

COURTESY TRANSLATION

Transit – Launch of NCTS phase 6 in France on February the 2nd, 2026

Originally scheduled on January the 26th, 2026, the launch of DELTA T Phase 6 has been postponed to February the 2nd, 2026.

This one-week delay is intended to avoid interference with the bug fixes currently being carried out on DELTA IE.

This notice cancels and replaces notice n°26000005 dated January the 12th, 2026.

The launch on February the 2nd will require a temporary interruption of DELTA T. Details regarding this interruption will be provided on the « Météo informatique des services en ligne » website.

DELTA T, the French online transit service, is evolving on the 2nd of February 2026 to comply with European regulations regarding safety and security with the launch of its phase 6 version.

Regardless of the means of transport, operators are required to lodge an entry summary declaration (ENS) in the ICS2 application for all non-Union goods entering the ICS2 european security area via a point of entry located in France¹.

This regulatory requirement applies in particular to road and rail transport, and consequently to combined roll-on/roll-off (Ro/Ro) flows with truck units as well as unaccompanied trailers transiting through a French first point of entry into the ICS2 European security area².

In this context, as of February 2, 2026, a new feature will be implemented.

From this date forward, traders will be required to send a presentation notification at office of transit (message IE117) for any transit entering the ICS2 European security area via a French customs office.

This presentation notification allows the transmission of the ENS reference associated with the transit declaration to the customs office of first entry (COFE) into the ICS2 European security area.

When a transit declaration is filed in a country party to the Convention on common transit located outside the ICS2 European security area, when the French transit office is also the COFE, the transit process is now as follows:

- Lodging of an ENS in ICS2, according to the applicable time-limits for the transport means :
 - road transport – at the latest one (1) hour before arrival of the goods at the COFE

¹ Article 127 of the Union Customs Code (UCC)

²Belong to the security area : countries of the European Union, Norway, Switzerland, Liechtenstein and the Republic of Northern Ireland. An agreement will be adopted with Andorra, ENS is not required.

- sea transport of containerized cargo – at the latest twenty-four (24) hours before the goods are loaded onto the vessel at the port of departure
- sea transport of bulk or break bulk cargo – at the latest four (4) hours before the arrival of the vessel short sea shipping – at the latest two (2) hours before the arrival of the vessel at the first port of entry into the European customs territory
- air transport:
 - for flights of less than four (4) hours – at the latest by the time of the actual departure of the aircraft
 - for other flights – at the latest four (4) hours before the arrival of the aircraft at the first airport in the customs territory of the Union

• Upon arrival of the goods, the declarant or carrier sends the presentation notification at office of transit (message IE117) to the transit office, which is also the COFE, in DELTA T. Traders should take note that:

- the MRN of the ENS at the master level, associated with the transit declaration, is mandatory data for the presentation notification at office of transit.
- When a transit movement is covered by multiple ENS, only one presentation notification for that transit movement is required. As a consequence, the presentation notification must include only one of the ENS references associated with the transit movement.
- If the presentation notification is not compliant, DELTA T will reject it (message IE058). The transit movement cannot proceed until the presentation notification is compliant.

• The customs office of transit proceeds to a logistical release in the Cargo community system (CCS) if the presentation notification has been transmitted. If the presentation notification has not been received by the customs office of transit, first point of entry into the ICS2 European security area, or if the presentation notification is not compliant, the goods covered by the transit are not released in the CCS.

• Transit carries on to the destination, in accordance with the current process.

At the Smart Border between the UK and the EU, the presentation notification at office of transit does not apply to UK transit movements.

An ENS must indeed be provided in order to close the Obligatory Logistics Envelope (ELO). The formalities for entering the ICS2 European security area are technically handled by the connection between ICS2 and SI BREXIT, not by DELTA T.

Traders are reminded of the importance of this formality, a prerequisite for transit through the customs office first point of entry into the ICS2 european security area.

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