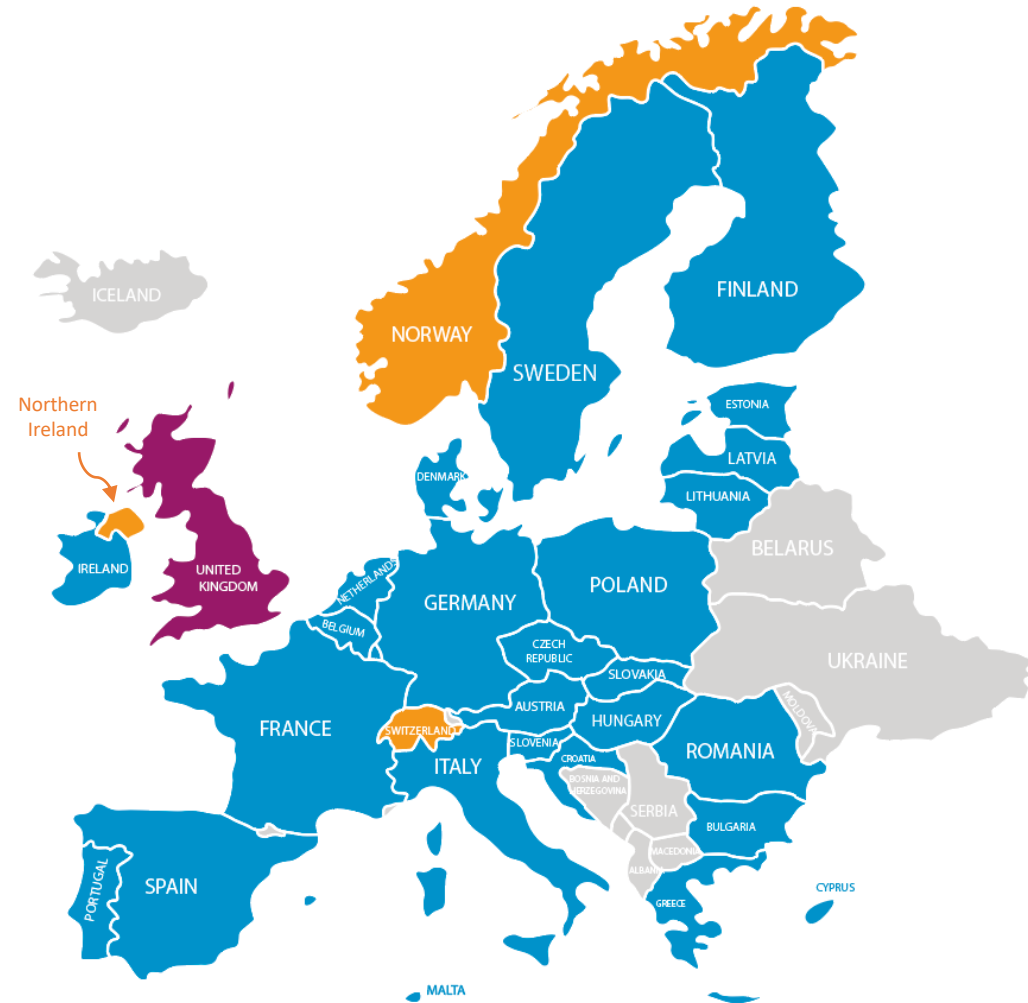
EU Member States and their overseas territories



Additional ICS2 countries forming a common customs security area

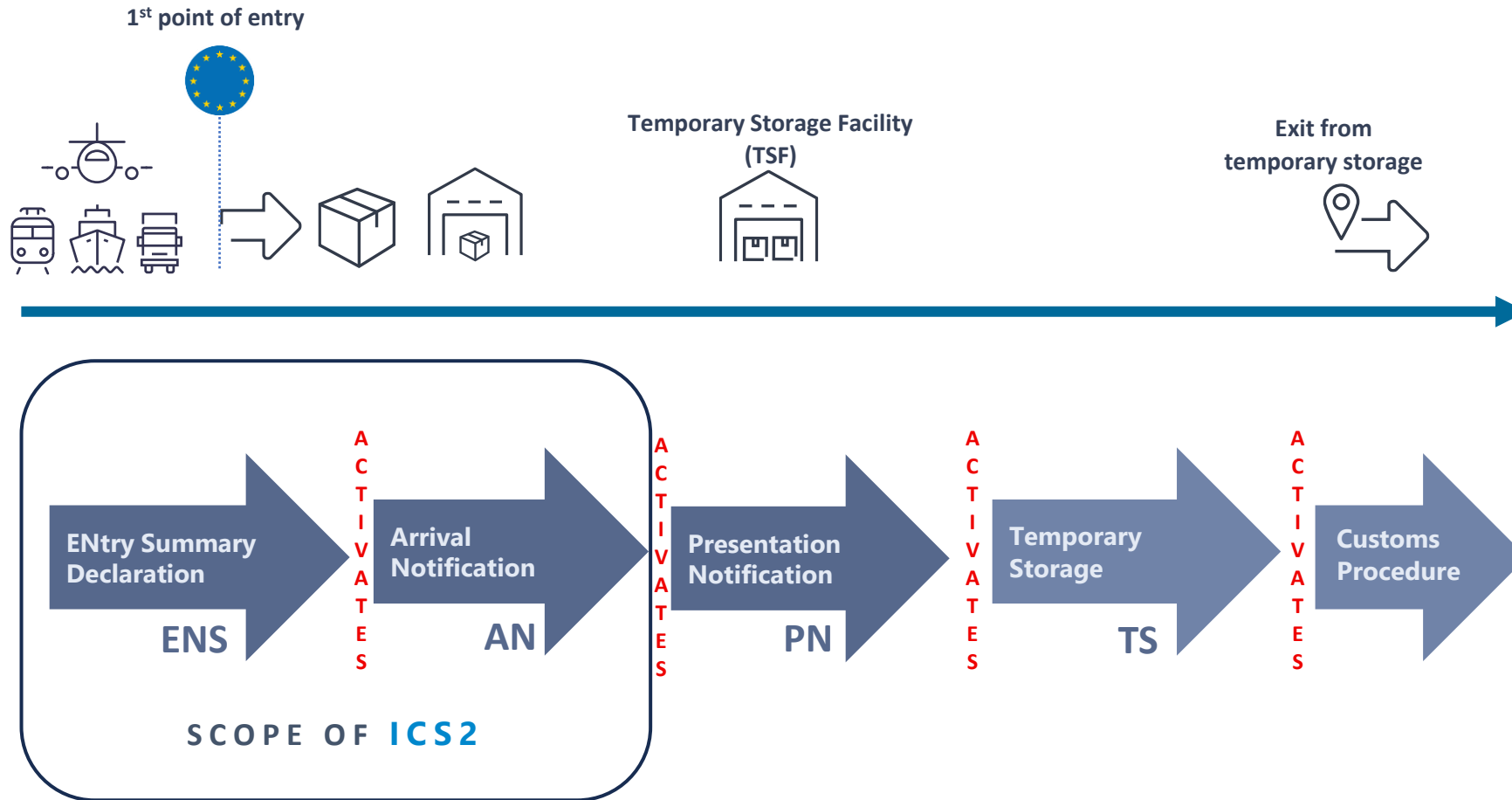


**NB:** Post BREXIT United Kingdom is not an ICS2 country, however due to the Northern Ireland protocol, the territory of NI is within the scope of ICS2.



# GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE OF ICS 2







## Schedule initially planned by the European Commission



**From**  
**15 March 2021**

Express carriers &  
designated postal operators



**From**  
**1 March 2023**

All goods transported by air in  
postal, express & general air cargo  
consignments



**From**  
**~~1 March 2024~~**

~~Maritime, road and~~  
~~rail carriers~~



Economic operators must request a “*Deployment Window*” from their EU Member State of registration if they are not ready to start on the Go-Live date.

**RELEASE 3**  
from  
**3 June 2024**

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**3 June**  
**4 December 2024**



Maritime & inland  
waterway  
carriers



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**4 December 2024**  
**1 April 2025**



Maritime and inland waterway  
“House” level declarants  
**Multiple filing**



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**1 April**  
**1 September 2025**



Road and Rail  
carriers



# WHO CAN FILE THE ENS ?

## TRANSPORT VIA ...



The **carrier is responsible** for filing the complete Entry Summary declaration (ENS) dataset.

## POSSIBLE FILERS ...

- Air, sea, road and rail carriers
- Forwarders
- Transport agents
- Customs brokers
- Importers / Exporters

Other **economic operators**, with the carrier's agreement, may lodge partial ENS datasets.

# SUBMISSION DEADLINES



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## GOODS IMPORTED BY AIR

## DEADLINES FOR ENS SUBMISSION

**Pre-loading**  
minimum dataset



**As early as possible** but at the latest before the goods are loaded onto the aircraft

**Pre-arrival**  
complete dataset



**Flights - 4 hours:** at the time of actual departure of the aircraft

**Pre-arrival**  
complete dataset



**Flights + 4 hours:** 4 hours before arrival of the aircraft



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# SUBMISSION DEADLINES

## GOODS IMPORTED BY SEA

A. Coming from Greenland, Faeroe Islands, Iceland, ports on the Baltic Sea, Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea or Morocco

B. Coming from other third country territories with vessel journey less than 24 hours before entering EU, French overseas departments, Azores, Madeira or Canary Islands

C. Bulk cargo in other cases than A. or B. above

D. Containerised vessels other than A. or B.

## DEADLINES FOR ENS SUBMISSION

At the latest **two hours** before the arrival of the vessel at the first port of entry into the Union

At the latest **two hours** before the arrival of the vessel at the first port of entry into the Union

At the latest **four hours** before the arrival of the vessel

**24 hours** before the goods are loaded onto the vessel which will bring them into the customs territory of the Union



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# SUBMISSION DEADLINES

## GOODS IMPORTED BY RAIL

A. When the train voyage takes less than two hours from the last train formation station outside the customs territory of the Union to the first point of entry into the customs territory

B. In situations other than those mentioned under A. above

## DEADLINES FOR ENS SUBMISSION

At the latest **one hour** before the train arrives at the border entry point of the Union

At the latest **two hours** before the train arrives at the entry point of the Union

## GOODS IMPORTED BY ROAD

## DEADLINES FOR ENS SUBMISSION

At the latest **one hour** before the goods arrive at the entry point of the Union

**Accompanied RORO** falls under the rules for road.

ICS **1**

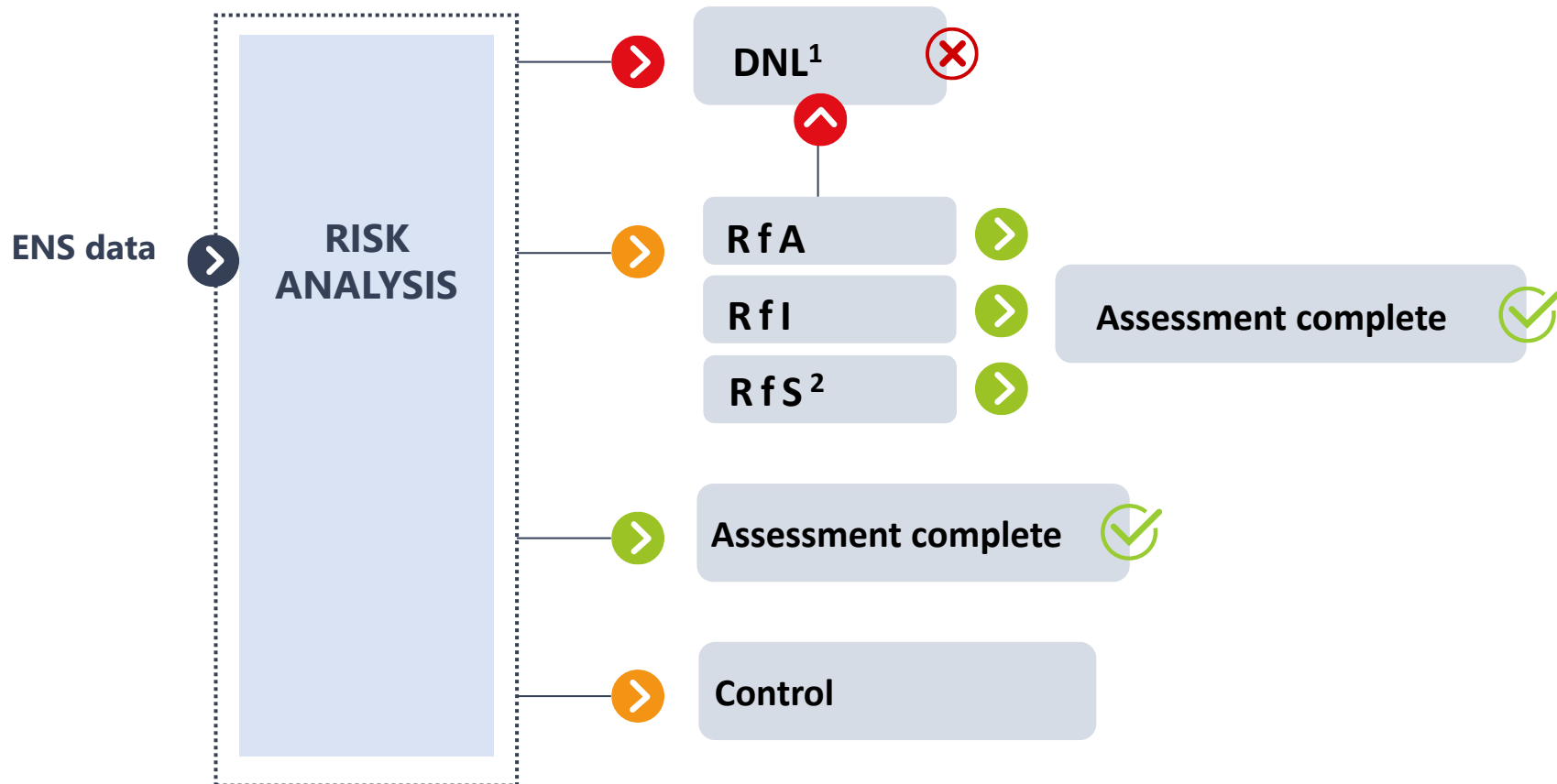
ICS **2**

One Filer	➤	Possibility of Multiple Filers
A single ENS declaration	➤	Multiple message combinations for a complete ENS
Goods by <b>air</b> , ENS filed after loading	➤	PLACI* dataset to be deposited before loading
One ENS only per consignment (often master level)	➤	ENS must contain house level details
DNL* only for containerised goods transported by <b>sea</b>	➤	Referrals (Notification returned by customs) DNL for <b>air</b>
Relatively small dataset	➤	More detailed dataset (DA annexe B)
Description of the goods or 4-character HS code	➤	6-character HS code mandatory

\*PLACI = Pre-Loading Advance Cargo Information

\*DNL = Do Not Load

# RISK ANALYSIS



1: "Do Not Load" only applies to air and containerised goods transported by sea

2: Air transport only

## REFERRALS



### NOTIFICATION

### ACTION

<b>RFA</b>	Request for Amendment	>	Provide additional detail and amend ENS <b>if the customs authorities require better quality data.</b>
<b>RFI</b>	Request for Information	>	Provide additional information <b>if the data provided is not sufficient.</b>
<b>RFS<sup>1</sup></b>	Request for Screening	>	Screen consignment according to high-risk cargo or mail (HRCM) standards, or corresponding International Civil Aviation Organisation standards for high-risk cargo, and then communicate the screening results via ICS2 <b>if a risk is detected.</b>
<b>DNL<sup>2</sup></b>	Do Not Load	>	Take immediate steps to ensure that appropriate civil aviation security protocols and procedures are implemented because customs have identified a threat to air cargo security in one of your consignments. <b>If such a risk is confirmed, the EO will receive a DNL.</b>

1: Air only

2: Air and containerised goods transported by sea only





## ICS2, WHAT IS "MULTIPLE FILING"?



ENS composed of two or more partial ENS filings



Applies when the carrier does not have access to required house-level data

Each party files its own part of the data:  
- Carriers file "**MASTER**" (high level) data  
- Freight forwarders file "**HOUSE**" (low level) data



ICS2 is able to link the partial ENS filings together.



One ENS = one "MASTER" transport contract

# ICS2, *WHY "MULTIPLE FILING"?*



Represents

- important trade facilitation measures
- heightened risk assessment possibilities

Enables **freight forwarder / NVOCC** to choose to file house-level information instead of carriers



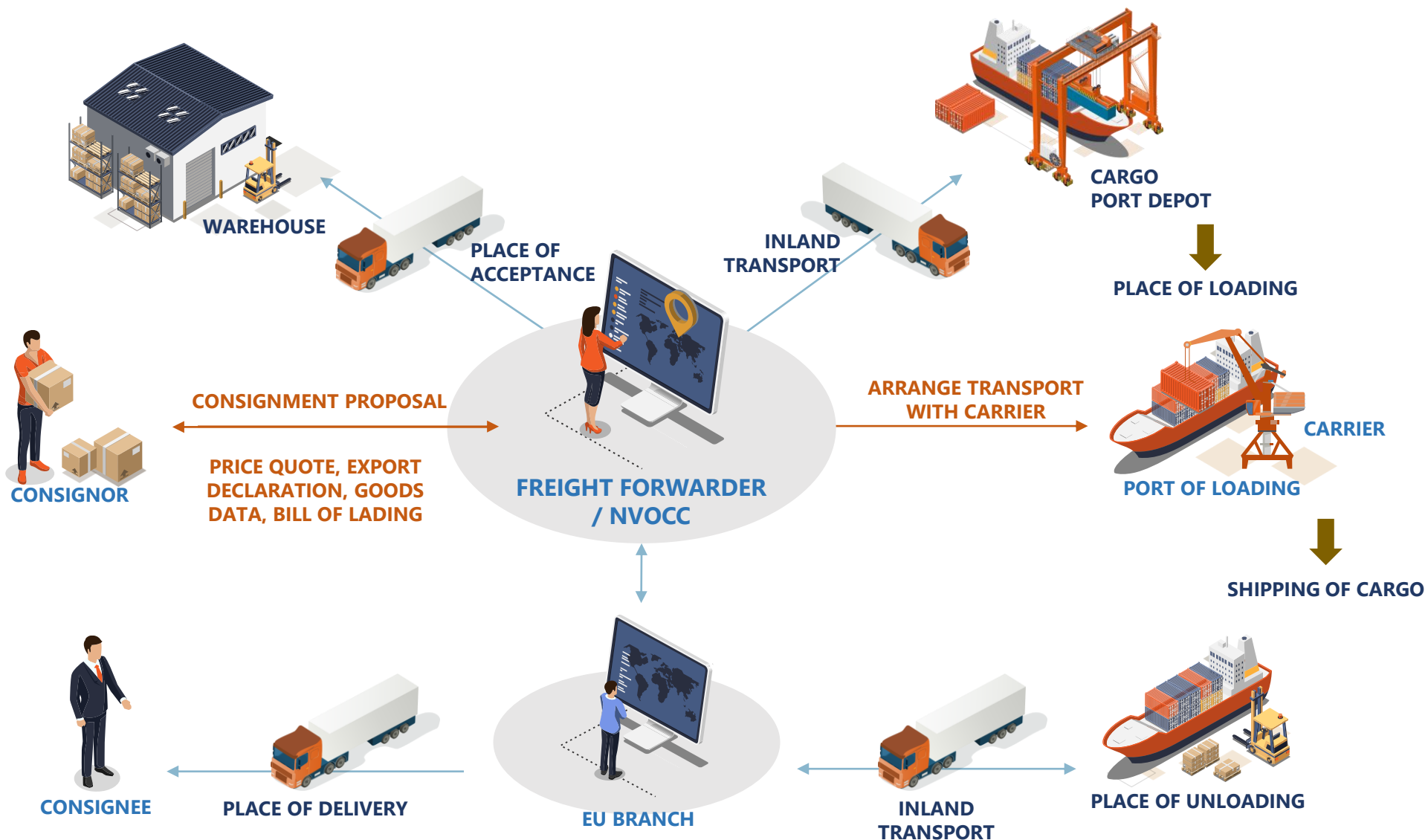
➤ The **right** party files the **right** data at the **right** time.

Each party is responsible for:

- the completeness and accuracy of data provided
- ensuring filing meets relevant criteria and format



# ICS2, WHY FREIGHT FORWARDERS ARE IMPORTANT





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# ICS2, WHY FREIGHT FORWARDERS ARE IMPORTANT



Ensure global  
supply chain resilience  
and continuity



Central role in  
supply chain  
organisation and certainty



Find efficient and effective  
transport routes thanks to  
specific expertise and  
know-how



Closest to shipper customers  
so best-placed to obtain and  
provide accurate and timely  
house-level information

# ICS2, WHY BE A "SELF-FILER"?



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SELF-FILER =  
declares its own HOUSE  
data instead of the carrier



Maintain control of the  
data submission schedule  
to avoid disruptions at  
departure and arrival



Be proactive in  
obtaining the  
**"Assessment complete"**



Submit the HOUSE data as  
early as possible, allowing  
maximum reaction time in  
the event of a referral



## **Commercial decision**

Protect the independence of  
freight forwarder markets

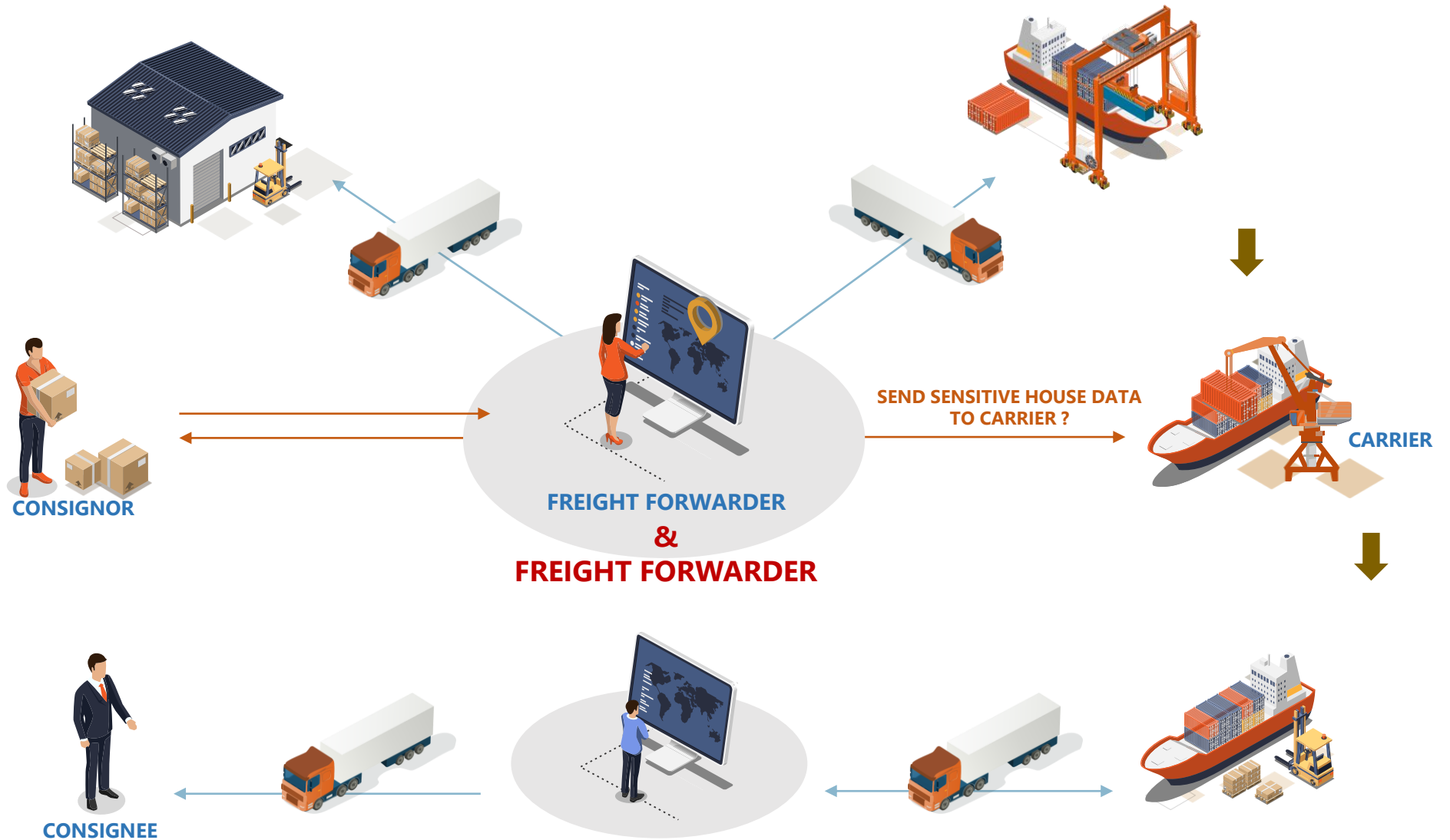
Keep business data  
confidential

**> Can freight forwarders afford NOT to self-file?**

# ICS2, WHY BE A "SELF-FILER"?

> Numerous carriers are also freight forwarders

> Would you give sensitive commercial information to your competitors?





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# ICS2, HOW TO BECOME A "SELF-FILER"



**EORI**



**DATA**



**CONTRACTUAL  
ARRANGEMENTS**



**IT SOLUTION**



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# ICS2, HOW TO BECOME A "SELF-FILER"



**EORI**

- Economic Operator Registration and Identification number
- All filers need to have an EORI which is valid in the EU
- Register with one of the EU Member States – MS of registration
- Apply for Deployment Window with the MS of registration
- Don't need to be based in the EU to obtain an EORI





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# ICS2, HOW TO BECOME A "SELF-FILER"



**DATA**

- Know which data elements are required
- Inform shippers of need for high quality and accurate data
- Establish means of obtaining data elements from shippers
- Establish procedures for obtaining additional information, if need be (Referrals)
- Ensure a consistent approach with shippers



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# HOUSE-LEVEL ENS DATA ELEMENTS INCLUDE:

**Declarant's EORI, Carrier's EORI**

**Master and House level data**

**Commercial references**

**Total mass**

## **Economic operators:**

- Consignor
- Consignee, **Notify party**
- **Supplementary declarant**
- **Type of person**

## **Places**

- Acceptance
- Loading
- Unloading
- Delivery

## **Goods-related details**

- **Commodity code (minimum HS 6)**
- Mass, **Packages (Nb and type)**, Marks and Numbers, Container, possible Danger Code
- Documents (transport)

# HOUSE-LEVEL ENS DATA ELEMENTS INCLUDE:

Transport document ref (**Master BL N704**)    Transport document ref (**House BL N703**)

Transport costs payment method

Total gross mass

*Supplementary documents*

*Additional Information*

Supply chain actors

Name / ID

Address

Type

**Places**

Place of loading

Place of acceptance

Place of unloading

Place of delivery

**Consignor**

Name / ID

Address

Type

**Consignee**

Name / ID

Address

Type

**Buyer**

Name / ID

Address

Type

**Seller**

Name / ID

Address

Type

**Goods items**

Description

SH code - 6 characters

Gross mass

Package kind

Package quantity

Shipping marks

**Container**

No.

Type

Empty Y/N

Supplier

Seals





# ICS2, HOW TO BECOME A "SELF-FILER"



## CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS

- Analyse your supply chain scenarios and logistics operations
- Determine how you will work with your supply chain partners, carriers / shippers
- Undertake contractual agreements with supply chain partners for legal clarity
- FIATA Model Agreement on Multiple Filing Bilateral Arrangements

# ICS2, HOW TO BECOME A "SELF-FILER"



## IT SOLUTION

Self-filers need:

- a connection with the EU ICS2 system
- a compliant and conformance-tested solution
- a reliable and reactive ITSP\*
- close contact with EU and MS administrations



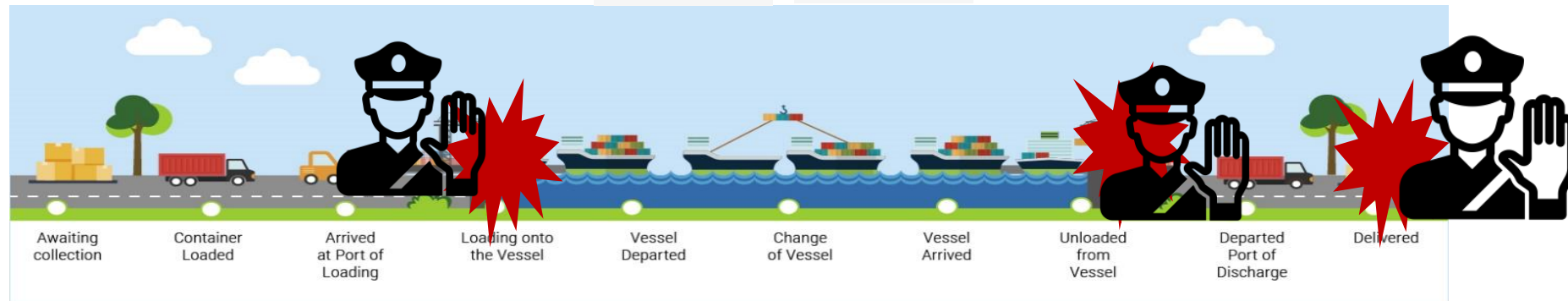
60% of freight forwarders choosing NOT to file because of perceived technical complexities

- FIATA survey 2024

\*IT Service Provider

# CONSEQUENCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE

- Cargoes delayed, held or rejected
- Unnecessary interventions
- Supply chain disruptions
- Risks for customs clearance of goods in the EU
- Financial sanctions
- Dissatisfied customers





PRE-CUSTOMS CLEARANCE FORMALITIES

# OUR SOLUTION FOR ICS 2



**CONEX**  
i-WAY TO CUSTOMS

# SAFE VIA CONEX™, YOUR ICS2 PARTNER



**SAFE via conex™,  
coupled with service  
providers at  
departure, provides  
the solution for your  
freight forwarders  
clients  
to self-file with ease**

## CONEX, as ITSP, means:

Seamless connection with the EU ICS2 system

- ✓ faster and more accurate data submission
- ✓ reduction in delays and errors
- ✓ improved performance

A compliant and conformance-tested solution

- ✓ operational, reliable and secure since ICS2 Day 1

EU-based

- ✓ in close contact with EU and MS administrations
- ✓ continuous updates on ICS2 regulations
- ✓ clients better-placed to stay compliant, avoiding penalties and delays

State-of-the-art technology

- ✓ client data security

Partner support

- ✓ comprehensive technical and operational assistance





# WHY USE CONEX AS YOUR ITSP?

**CONEX has taken care of all the complex technical procedures**

so, **NO NEED FOR :**



## **2 Digital certificates**

Benefit from Conex's certificates

- to seal messages
- for identification purposes



## **National & European connection procedures**

Benefit from Conex's direct connection with the central EU system



## **Conformance Testing**

Conex has performed EU STI\* testing for you

- all transport modes
- all messages

\*Shared Trader Interface



## **UUM&DS\* portal access**

National communication prerequisites, authentication and certificate registration already performed by Conex

\*new Uniform User Management and Digital Signature system



## A SOLUTION ADAPTED TO ICS2

Solution adapted to all possible filer scenarios for multiple filing and multiple message combinations.



The **SAFE via conex**<sup>TM</sup>  
API handles  
all datasets

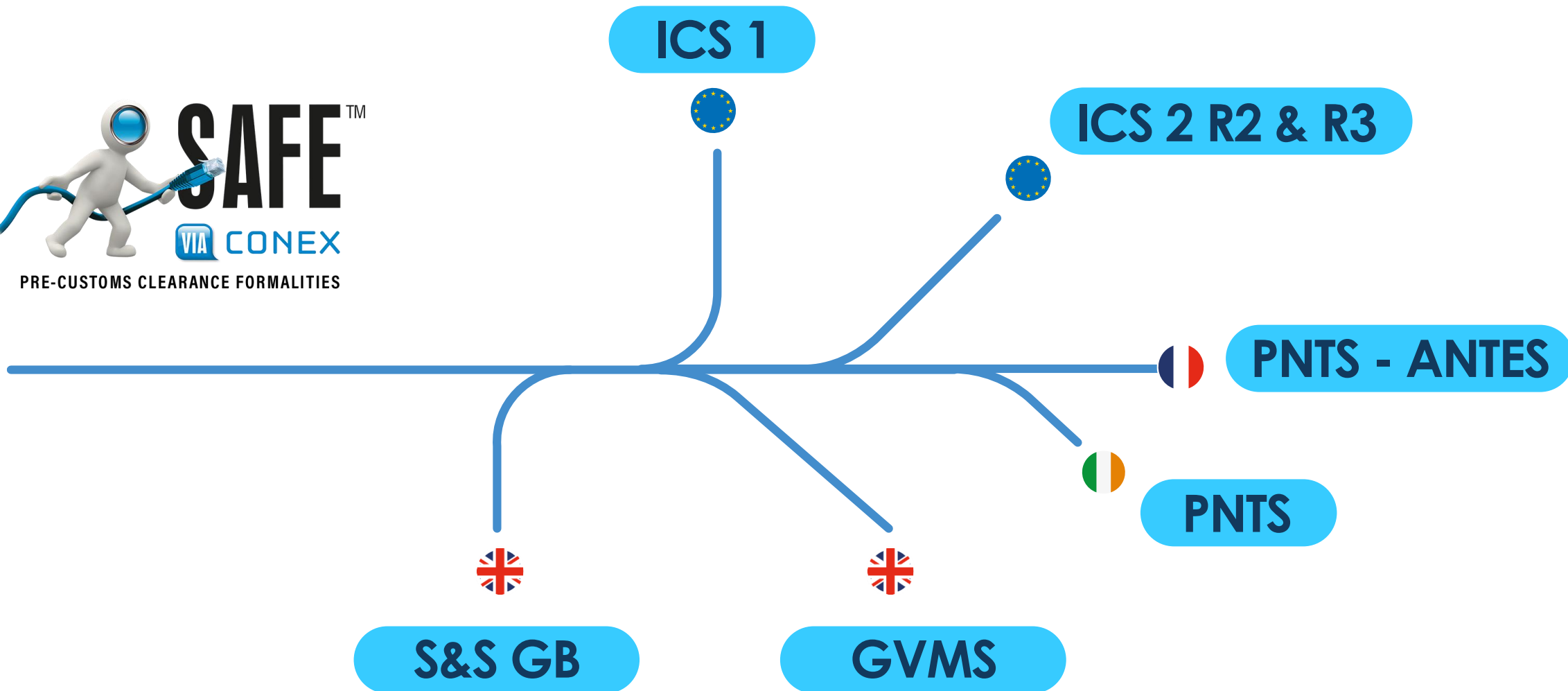


**SAFE via conex**<sup>TM</sup> will keep  
track of each message status  
and report any eventual  
referral notification



**SAFE via conex**<sup>TM</sup> has more than 14 years of experience  
in safety & security filing solutions





## A UNIQUE SOLUTION TO A MOSAIC OF COMPLEXITY AND SECURITY OBLIGATIONS



# EU, IMPORT CONTROL SYSTEM

**SAFE via conex™** is a solution for shaping your advance safety and security declarations and ensuring the electronic exchange of messages with customs administrations.



## EU ICS 1

Advance security declarations for goods imported into the EU customs territory.



## EU ICS 2

*New version:*  
Advance security declarations for goods imported into the EU customs territory.



## EU/MS PNTS

Presentation of goods and declaration of temporary storage, to be submitted to the national IT system.



## GB SAFETY & SECURITY GVMS

Advance security declarations for goods imported into the British customs territory.





THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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