

PROJECT SHEET

TRANSIT : **Adaptation of DELTA T to UCC standards** **- NCTS phases 5 and 6 -**

1. Did you say NCTS?

NCTS (new computerised transit system) is a system that was launched by the European Commission in 2003. It is based on an exchange of electronic messages between economic operators and customs administrations as well as between customs administrations. In France, the transit management system, which is connected to the European NCTS system, is **DELTA T**, used by all operators since 2021.

The main objective of NCTS phases 5 and 6 is to complete the transit process by aligning it with the requirements of the Union Customs Code (UCC).

2. Who is concerned?

NCTS phases 5 and 6 concern all economic operators using DELTA T, in EDI or DTI, to move goods in transit within the European Union and common transit countries, as well as customs agents and customs related service providers (CRSP).



3. What developments are planned in Phase 5?

- ✓ The digitalisation of the accompanying document ("TAD") which can be presented, for example, on a smartphone or a tablet whereas, until now, it had to be carried in paper format with the goods and presented to customs officers (a QR code or a barcode might replace the TAD, discussions are still under way),
- ✓ the obligation for operators to enter the HS6 code of goods moved under transit (previously, only the description of the goods was required),

- ✓ the development of interfaces with other systems such as the national export and exit system (DELTA Export for France): this will make it possible, in the case of export followed by transit, to clear the export declaration when the transit declaration is notified at the first office of entry,
- ✓ computerised recording of incidents during transport: in the event of an incident, the driver must contact the customs office closest to the place where the incident occurred so that the office can record the event into the transit management system,
- ✓ taking into account the reduced dataset, upon prior authorisation, for rail, sea and air transits.

4. What developments are planned in Phase 6?

NCTS - Phase 6 will make it possible to combine the formalities pertaining to the transit of goods with those related to safety and security at entry into the territory of the Union. From a technical point of view, the NCTS transit system will therefore be linked to the common data repository of ICS 2.

This is a further simplification for economic operators, who will only have to lodge a transit declaration with security and safety particulars, instead of a transit declaration and an ENS.

5. What is the timetable?



These DELTA T developments are taking place in several stages.

6. How will the switch-over be handled from phase 4 to phase 5 of DELTA T?

The switch-over from phase 4 to phase 5 of NCTS will be different depending on whether you are using EDI or DTI. In DTI, the switch-over will be automatic, whereas in EDI, CRSP will have a transition period to bring their software into compliance with phase 5.

A migration period is therefore foreseen for operators. As this is a structuring development, customs related service providers will once again have to apply for a new certification of their solution from Customs.

The modalities for the switch-over between phase 5 and phase 6 will be specified at a later date.

7. For further information

[Extensive technical documentation](#) has been made available on the Internet website of the French Customs. The European Commission has developed an online [training module](#). It should be noted that all the regulations on transit can be found in the [Transit Manual](#).

The DELTA T Phase 5 interface contracts for connecting in EDI mode went online on 15 December 2022 and can be available [here](#).

Ask your CRSP, your registered customs representative, your trade association or specialised training organisations in customs-related matters for assistance in your preparation.

The [Business Consultancy Unit](#) (Pôle d'Action Economique) of your regional customs directorate is also at your disposal to provide you with any additional information on these developments of DELTA T. It will explain the practical consequences for your business and how to prepare for these changes.