

PROJECT SHEET

INTRODUCTION OF GOODS INTO THE EU: **PNTS** (PRESENTATION NOTIFICATION AND TEMPORARY STORAGE)

1. Did you say PNTS?

The acronym PNTS refers to two customs import formalities: Presentation Notification (PN) and Temporary Storage (TS).

PNTS¹ also refers to the online service offered by the French Customs to digitalise the formalities related to the presentation of goods and the management of temporary storage. It simplifies the administrative procedures for operators in order to make them more fluid and efficient. It also makes it possible to better trace and secure the end-to-end import process.

The PNTS online service encompasses four modules covering the various pre-clearance formalities, namely:

- a module for processing presentation notifications (PN)
- a module for processing temporary storage declarations (TSD)
- a module for monitoring goods placed in temporary storage (GA - goods accounting), and
- a module for re-export notification (REN).

2. Who is concerned?

PNTS concerns all operators in the logistics and import clearance chain (carriers, their representatives, freight forwarders, registered customs representatives, importers and final consignees of goods) as well as companies holding temporary storage authorisations.

3. What are the changes?

- *Entry into temporary storage:*

Operators will have to lodge their notifications of presentation and declarations of temporary storage in the PNTS system. The temporary storage declaration is mandatory, even if the goods are not entitled to stay in a temporary storage facility.

¹ Provisional name

It will be possible to lodge a temporary storage declaration (TSD) in advance or in combination with a notification of presentation of goods for customs clearance.

It will also be possible to feed the TSD with data from the manifests, either sea or air, lodged by carriers, with some exceptions. Traders will also be able to request the possibility of re-using data from the entry summary declaration (ENS) lodged under ICS 2, thus avoiding double entries.

- *Stay in temporary storage:*

PNTS provides supervision of goods in temporary storage, however, operators with an IST authorisation [temporary storage facility] will still be required to keep customs records and meet the deadlines (90 days). For the LADT [authorised place for temporary storage], the holder will have to respect the 3-day time limit (6 days following the movement of goods under the transit procedure).



It is essential to remember that the release of the goods at the time of clearance/transit cannot be granted by customs until the pre-clearance formalities have been properly completed.

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4. What is the timetable?

The deployment of PNTS will start on 30 June 2023 with air transport, in conjunction with the deployment of ICS 2.

PNTS will be extended to the other means of transport (maritime, road, inland waterway and rail) on 1 June 2024².

5. What is the link between PNTS and cargo community systems used in ports and airports?

Interoperability is foreseen between PNTS and (air)ports cargo community systems (CCS). Thus, these systems can be used to send the presentation notification, the temporary storage declaration or re-export notifications to the PNTS customs system. In addition, the entries for temporary storage facilities (IST) that are currently kept by the CCS can continue to be kept in the same way. There will therefore be no impact on operators who currently use a cargo community system.

6. For further information

A presentation of the temporary storage of goods can be found on the website of the [French Directorate-General for Customs and Excise](#) and on the website of the [European Commission](#). An online training module on importing and temporary storage is also [available](#).

The [Business Consultancy Unit](#) (Pôle d'Action Economique) of your regional customs directorate is at your disposal to provide you with any additional information on this project. It will inform you about the practical consequences for your business and how to prepare.

² pending validation by the European Commission.

The PNTS interface contracts for connecting in EDI mode can be consulted [here](#).