



HM Revenue
& Customs

What you need to know about Safety and Security Entry Summary (ENS) declarations

From **31 January 2025**, any goods imported from the EU to GB must be covered by a Safety and Security declaration.

Goods travelling by sea



Understand your responsibilities

For goods travelling by deep sea container or break/bulk cargo, **the legal responsibility for submitting the ENS sits with the party that has contracted and issued the bill of loading.**



Choose how you wish to submit your declarations

You can choose to **submit ENS declarations yourself**, or you can use a **third-party to submit them on your behalf**. For more information see the GOV.UK guidance [Making an entry summary declaration.](#)

If you choose to use a third party to submit your declarations, you retain responsibility for ensuring they are submitted.



Make sure you are familiar with the time limits for submitting

- For **Maritime containerised cargo** you must submit at least **24 hours** before loading at the port of departure
- For **Maritime bulk or break-bulk cargo**, you must submit at least **4 hours** before arrival
- For **Short Seas** journeys, you must submit at least **2 hours** before arrival.



You must ensure the information you provide is accurate and timely

S&S data has the mutual benefit of being critical to border security, as well as ensuring the correct risk assessments, which reduces the potential of legitimate goods being stopped for checks. HMG will monitor compliance with these requirements, and where non-compliance is in evidence we will engage with the Haulier/Carrier to address any issues.

Where enforcement action is required, this could involve goods being delayed at the border for further checks, or penalties.

For more information on safety and security requirements please visit [**GOV.UK**](https://www.gov.uk)