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Import Control System (ICS) EU Upgrade 1 October 2017

Customs Information Paper 15 (2017)	
Who should read:	All those involved in making declarations for the import of goods.
What is it about:	ICS RFC29 EU upgrade 2017
When effective:	01/10/2017
Extant until/ Expires	Until further notice

1. Introduction.

The Import Control System RFC29 upgrade is scheduled for implementation to the live system on the 1 October 2017.

This Customs Information Paper has been issued to inform all ICS users of:

The changes that will impact declarants (if any).

The downtime required (if any), and where more detailed information can be found if required.

2. Technical Specification.

The ICS Technical Interface Specification (TIS) version v 2.7 provides details of the changes required to ICS software to align with the RFC29 upgrade. The schemas and WSDL files have been updated where required.

The Trader Test Pack is also available and remains unchanged.

These documents can be found by following this link:

[ICS Technical Specification](#)

The RFC29 upgrade software is available for testing on the Third Party Test and Validation System (TVPS)

3. ICS Changes.

There are no trader impacting changes in the RFC29 upgrade.

4. ICS Live Downtime – RFC29.

ICS does not require any downtime for the RFC29 upgrade.

If this should change, further information will be provided on the service availability page of the Direct.Gov website.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/hm-revenue-and-customs-service-availability-and-issues>

5. Contacts.

If you require further information regarding ICS related queries please email ics.helpdesk@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk

For further information regarding import policy please email import.customspolicy@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk

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