

# Ready for ICS2 – Release 3: Your Guide to Sending Goods to or via The EU by Sea and Inland Waterways

Ensuring compliance with the European Union's Import Control System 2 (ICS2) is essential for businesses involved in importing goods into the EU. ICS2 aims to improve safety and security by requesting detailed pre-arrival information for all goods entering the EU.

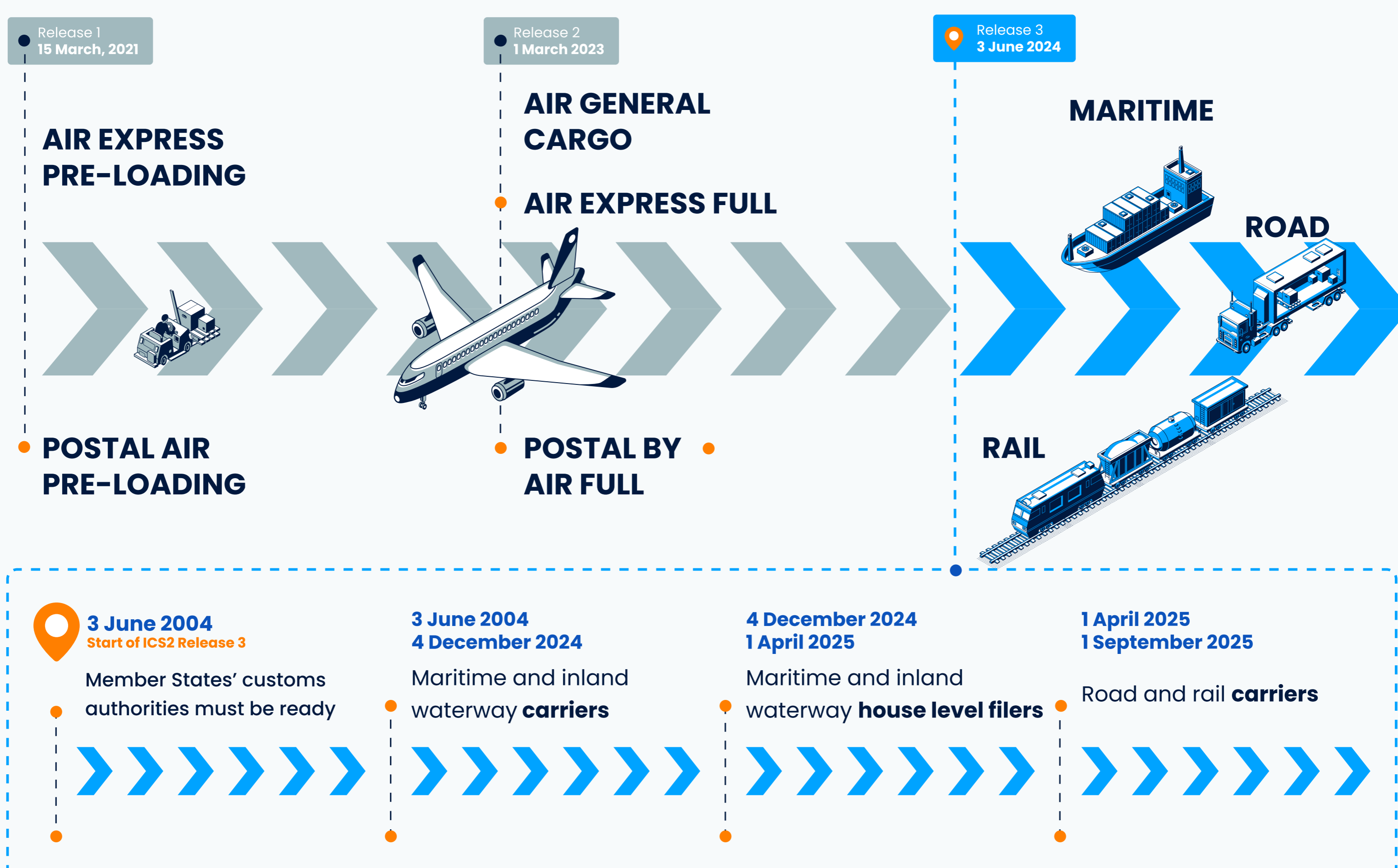
Here is a detailed checklist to guide your organization through the necessary steps to achieve ICS2 compliance:

## ✓ Understand ICS2 Requirements:

### Familiarize with ICS2 Phases:

Recognize the three phases of ICS2 implementation and their respective timelines.

We are now within  
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- **Identify Affected Goods:**

The ICS2 applies to all goods entering or transiting into the European Union (EU), regardless of their nature or value.

This includes:

- Commercial goods
- Personal items
- Postal shipments
- Express consignments



- ✓ **Verify your Economic Operators Registration and Identification (EORI) Number:**

The Economic Operators Registration and Identification (EORI) number is essential for compliance with the ICS2.

**If You Are New to EU Imports -  
Obtain an EORI Number:**

To engage in EU customs activities, you need an EORI number, required for submitting Entry Summary Declarations (ENS) under ICS2. Register through the customs authority of your EU member state or, if outside the EU, where you first file a customs declaration.

**If You Are Already Importing into the EU -  
Verify Your EORI Number:**

Ensure that your existing EORI number is active and up to date. This number will be used for all ICS2-related filings. No additional registration is necessary if your EORI is current.

- ✓ **Assess and Upgrade Supply Chain Management Systems:**

- **Evaluate Current Systems:**

Determine if your existing supply chain systems and infrastructures are ready to handle ICS2 data requirements.

- **Implement Necessary Upgrades:**

Update or acquire systems capable of managing and submitting the required data.

- **Confirm 3rd Party System Providers are Ready to Comply:**

Ensure supply chain 3rd party system providers are ready to comply with new ICS2 requirements and processes.



## Looking for a system to help you simplify import processing?

Cargoo has extensive import processing capabilities to make importing into the EU and around the globe easier, faster and more efficient.

### ✓ Collect and Verify Required Data:

#### ● Gather Comprehensive Shipment Information:

Collect detailed data for each shipment, including:



#### Accurate Goods Descriptions

Complete and accurate commercial description of the goods



#### Harmonized System (HS) Codes

6-digit commodity codes for the goods



#### Details of Involved Parties

Details of the Buyer, seller, consignee, consignor etc.



the EORI number (When assigned to any of these parties)

#### ● Validate Data Accuracy:

Implement checks to ensure all information is correct and complete.

### ✓ Establish Data Submission Processes:

- **Determine Filing Responsibilities:** Clarify who within your organization is responsible for submitting Entry Summary Declarations (ENS).
- **Set Submission Timelines:** Ensure data is submitted within the required timeframes before goods enter the EU.
- **Utilize Approved Channels:** Submit data through EU-approved electronic systems.

### ✓ Train Staff and Partners:

- **Educate Internal Teams:** Provide training on ICS2 requirements and procedures.
- **Inform External Partners:** Ensure that suppliers and logistics providers are aware of and comply with ICS2 obligations.

### ✓ Conduct Self-Conformance Testing:

- **Perform Internal Tests:** Verify that your systems and processes meet ICS2 requirements.
- **Address Identified Issues:** Resolve any problems uncovered during testing.
- **Document Testing Outcomes:** Keep records of test results and corrective actions taken.

### ✓ Monitor Compliance and Update Procedures:

- **Regularly Review Processes:** Continuously assess and improve your compliance procedures.
- **Stay Updated on Regulatory Changes:** Keep updated on the progress of ICS2 releases and modifications to existing regulations.