



# ICS2 requirements for road and rail



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# Requirement to lodge an ENS

- All goods arriving in the EU (also CH, NO, XI) must be covered by an entry summary declaration (ENS) lodged prior to arrival.
- This also applies to the goods that are transiting the EU.
- Where goods enter the EU, leave and then re-enter, a new ENS must be lodged for those goods.
  - **Example:** Türkiye-Bulgaria-Serbia-Hungary, ENS will have to be lodged to Bulgaria and Hungary

# Place to lodge an ENS

- Where ENS is submitted in a single filing or where in case of multiple submissions a master level filing is lodged, it has to be addressed to the **customs office of first entry**.
- House level filing in case of multiple submission, needs to be **addressed to the Member State where the goods are likely to enter the EU**.
- **Postal model:**
  - Master level filing is always submitted to the **customs office of first entry**.
  - House level filings submitted by designated postal operator in the EU are addressed to the **Member State where this operator is established**.

# Time limits to lodge an ENS

- **Road:** the ENS must be lodged at the latest **1 hour** before the arrival of the goods at the place for which the customs office of first entry is competent.
- **Rail:** where the train voyage from the last train formation station located in a third country to the customs office of first entry takes less than two hours, ENS must be lodged at the latest **1 hour** prior to arrival, in all other cases at last **2 hours** prior to arrival
- For combined transportation, the applicable time limit is the one valid for the **active means of transport entering** the customs territory of the Union.
  - **Example:** in case of a truck transported on a ferry between TR and BG, the time limits applicable will be those of the short sea shipping – 2 hours prior to arrival of the ferry at the first port of entry in BG.

# Responsible party

- The entry summary declaration shall be lodged by the **carrier**.
- However, it can also be lodged by the **importer or consignee** of the goods or by **any person who is able to present** or has presented the goods to customs.
- In the case of combined transportation, ‘carrier’ means the person who operates the means of transport which, once brought into the customs territory of the EU, moves by itself as an active means of transport.
  - **Example:** In case of a truck transported on a ferry, the road haulier operating the truck that will move by itself upon the arrival into the EU will be the carrier for the purpose of the lodgement of the ENS. In case of trailer transported by a ferry, the vessel operator will be responsible to lodge an ENS
- Declaration can be lodged by a representative.
- The person that will lodge entry summary declaration particulars is legally responsible for the timely lodgement within the legal deadlines and the accuracy of those particulars.

# EORI

- EORI – EORI number is mandatory for customs clearance in the customs territory of the European Union.
- EORI becomes mandatory for several parties in the ENS:
  - Declarant
  - Representative
  - Carrier
  - Consignee in the EU – if EORI is issued to the consignee, it must be declared
  - IT Service provider
- Companies established outside the EU must register in the MS where they will file the data.

# ENS data

## Parties (legal and natural persons) – names & address (+ contact)

- Consignor (sender), consignee (receiver), carrier, notify party, **seller**, **buyer**, declarant, representative, other supply chain parties

## Locations and routing

- Place of acceptance (dispatch), place of loading, countries of routing, first customs office of entry, place of unloading, place of delivery

## Goods

- Description, HS6 code, gross weight, UNDG, CUS code, number and type of packages, shipping marks

## Means of transport

- Container (size, type, status), ID number, nationality and identity of active & passive means of transport, receptacle Nr

## Other

- Estimated date and time of arrival, supporting documents.

Only one ENS can be lodged per master level transport contract issued by the carrier. One ENS cannot cover multiple consignment notes, and it cannot contain consignments mixed from different consignment notes.

# ENS filing types-road

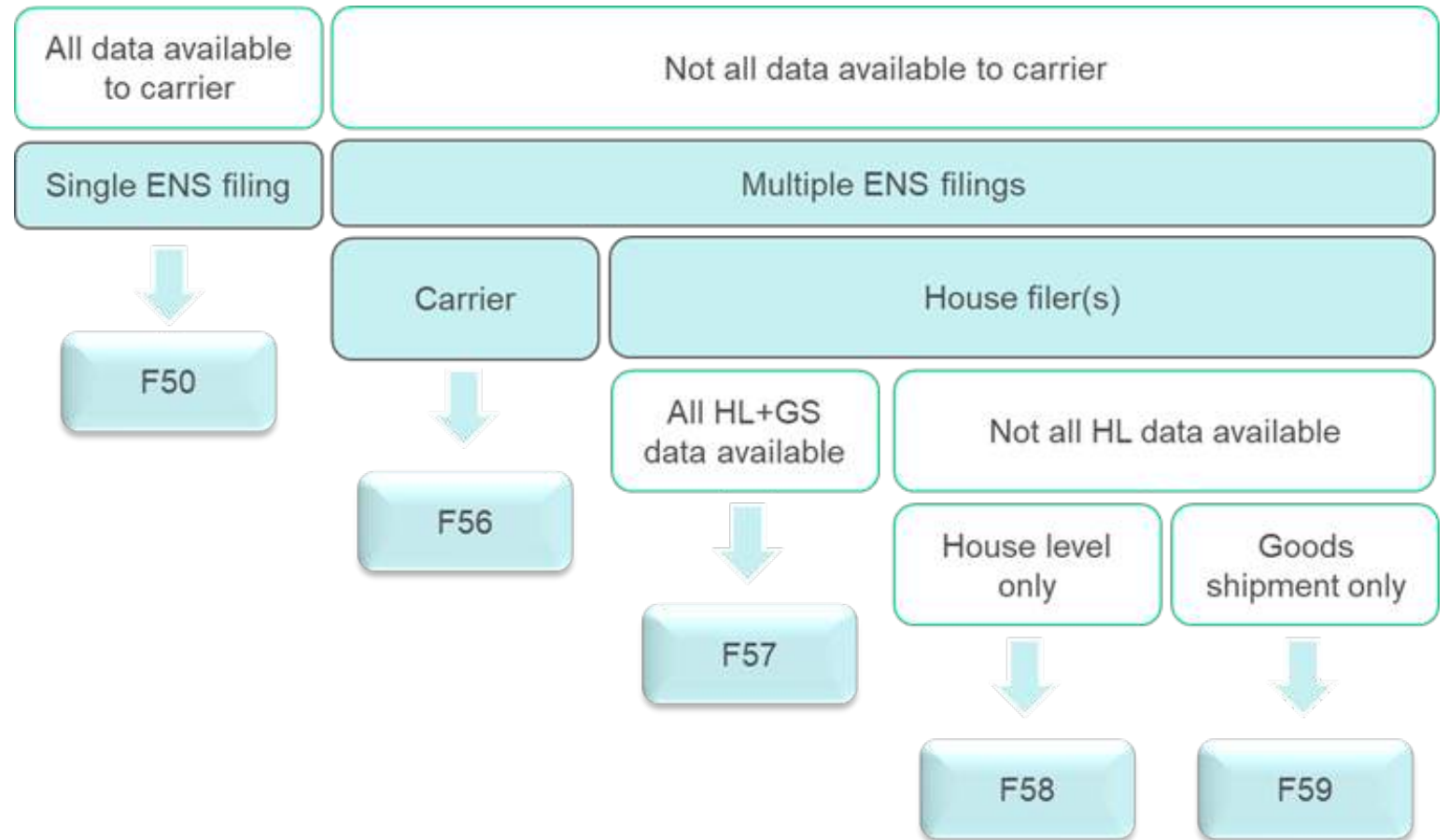
ENS can be lodged in one or several submissions\*.

Filing type	Master consignment	House consignment	Goods shipment
F50	X	X	X
F56	X		
F57		X	X
F58		X	
F59			X

\* F56, F57, F58 and F59 will be implemented only in 2026

# ENS filing combinations - road

- For road transport the valid combinations of multiple ENS filing are:
- F56+F57
- F56+F58+F59



# ENS filing types-rail

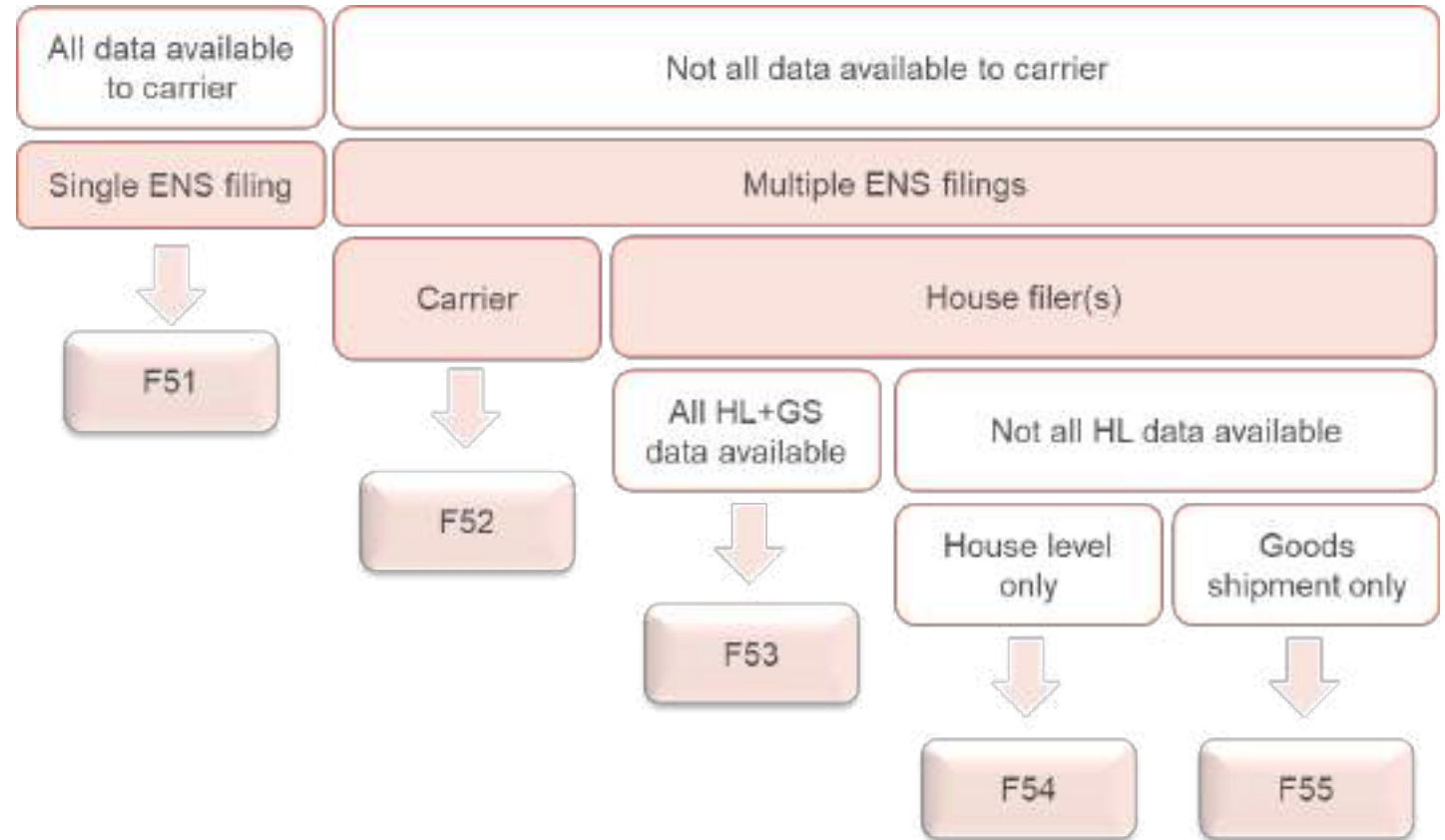
ENS can be lodged in one or several submissions\*.

Filing type	Master consignment	House consignment	Goods shipment
F51	X	X	X
F52	X		
F53		X	X
F54		X	
F55			X

\* F52, F53, F54 and F55 will be implemented only end 2025

# ENS filing combinations - rail

- For road transport the valid combinations of multiple ENS filing are:
- F52+F53
- F52+F54+F55



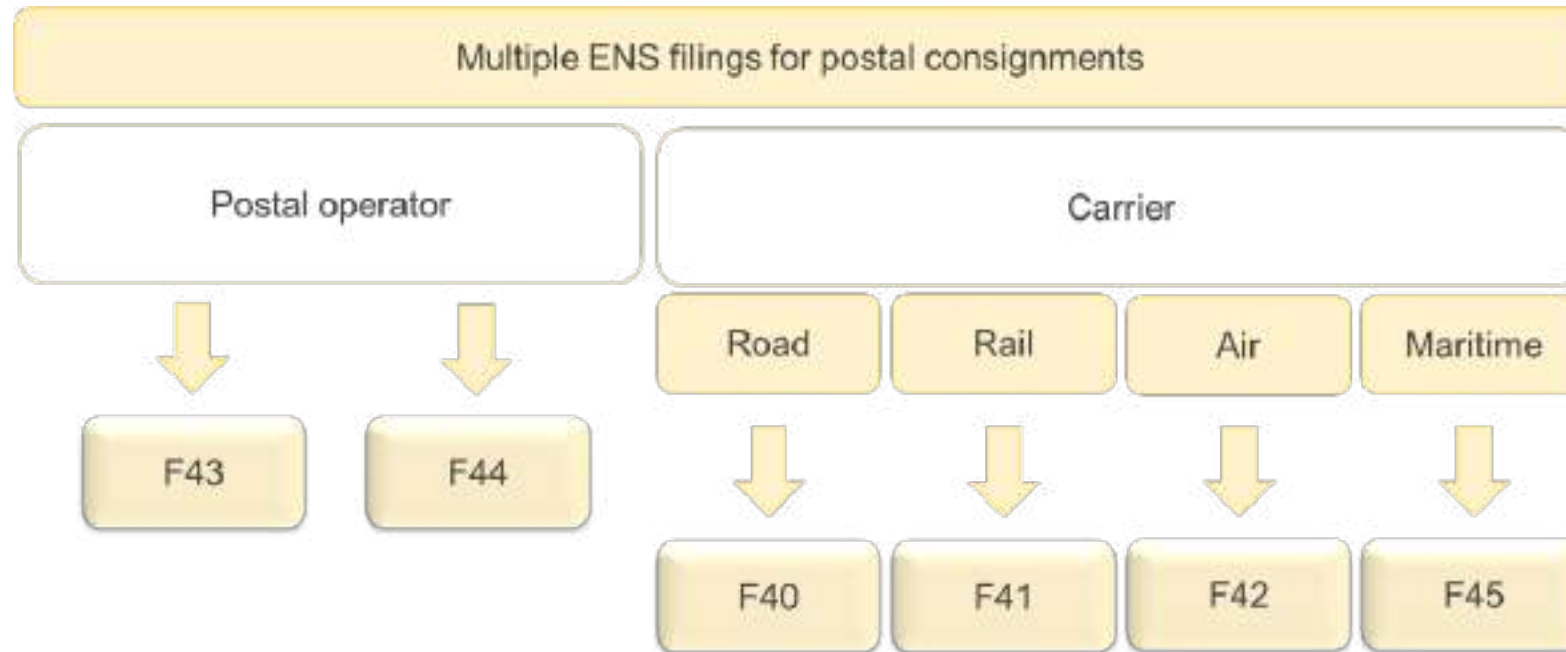
# ENS filing types - postal

- For postal consignments ENS is always lodged using multiple submissions

Filing type	Master consignment	House consignment	
F40	X		Filed by road carrier
F41	X		Filed by rail carrier
F43		X	Filed by postal operator in EU
F44		X	Filed by postal operator in EU

- ETOE consignments are moved as cargo general, postal model rules do not apply

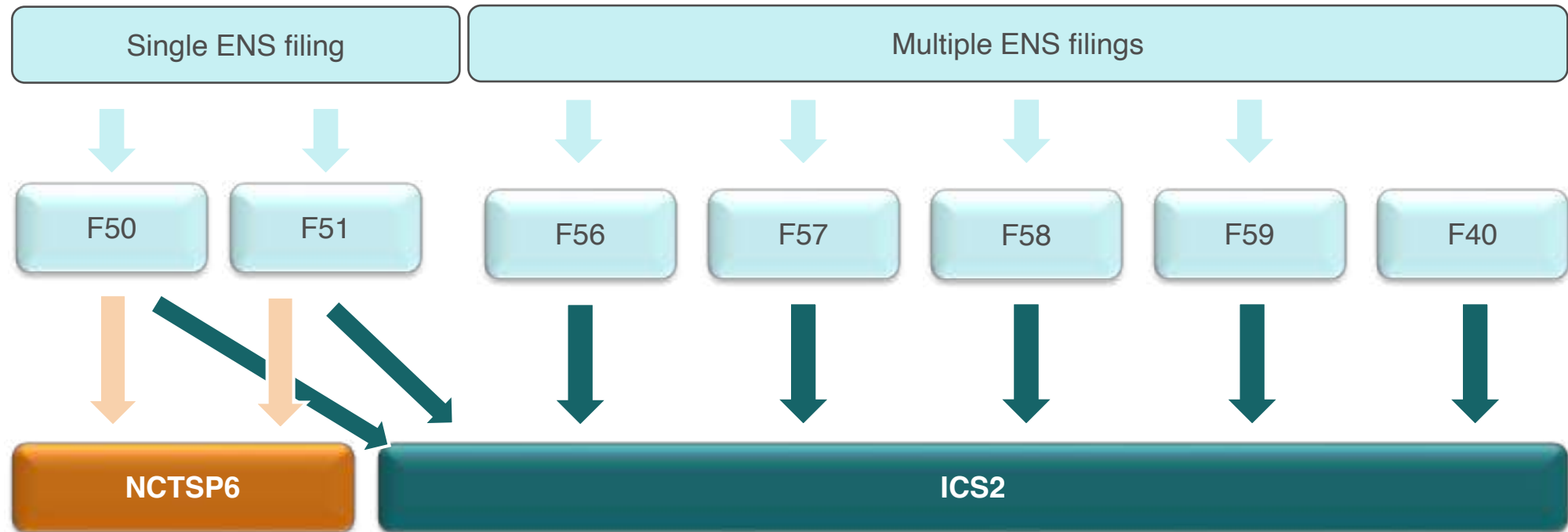
# ENS filing combination (postal)



# Combined transport

- Accompanied transport (e.g., truck on a ferry):
  - Time limit to lodge ENS – maritime
  - Data set – F50, or combination of F56, F57, F58, F59 (active means of transport – ferry)
  - Responsible – road carrier
- Unaccompanied units (e.g., container/trailer on a ferry):
  - Time limit to lodge ENS – maritime
  - Data set – F10, F11, or combination of F12, F13, F14, F15, F16, F17
  - Responsible – maritime carrier

# IT system to be used



\* NCTSP6 will not be implemented by all MS, thus EOs will have to use ICS2 to lodge the ENS in those MS

# Steps of the entry process

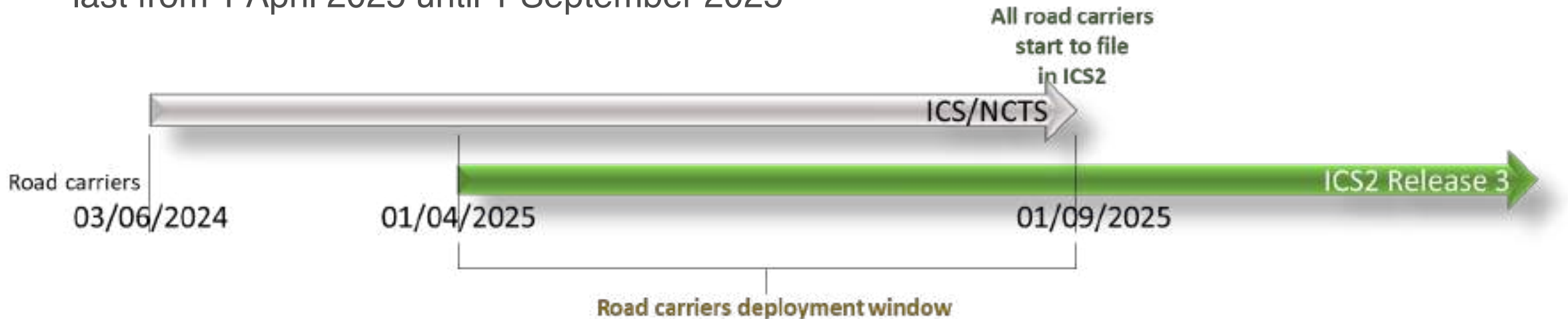
- Pre-arrival risk analysis (including risk mitigating referrals) is performed in the context of the entry of the goods into the EU process:
  - assesses safety and security threats, which reflect a wider range of risks. Safety and security risks are threats that can have serious implications for the security, health and wellbeing of people and/or the environment. They can be linked to both, misdeclarations or illicit activities (some examples may be: negligence, criminal organisations, terrorism, etc.)
- Upon arrival the goods have to be presented to customs by lodging a Presentation notification (PN) to the presentation system of the MS customs for control purpose and release for subsequent customs procedure (temporary storage, release for free circulation, transit).

# Referrals

- Customs authorities can issue risk mitigating referrals during the risk assessment process:
  - Request for additional information
  - Request to amend the data
- Referral is issued to a Declarant or the Representative that has filed the ENS filing.
- The party to which the referral is issued is legally obliged to respond to it.

# Transition to R3 strategy

- Transition is done during the deployment window, which for the road and rail transport will last from 1 April 2025 until 1 September 2025



- RO-RO operators can request a deployment window accommodating the road transport, starting before April 1
- Deployment window granting is described on [Go-live procedure](#). Deployment window should be requested at least 1 month in advance.

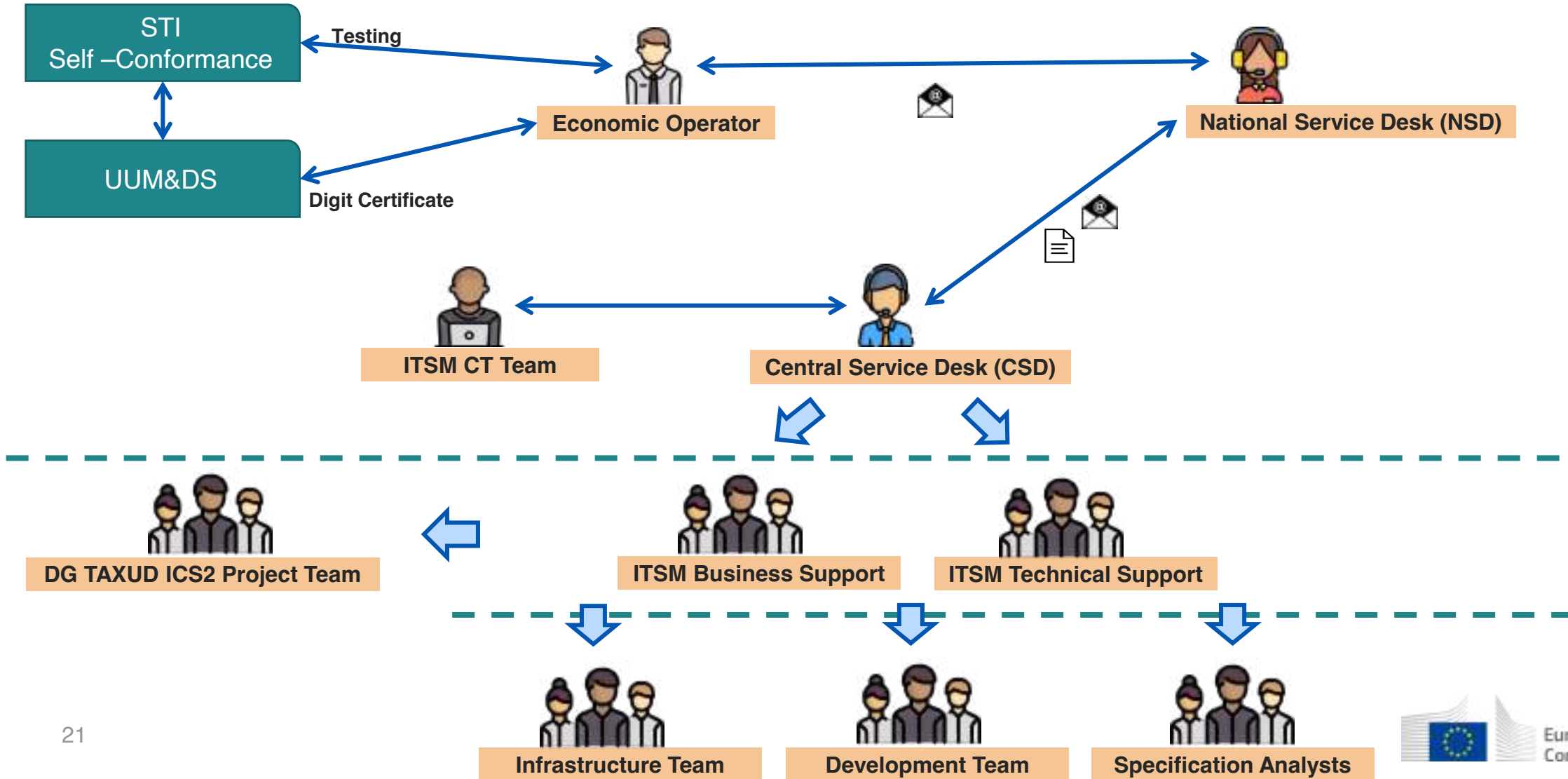
# Support to the economic operators

- Support to the EOs is the responsibility of the Member State customs authorities (MS where EO registered and got EORI Number).
- MS provide National Service Desk (NSD) which needs to be contacted for all ICS2 related matters:
  - Establishment of the access point
  - Conformance testing
  - Onboarding
  - Deployment window (please follow procedures published by MS)
  - Operational support

# ICS2 Release 3 – EO testing

- **Conformance testing is mandatory.** Please read through the [documents](#) !!!!
- [Conformance Test Organization Document](#) - Roles and Responsibilities, Planning milestones, testing process, Communication channel, process to setting up AS4 AP, explanation on UUM&DS use, summary of test specification, Operations Checklist
- [Conformance Testing specification](#) – listing all testing scenarios; connectivity and functional ( Scenarios for Postal, Scenarios for Express, Notify Party, Carriers Rail/ Road/ Maritime/ Air, House filers Maritime/ Air and Person Notifying Arrival)
- [Interface Control Document](#) – detailed specification and explanation of ICS2 interface AS4 interface for EO, UUM&DS, errors messages, etc.
- **End-to-end testing** is optional, however, recommended.

# Communication during CT



# Useful links

- ICS2 page on Europa website: [https://ec.europa.eu/taxation\\_customs/general-information-customs/customs-security/ics2\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/general-information-customs/customs-security/ics2_en)
- All documentation is available on CIRCABC portal: <https://circabc.europa.eu/ui/group/18fb5859-3970-4ac5-b30b-6604977a15a7>
- EORI information [Economic Operators Registration and Identification number \(EORI\) - European Commission \(europa.eu\)](https://ec.europa.eu/economic-operators-identification-number/)
- Updated ICS2 Operational guidance is being drafted and will be available in November 2024. It will be published on CIRCABC
- eLearning modules are available at [Customs & Tax EU Learning Portal](https://ec.europa.eu/elearning/)



# Thank you

ICS2 page on Europa website:

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