

Shipments to Northern Ireland



Guidance

From 1 January 2026, the process for consignments to Northern Ireland is changing.

You will no longer need to generate an MRN via the standard TSS ENS declaration process.

Instead, all consignments must now be processed through the new ICS2 system within the Trader Support Service (TSS).

What You Need to Do

For every consignment to Northern Ireland, you must:

1. Log into your TSS account

Access your registered Trader Support Service (TSS) portal (tradersupportservice.co.uk/tss)

2. Select “Start a Consignment for a Goods Movement”

This is the new required method. Do not use the previous ENS-only process to generate an MRN.

3. Complete the Consignment Details

You must provide the following information:

Item	Description
Commodity Code	The correct international commodity code for your goods. TSS provides a commodity code lookup tool within the portal. If declaring multiple commodity codes, use the “Save and add new” function.
Goods Description	A clear and accurate description that matches the commodity code. Descriptions must be specific. Generic or vague descriptions may result in delays or rejection under ICS2 rules.
Package Details	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Type of packages✓ Package marks✓ Quantity✓ Gross weight This information should match your commercial documentation.

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4. Use the Correct Carrier EORI

When completing your declaration, the carrier (DSV Palletline) EORI must be entered as:

XI759894254003

This allows the carrier (DSV Palletline) to access your declaration and link it to an ENS declaration containing all required transport details.

5. Save your Declaration

Do not submit the declaration.

Once you have completed the consignment details, **select Save at the bottom of the page.**

The DEC/Local Reference Number is generated immediately when the consignment is created and saved within the TSS portal.

You must provide this to Browns Distribution when booking your shipment.

DSV will then access your saved declaration, add the outstanding transport information, and submit it on your behalf. An MRN (Movement Reference Number) will be generated within TSS once DSV completes the submission.

The MRN confirms that the goods have been accepted by HMRC for transport.

New Process Summary

- Enter consignment details in TSS using the new ICS2 process.
- Obtain the DEC/Local Reference Number.
- Provide the DEC reference to Browns Distribution when booking.
- The carrier (DSV Palletline) links the DEC to the ENS filing.
- An MRN is generated within TSS for reference.
- Goods are labelled and shipped as normal.

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Important Information

- The declaration must accurately reflect the goods being shipped.
- Incorrect commodity codes or goods descriptions are likely to cause delays.
- Any additional costs arising from incorrect or incomplete declarations will remain the responsibility of the customer submitting the declaration.
- The European Commission has issued a list of unacceptable “stop word” descriptions which may be rejected by the ICS2 system. Please avoid vague or non-specific product descriptions.

Non-commercial Goods

Under the Windsor Framework, personal, non-commercial movements are largely exempt from the complex customs declarations required for business-to-business trade between the UK and Northern Ireland.

The ICS2 process is only required when the importer is a registered business and the goods are being purchased for commercial use. **It is not required for goods imported for personal use.**

Glossary of Terms

Acronym	Meaning
ISC2	‘Import Control System’ – The cargo information system designed to improve security and safety in the international movement of goods. (2nd iteration).
DEC	‘Customs Declaration’ – the official document that gives all details of goods being imported / exported.
EORI	‘Economic Operators Registration and Identification’ – A code required by all businesses to import and export goods between countries. The XI prefix is required for Northern Ireland.
ENS	‘Entry Summary Declaration’ – used to assess the safety and security of goods entering a territory.
MRN	‘Movement Reference Number’ – used to identify and process a shipment within the customs system.

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