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Fortnightly bulletin: Key updates to support you

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Register now for the next TSS Windsor Framework update webinar

Following the success of the previous webinar held on 31 October ([Webinars - Northern Ireland Customs and Trade Academy](#)), TSS will be hosting a webinar on the simplified processes for Internal Market Movements, which will take place at **12pm GMT on Wednesday 27 November**.

The purpose of this webinar is to provide clarity on the following topics:

- Simplified processes, eligibility and goods categorisation
- What data you need and how you might get it
- Trader Goods Profile: what is it and how does it fit?
- Trader Journeys using TSS: available options and how you decide
- Q&A

Event speakers include:

- Shanker Singham | TSS Customs and Trade Policy Lead
- Mark Brown | HMRC Northern Ireland Customs Policy
- Vicky Goddard | TSS Key Stakeholder and Partnerships Director

There are limited spaces available, so please make sure you [register for the webinar using the event link](#). Questions can be submitted in advance as part of registration and are invaluable in shaping our future engagements. Once registered, we will issue instructions on how to join the webinar closer to the time of the event.

Please be aware that this session will be recorded and uploaded to the [Northern Ireland Customs & Trade Academy \(NICTA\)](#), where further learning resources can be found.

UKIMS-EIDR authorisation

An Entry in Declarant's Record (EIDR) allows economic operators to release goods to a customs procedure using a simplified data set via an entry in their electronic commercial records. As part of the simplified processes for Internal Market Movements, HMRC have introduced a UKIMS-EIDR specifically for UKIMS-authorised traders moving 'not at risk' goods into Northern Ireland.

If you currently use TSS and want to continue to use TSS for your goods movements from GB to NI then you do not need UKIMS-EIDR.

Changes to the Entry Summary Declaration: new ENS guide for maritime movements

Following the phased implementation of the European Union's new safety and security programme, the Import Control System 2 (ICS2), you will start to see some changes in the way you complete [Entry Summary Declarations](#) in the TSS Portal. These changes are supported with the introduction of a new guide on NICTA, the **ENS step-by-step guide for maritime movements from GB to NI** (available on NICTA from 24 November). This guide will help you complete Entry Summary Declarations for goods movements **from Great Britain (GB) to Northern Ireland (NI) via maritime non-Inventory Linked Ports**.

[The final phase](#) will be rolled out in 2025 for TSS users moving goods via RORO (accompanied and unaccompanied). TSS will provide further information and guidance in advance of the RORO implementation date.

What is ICS2?

[ICS2](#) is a large-scale advance cargo information system that will collect data on all goods entering the EU before arrival. Carriers or Hauliers will be required to submit safety and security data via the Entry Summary Declaration (ENS). The implementation of ICS2 is phased, with different Economic Operators subject to the new requirements based on the services they provide and the mode of transport.

Further information on the [ICS2 phased releases](#) can be found on the europa.eu website.

Claiming repayment of import duty and VAT: new digital form (C285)

As of 14 November, traders can use a new digital form to claim a repayment of import duty and VAT for declarations that previously required a print and post form. Claims made using the print and post form will not be accepted by HMRC after 8 January 2025.

You can find out more about the claims process on [GOV.UK](#).

Advanced warning of TSS outage: new TSS features and NICTA updates

On 24 November from 5pm to 10pm GMT, there will be an update to the TSS Portal as well as further improvements to NICTA. These changes will require a short downtime of the portal.

During the downtime some new guides will be added and some will be updated. The affected guides are listed below. All guides and more resources are available on [NICTA](#).

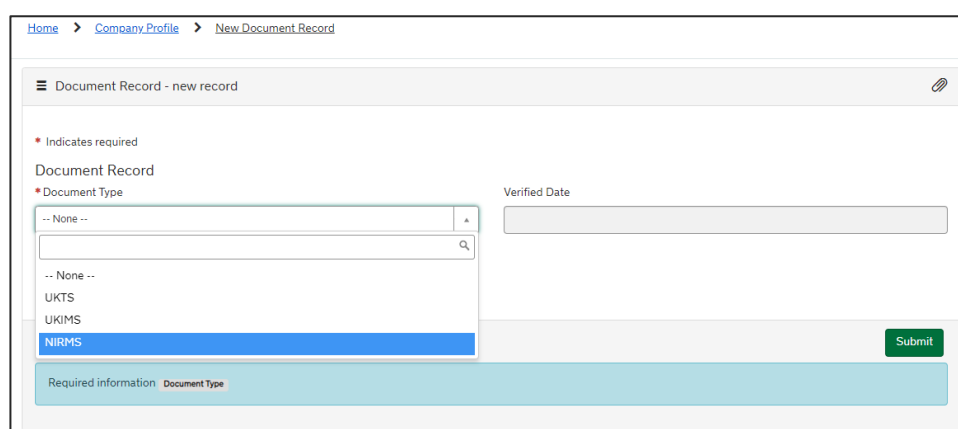
- Data guide: TSS declaration data requirements
- ENS Step-by-step guide: Standard Process and Consignment First Process
- ENS step-by-step guide for maritime movements from GB to NI
- Checklist: Entry Summary Declarations for traders of controlled goods
- Checklist: Entry Summary Declarations for traders of excise goods
- Checklist: Entry Summary Declarations for traders of SPS goods
- Checklist: Entry Summary Declarations for traders of standard goods
- Checklist: Entry Summary Declarations – for freight forwarders
- Checklist: Entry Summary Declarations – for hauliers and carriers
- Full Frontier Declaration: Step-by-step guide
- Goods Description Short Guide
- Movement of Goods from NI to GB: Step-by-step guide
- Supplementary Declarations: Step-by-step guide
- Standalone Simplified Frontier Declaration: Step-by-step guide
- Options to claim duty relief or declare goods moving under a customs special procedure

New Northern Ireland Retail Movement Scheme (NIRMS) portal option available

DEFRA introduced the Northern Ireland Retail Movement Scheme (NIRMS) on 1 October 2023, which allowed the movement of prepackaged retail food and drink from GB to NI in a simpler way. The scheme is available to all businesses responsible for selling or facilitating the movement of food for final consumption in NI.

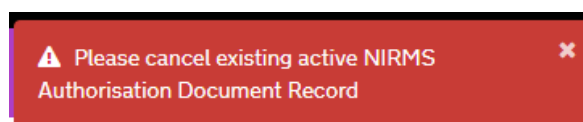
Once you have registered for the scheme with DEFRA and received your NIRMS reference number, you should add it onto your TSS account profile to be able to use it via TSS.

When using the **Document Record – new record** form in the **Document Type** field, there is now a 'NIRMS' option.



When selecting this option, you will need to input the correct NIRMS Authorisation/Document Reference Number provided by DEFRA. This number must begin with either 'RMS-GB' or 'RMS-NI' (depending on whether it is based in GB or NI) followed by the six digits provided by DEFRA.

If you already have a NIRMS document recorded, you will see this error message:



To cancel the existing active record, search for the document in the **Documents Record** section on the Company Profile page, select the active record and click **Cancel**. This action cannot be undone once selected.

Moving 'not at risk' wine from GB to NI using your NIRMS authorisation

Did you know that if you are moving wine into Northern Ireland and are authorised for NIRMS, you do not require a VI-1 or VI-2 certificate for the movement?

For non-EU wine movements into NI, you require a VI-1 or VI-2 certificate, but if you are moving the wine under your NIRMS authorisation the certificate is not required. If you are moving 'not at risk' wine from the EU, using your UKIMS and NIRMS authorisation, you can also follow this process.

If you are NIRMS authorised, please remember to add your scheme number to your TSS company profile. This is essential for future TSS enhancements to support you using your NIRMS scheme number for simplified processes for Internal Market Movement Information.

There is further reading on [Importing and exporting wine](#) on GOV.UK.

What is a VI-1?

EU rules require wine imported into the EU from third countries to be accompanied by an import certificate, known as a VI-1. This is a paper document (except for wine from USA in which case the form is electronic) that has to be completed by the business exporting the wine, signed off by the relevant competent authority in the exporting country and, in most instances, has to include the results of an analysis of the wine from an approved laboratory.

Is the VI-1 specific to wine?

Yes. No other category of alcoholic drink is required to have a specific import certificate when imported into the EU.

What is Annex A?

Annex A covers how to complete a licence declaration on a pre-shipment or post-shipment declaration for Northern Ireland Retail Movement Scheme (NIRMS) authorised traders.

If you require further instructions on making these movements on the TSS Portal, contact the TSS Contact Centre for support.

TSS Contact Centre hours of operation:

07:30–22:30, 7 days a week

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Northern Ireland Customs & Trade Academy (NICTA)

Find [guides, webinars, and training](#) on the NICTA website to assist with your customs movements and using TSS.

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