

BAILIWICK OF GUERNSEY CUSTOMS INFORMATION

SAFETY AND SECURITY DECLARATIONS



Customs & Excise

A Division of the Guernsey Border Agency

From **1st January 2022** carriers of goods operating services into the Bailiwick directly from places other than the UK, Jersey or the Isle of Man will be required to lodge electronic Safety & Security declarations, in advance of their arrival.

It will be mandatory for all carriers, and in some cases the hauliers themselves, to provide customs authorities with advance information for goods being brought into the Bailiwick from places other than the UK, Jersey or Isle of Man. These declarations must be pre-notified ahead of the arrival of any goods. The time that this must happen depends on the nature of the cargo:

When shipping goods via:	ENS must be submitted:
maritime containerised cargo	at least 24 hours before loading at the port of departure
maritime bulk/break bulk cargo	at least four hours before arrival
maritime sea voyages of less than 24 hours	at least two hours before arrival
short-haul flights - less than four hours' duration	at the time of actual take-off
long-haul flights	at least four hours before arrival

Failure to submit this information within the timeframes required may result in goods being held at the port of arrival and customs penalties being issued.

The legislation supporting this requirement is [The Customs and Excise \(Safety and Security\) \(Bailiwick of Guernsey\) Regulations, 2020](#).

The carrier or their authorised representative submitting the information must have a valid Economic Operator Registration and Identification ("EORI") number - *See section below – "[Economic Operator Registration and Identification \(EORI Numbers\)](#)" for further information.*

Bailiwick traders will be required to submit this information (known as an Entry Summary Declarations or ENS) to the UK's Import Control System (ICS). The UK is responsible for ICS and as such the key information available in this respect is that which is made publically available via the UK Government website.

Current available UK guidance in respect of operation of and access to ICS can be found here:

- [GOV.UK - Check if you need to make an entry summary declaration](#)
- [GOV.UK - Import Control System Northern Ireland: support for software developers](#)
- [GOV.UK - Import Control System Northern Ireland: technical specifications for software developers](#)

It should be noted that there is no method for entering an ENS manually into ICS or through an online 'portal'.

The potential methods through which operators may submit ENS to ICS, include:

- Using a third party customs agent offering such services ([GOV.UK - Search the register of customs agents and fast parcel operators](#)) may assist but this does not mean all listed companies will offer ICS entry)
- Utilise a Community Service Provider (CSP) network interface to upload ENS declarations direct to ICS and handle messaging exchanges either through bespoke software or by trader front ends offered by the CSP if relevant ([GOV.UK - Community Systems Providers \(CSPs\)](#))
- Apply for ICS trader front end access through the Government Gateway and use available or bespoke software to upload declarations through the Government Gateway ([The Association of Freight Software Suppliers](#).)

Therefore, Bailiwick carriers and hauliers that must submit an ENS will need to decide whether to obtain access to ICS themselves through one of the above methods **or** source a UK agent who already has access to ICS that can discharge this requirement on their behalf.

Export Safety & Security

There is also a requirement for Safety & Security checks to be conducted when services of goods depart a Bailiwick port or airport directly to a place other than the UK, Jersey or Isle of Man. Unlike import safety and security requirements **this requirement is currently in force**. This is achieved by using the export manifest and export declaration data submitted onto GEMS by exporters and carriers. *Also see section – [“Export declarations”](#)*

Safety & Security at EU Ports

It should be noted that the EU have their own Safety & Security requirements, separate to that of the Bailiwick and the UK. Therefore carriers are also required to submit (the opposite) Safety & Security declarations to the EU for the same movements between the Bailiwick and an EU port/airport, i.e. when arriving into the Bailiwick from an EU port an import Safety and Security declaration would need to be submitted to the UK ICS and an export Safety & Security declaration submitted to the EU port of departure. The reverse would be required for movements the other way.

Carriers are therefore required to lodge electronic Safety & Security declarations at the EU ports of departure and arrival in addition to local requirements. Guernsey Customs are unable to give advice on the requirements at EU ports.

Businesses that may be required to submit Safety & Security declarations should consider the following:

- Familiarising themselves with the Safety & Security requirements, including ICS.
- Advertising the requirements to customers, who themselves may need to lodge electronic Safety & Security declarations onto ICS (where a business is the ‘active means of transport’ they will need to lodge the declaration themselves).
- Applying for an EORI. *See section below – [“Economic Operator Registration and Identification \(EORI Numbers\)”](#) for further information.*
- Establishing how to submit Safety & Security declarations to EU ports/airports of departure and arrival.