

Implementation of the new version of the transit system – NCTS phase 5, which is harmonised with the EU customs legislation as well as with the Convention on a common transit procedure, shall begin on January 28, 2024.

With the application of the new system, the manner of lodging and filling out transit declarations shall be executed in accordance with the new Annex 9 and Annex 10 of the Rulebook on the form, content, manner of lodging and filling out declarations and other forms in the customs procedure (hereinafter “the Rulebook“) in the case of national transit procedure, or in the case of common transit procedure, in accordance with Annex A1 of Appendix I of the Convention on a common transit procedure.

With the start of the implementation of the new version of the transit system - NCTS phase 5, the application of the old version of the transit system - NCTS phase 4 will be completely stopped. The old transit system - NCTS phase 4 will cease to operate on January 27, 2024 at 9 p.m.

Planned activities for the transition from the old to the new transit system:

- **Until 7 p.m. on January 27, 2024** - it is possible to work in NCTS phase 4 (declaration lodging and acceptance, discharge of the transit procedure at departure, destination and transit customs offices)
- **From 9 p.m. on January 27, 2024 to 4 p.m. on January 28, 2024** - the NCTS phase 4 system is unavailable and it is not possible to carry out the transit procedure
- **From 4 p.m. on January 28, 2024** - the new NCTS phase 5 system is available

From the moment the old NCTS phase 4 system becomes unavailable, the migration of all data to the new NCTS phase 5 system shall begin. For the sake of data transfer security, it is recommended that until 7 p.m. on January 27, 2024, all declarations at the departure, transit and destination customs offices are in status: accepted, registered border crossing and completed, respectively. In other cases, it is necessary to submit a new transit declaration in the new NCTS phase 5 transit system.

Also, in addition to the transit declarations that were processed within the old NCTS phase 4 transit system, the following shall be migrated: existing decisions for electronic communication, guarantees for the transit procedure, as well as other approvals for simplified procedures in transit: authorised consignor for national and common transit procedure, authorised consignee for national and common transit procedure, authorised consignee for TIR purposes and approval

for the use of seals of a special type. This means that existing approvals can also be used in the new NCTS phase 5 transit system.

During the unavailability of the system from 9 p.m. on January 27, 2024 to 4 p.m. on January 28, 2024, for goods that only transit through the customs territory of the Republic of Serbia and for which a common transit procedure has begun in a contracting party to the Convention on a common transit procedure, i.e. the carrier has a T1 document, it is possible to apply the procedure explained in the Customs Administration Act No. 148-I-030-01-504/2019 of November 4, 2019 - Explanation of the Business Continuity Procedure (BCP).

In the above mentioned cases, the carrier shall present a Transit Advice Note using form TC10 (Appendix 28 of the Rulebook; Annex B8 to Appendix III of the Convention on a common transit procedure) to each transit customs office, which keeps that note. Instead of the Transit Advice Note, a photocopy of the TAD, which the transit customs office retains, may be presented to the transit customs office.

In instances where the goods are transported via a transit customs office that is not specified as one (as the Customs Office of Transit) in the transit declaration, this office shall immediately send (by post) a notification to the Customs Office of Departure in the form of a certified copy of the Transit Advice Note (form TC10) or a certified copy of the TAD.