

## **CUSTOMS INFORMATION PAPER (09) 43**

### **NCTS Upgrade to Version 7 – Safety and Security**

<b>Who should read:</b>	Users of the New Computerised Transit System
<b>What is it about:</b>	Further information relating to the NCTS upgrade to version 7.1 – Safety and Security and Enquiry Handling
<b>When effective:</b>	19 June 2009
<b>Extant until/ Expires</b>	Until further notice

#### **1. Background / Introduction**

The upgrade to NCTS version 7.1 – Safety and Security and Enquiry Handling was due to be introduced on 24 June 2009. This upgrade was to meet the requirements of the Security amendments implementation date of the 1 July 2009. Unfortunately following an exchange of information with the EU Commission, the upgrade will now be delayed.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and for the late notice of this change to the planned implementation.

#### **2. Revised implementation date for NCTS version 7.1**

Issues have arisen with the sending of messages via the Community Common Domain which HMRC cannot resolve by the 1 July. The EU Commission has advised that the UK cannot 'go live' until these issues are resolved. As a result the UK will not be able to implement NCTS version 7.1 on 23/24 June 2009. This means that the scheduled downtime planned from 8am on 23 June until 9am on 24 June has been amended.

Changes that were scheduled to take place during the upgrade are still going ahead. EDCS will be unavailable from 17:00 until 20:00 on 23 June, and XML and the Web will be unavailable between 12.00 on the 23 June until 00.01 on the 24 June 2009.

HMRC is working closely with the EU Commission to agree a revised implementation date for Version 7.1 of the NCTS.

The UK will, therefore, continue to use Version 6.2 of NCTS. UK traders will still be able to communicate with other Member States who have upgraded to version 7.1 as this version supports both 'A' and 'B' transit messages.

### **3. EORI and GRN**

You will still need to use your Economic Operator Registration and Information (EORI) number rather than your Trader Identification Number (TIN) from 24 June 2009. In addition, if applicable, you should use your new Guarantee Reference Number (GRN) issued by the NCTS Helpdesk.

### **4. TIR**

The TIR Holder ID which is a feature of version 7.1 will not be available. Therefore, TIR traders should not use their TIR Holder ID in Box 50. TIR traders should therefore continue with the current practice until Version 7.1 is implemented.

### **5. Contacts / Further information**

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