

Dear Sirs,

The Western Balkans 6 Chamber Investment Forum, in cooperation with the CEFTA Secretariat and Directorate-General Taxation and Customs Union (DG TAXUD) are organizing a workshop, to discuss on the specificities of the ICS2 system, and the obligations for the economic operators from the WB region.

The European Union is implementing a new customs pre-arrival security and safety programme, underpinned by a large-scale advance cargo information system – Import Control System 2 (ICS2). The programme is one of the main contributors towards establishing an integrated EU approach to reinforce customs risk management under the common risk management framework (CRMF).

The pre-arrival security and safety programme will support effective risk-based customs controls whilst facilitating free flow of legitimate trade across the EU external borders. The EU's new advance cargo information system ICS2 supports implementation of this new customs safety and security regulatory regime aimed to better protect single market and EU citizens. It will collect data about all goods entering the EU prior to their arrival. Economic Operators (EOs) have the obligation to declare safety and security data to ICS2, through the Entry Summary Declaration (ENS).

The obligation to start filing such declarations is not the same for all Eos, but it depends on the type of services that are provided by the economic operators in the international movement of goods and is linked to the three release dates of ICS2 (15 March 2021, 1 March 2023, and 1 March 2024).

During the Workshop, DG TAXUD experts will elaborate on the general description and purpose of ICS2, timeline for its implementation, data requirements, filing requirements, the link with NCTS and other Customs IT systems and the legal framework.

The working language of the Workshop will be English.

The event is intended for express carriers and postal operators; air carriers and freight forwarders; operators carrying goods on maritime and inland waterways and roads and railways into the EU; any other operator interested in the EU's deployment of ICS2.

**The Workshop will be organized on 25 April 2023, starting at 10:00, online. Meeting link is the following:**

<https://ecconf.webex.com/ecconf/j.php?MTID=mbec71da357b97ea8e6a0206899797a7a>

**We kindly invite you to actively participate in the Workshop, and if you have any particular questions you would like to raise during the Q&A session, we kindly ask you to share them ahead of the meeting, on the following mail – [office@wb6cif.eu](mailto:office@wb6cif.eu).**

Sincerely,

WB6 CIF

## **AGENDA**

**25 April 2023, online Webex meeting**

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10:00-10:15 Introductory remarks

- DG TAXUD
- CEFTA Secretariat
- Western Balkans 6 Chamber Investment Forum

10:15-11:30 DG TAXUD presentation on the Import Control System 2 (ICS2)

- General description and purpose of ICS2,
- Timeline for its implementation,
- Data requirements,
- Filing requirements,
- Link with NCTS and other Customs IT systems
- Legal framework.

11:30-12:00 Open discussion with the participants/Q&A session