



# Avoid Potential Delays when Exporting to the EU<sup>1</sup>, Norway and Switzerland

Import Control System 2 Release 2 (ICS2 R2) will be implemented on **March 1, 2023** and requires customs data for all UPS Express shipments entering or transiting through **the EU<sup>1</sup>, Norway and Switzerland** to be collected by the respective customs authorities prior to flight arrival. Shipments that do not comply with ICS2 R2 requirements may face potential delays.

## Comply with ICS2 R2 requirements by:



Submitting a minimum six-digit Harmonised System (HS) code for each commodity line listed on the commercial invoice as soon as possible. Letters, correspondence and document shipments are excluded from this requirement.



Use UPS TradeAbility<sup>®</sup> to generate the HS code(s) for each shipment<sup>2</sup>. UPS Trade Assist<sup>™</sup> offers chargeable on-demand advisory services to determine HS code(s) for shipments. Email [tradeassist@ups.com](mailto:tradeassist@ups.com) or speak to your dedicated account manager.



UPS strongly recommends that customers provide their EU consignee's Economic Operators' Registration and Identification (EORI) number on commercial invoice.



Customers may reach out to their EU consignee to obtain its EORI number. Shipments that are missing the EU consignee's EORI number may face potential customs clearance delays.

## Additional Tips to Support Efficient Customs Clearance

- 1 Key in **accurate and detailed descriptions of goods** on commercial invoice, e.g., specifying "men's cotton shirt" instead of the more generic "apparel".
- 2 Take advantage of **UPS Paperless<sup>™</sup> Invoice**, a complimentary e-solution that allows creation and submission of commercial invoices electronically, reducing potential key entry errors helping meet ICS2 R2 requirements. Great news – all customers are automatically enrolled in UPS Paperless<sup>™</sup> Invoice from March 2023!



**i For more information, please reach out to your dedicated account manager or visit [ups.com](https://www.ups.com).**

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