TRANSWORLD SHIPPING

Are you ready for the Import Control System 2?

Transworld Shipping has you prepared for ICS2 making us able to guide our customers safely through.

How to comply with the Import Control System 2

To collect data about goods entering the EU, a new customs pre-arrival security and safety program is implemented - Import Control System 2 (ICS2). The new IT system aims to protect the market better through improved data-driven customs security processes adapted to global business models and risk management. In brief, it means that you need to provide us with more detailed information upon you booking. It is mandatory for TWS to pass along this information to authorities. Below you can read guidance on what you need to state when booking your transport and much more useful information.

Effective **1st of April 2025** all ocean shipments sent to or transited to the EU are subject to an approved ICS2 filing.

1. State an HS code for each commodity

A correct HS (Harmonized System) code of minimum six numbers must be stated upon booking.
The HS code is an internationally standardized system to describe and classify products. It is applied by Customs Authorities to identify commodities and require the correct customs and tax charges.

2. State a sufficient and accurate product description

The description must be stated for each type of commodity sent by you. It must cover:

• What is it?
• What is the product made of?
• What is it intended for?

Sender must include a list of material composition e.g., a blouse can be made of 90% cotton and 10% wool.

3. Where to state HS code and product description

The HS code and the product description must be informed upon booking to TWS at origin. We provide a template at the time of bookings or accessible on our website to use.
If the information is only stated in the invoice, it may delay your shipment until we have the right information for the Customs Authorities.

4. State receiver's EORI number

Receiver must inform the sender of EORI number (Economic Operator Registration and Identification). The sender must include EORI number in the commercial invoice.
You can validate EORI number here.

5. Which shipments are covered by the ICS2 requirements

All shipment sent to or transited through the EU* or Northern Ireland, Norway and Switzerland.
*EU countries are: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us anytime!

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