**New Computerised Transit System**

 **(NCTS)**

 **Phase 6**

# NCTS6 Delivery update

# Dear Customer,

# Following the implementation of the NCTS5 Final State Rules on 21 January 2025, we are continuing to provide support and updates to our customers.

# This communication outlines the upcoming system upgrade to the next version, NCTS6, and what it means for users.

# What is NCTS6 and why is it being introduced?

NCTS6 is the latest version of the New Computerised Transit System. As a contracting member of the Common Transit Convention (CTC), the UK is required to upgrade its NCTS system, to be compliant with the latest version of the Design Document for National Transit Application (DDNTA).

The EU Commission (TAXUD), which oversees the CTC and NCTS, has requested that all National Administrations (EU member states and other contracting parties) implement NCTS6 by **1 September 2025**, or as soon as possible thereafter.

HMRC will deliver NCTS6 for GB and NI in two phases (see below).

# What changes and improvements does NCTS6 introduce?

NCTS6 will introduce Transit Security Accompanying Documents (TSADs) which brings safety and security information into transit declarations, in line with Phase 3 of the EU Import Control System (ICS2).

NCTS6 also introduces three new transit messages to support TSADs, and any countries that choose to “opt-in” to using TSADs can use these to help meet their safety and security requirements. These are:

1. **IE117** Notification of the Presentation of Goods at the Office of Transit
2. **IE058** Rejection of IE117
3. **IE119** Rejection of Goods Crossing the Frontier

The UK has chosen to currently “opt-out” of using TSADs and therefore the new IE117 and IE058 messages will not be used for movements into/out of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (GB/XI).

The IE119 message is sent between National Administrations, however HMRC will not use this function either, due to the use of the Goods Vehicle Movement Service [(GVMS)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/get-a-goods-movement-reference) in GB and XI. HMRC will ensure NCTS can accept any IE119’s received from another National Administration.

There will also be some minor changes to data and message structures to improve the overall NCTS system. Further information around this will be provided in future communications.

# What does opt-in/opt-out mean?

EU member states and other contracting parties can choose whether to introduce TSADs as part of NCTS6.

Those that choose to opt-out now, can choose to opt-in later.

HMRC will continue to review this position and we are consulting with transit users, to understand their business need for TSADs in the future.

A full list of opt-in and opt-out countries is available on the TAXUD Europa website [here](https://taxation-customs.ec.europa.eu/online-services/online-services-and-databases-customs/new-computerised-transit-system-ncts_en#the-deployment-of-ncts-p6).

When will NCTS6 be delivered in the UK?

NCTS6 will be delivered in two phases:

**Phase 1: Interim release on the 1 September 2025**

* This release is a Migration Pathway to support the NCTS6 release and includes system fixes for issues encountered in NCTS5 (**note: this is an update to the existing NCTS5 and is not the final NCTS6).**

**Phase 2: NCTS6 release – date to be confirmed.**

* This release will include the final code for NCTS6 which will be delivered after 1 September 2025. We will ensure that businesses and software developers are notified of the due date with adequate time to prepare for the release.

Further details, including any planned system downtime, will be shared in due course.

Will NCTS5 still work when other countries move to NCTS6 before the UK, from 1 September 2025?

The existing NCTS system you use now will remain largely unchanged and it will continue to accept messages to and from countries who have moved to NCTS6:

* **For Web Portal Users:** The current NCTS5 system will look the same and will send/accept messages as it currently does.
* **For Third-Party Software Users:** Some modifications need to be made to ensure compatibility with NCTS6. We have already engaged with software providers to ensure their products are updated from 1 September 2025.

If you have any questions about your software product and NCTS6 compatibility, please refer to your Third-Party provider.

What is next?

Please look out for our next communication in August 2025, which will outline the go live for NCTS6 Phase 1, with details of fixes and any downtime periods.

Thank you,

HMRC.