

# Info

## Digitalisation

### Customs procedures

## Conversion of vgVV (sCtp) to NCTS Phase 5

The introduction of the Union Customs Code on 1 May 2016 marked the EU's decision **to fully digitalise (automate)** customs procedures and formalities. Paper procedures will be gradually replaced by **electronic procedures** by 2025 in accordance with a conversion plan.

This affects the simplified Common transit procedure by rail (vgVV), where the CIM consignment note is the customs document. The vgVV is gradually being replaced by the electronically conducted standard transit procedure in the NCTS Phase 5 version.

The vgVV is to be replaced in all EU Member States as well as in the countries of the Common Transit Convention at different times in accordance with the implementation plan and converted to the new digital **NCTS Phase 5 system**. This change requires, among other measures, a precise declaration of the positions of the respective goods and leads to increased administrative requirements.

The conversion dates announced by the customs administrations of the participating countries, which are always subject to change, are available at [UCC - Work Programme](#).

### What happens from the time of the conversion?

Once a country has converted to NCTS5, a vgVV is no longer possible on departure from this country.

As from now, it is necessary to initiate an NCTS procedure. The RCG is actively preparing for these changes and looking for solutions to ensure a smooth transition for this change in the customs clearance process.

We would be pleased to support you on solutions in the transition phase and further information on NCTS Phase 5.

## What data are needed for NCTS5?

- Status of the goods (T1 or T2)
- Type and number of the previous procedure (for T1)
- Type (proforma invoice or invoice) and number (for T2)
- Consignor EORI (if available) or address (if EORI not available)
- Consignee EORI (if available) or address (if EORI not available)
- Designation of the place of goods / dispatch railway station
- Number of the customs office of departure
- Number of the customs office of destination
- Gross weight
- Net weight
- Description of goods (normal trade description; the description must be sufficiently precise to enable the goods to be classified under the commodity code).
- Type, quantity and numbers of the packages
- HS code 6-digit / CN code 8-digit
- Container number for container traffic
- Seal number (overseas seal)
- Wagon number in wagonload traffic

## Contact persons on the subject of NCTS5

Should you have any questions regarding NCTS5, please contact your customer support representative or one of our customs specialists at [NCTS\\_support@railcargo.com](mailto:NCTS_support@railcargo.com).