

## Factsheet on Advance EU Export

### 1 Preliminary remarks

This factsheet is aimed at the following groups of addressees:

- Rail customers in Switzerland and the EU who request the movement of a shipment to Switzerland without following the NCTS transit procedures.
- Contract carriers (Co-Ca) who purchase transport and/or customs services in Switzerland from SBB Cargo AG.

### 2 Background

Now that the sctp<sup>1</sup> no longer applies, railway companies and their customers will face major challenges. The CIM consignment note is no longer a customs transit document.

One option for transport movements from the EU to Switzerland, once the exporter (usually the rail customer) has declared the export, would be to travel to the EU's external border without completing the transit procedure and only complete the export procedure once there (on leaving the EU). However, this is not ideal because in order to complete the export formalities the shipment would need to be at the border station during the customs office's opening hours; this is currently not the case.

Completing the export formalities in accordance with UCC-IA<sup>1</sup> 329, Para. 7 is a considerably simpler method. According to this, the export formalities can be completed either as the shipment starts its journey or "en route" (e.g. at a marshalling yard in Germany) if the goods have been accepted for carriage out of the EU by the railway companies under a continuous contract of carriage ("Advance EU Export"). **Excluded from this arrangement are goods subject to excise duty** (for goods subject to excise duty, please contact your CO-CA<sup>1</sup>).

The CIM consignment note is a "continuous contract of carriage"; accordingly, a shipment can be transported from the EU to the Swiss border station without requiring an NCTS transit procedure. **Swiss import clearance will then generally take place at the Swiss border.** For consignments to an authorised consignee, please read our "National ZE corridor" factsheet, available on our website. Link:

<https://www.sbbcargo.com/de/kundencenter/dokumente/agb-recht.html>

### 3 Conditions for advance EU export at the departure station according to UCC-IA Art. 329, Para. 7

- a) The RU (Railway Undertaking) at the departure station is authorised to lodge this procedure.
- b) The consignor transmits the e-MRN in the correct data record so that it is noted in "Box 21" in the CIM consignment note.
- c) Customs procedure code 4 is transmitted. Adding remarks in a free text box in the consignment note (e.g. in Box 21 or similar) is not allowed. As a rail customer, you should instruct your CO-CA<sup>1</sup> to transmit this code to SBB Cargo in the correct box.
- d) The NHM No.<sup>1</sup> of a standard merchandise designation is then transmitted in the "Goods as described by the customer" data record or, alternatively, a collective number together with the standard designation for the merchandise type. (Indicating simply 9902, 9941, etc. is not accepted, unless complemented by "wheat" or "steel profiles" or the relevant standard merchandise designation).
- e) As regards consignments from Germany, the following entries must be made in Box 7 (consignor's notes) of the CIM consignment note:
  - "16: Completion of exit formalities in advance by the *RU in location*" (RU and location to be clarified and agreed in advance).
  - And as regards Swiss import customs clearance, one of these 3 options must be chosen:
    - "31: Swiss import customs clearance by DB Cargo" *or*
    - "32: Swiss import customs clearance by SBB Cargo" *or*
    - "33: Swiss import customs clearance by other customs service providers"
- f) As regards shipments from countries other than Germany, the following remarks must be added:
  - "16: Completion of exit formalities in advance by the *RU in location*" (RU and location to be clarified and agreed in advance).
  - "16: Swiss import customs clearance by SBB Cargo"
- g) As regards consignments to authorised consignees, the "National ZE corridor" factsheet must be complied with. Link: <https://www.sbbcargo.com/de/kundencenter/dokumente/agb-recht.html>

### 4 Applicability

If there is no written agreement for this procedure, an NCTS transit procedure must absolutely be used.

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### 5 Prices

Prices from 01.01.2024 can be found in SBB Cargo AG's list of Prices & Conditions for Customs Services (Link: <https://www.sbbcargo.com/de/kundencenter/dokumente/agb-recht.html> )

LAC	Leistungsbeschreibung	Einheit	Preis in CHF	Preis in EUR
<b>3.3.3. Grenzausgangsmeldung EU</b>				
4014	Beendigung des 2-stufigen Ausfuhrverfahrens der EU am Ausgangs- oder Grenzbahnhof durch SBB Cargo (Italien und Deutschland)	Wg./GC/ WB	35.-	37.-

### 6 Data record for transmitting the customs procedure code.

- a) Sender / rail customer:
  - I. If you instruct SBB Cargo AG directly, you will find the codes in Cargo Digital in the "Consignment Note Data" under "Customs Procedure".
  - II. If, from outside Switzerland, you are instructing another railway company, please contact your CO-CA<sup>1</sup> as to how you can instruct it to carry out the procedure.
  
- b) RUs<sup>1</sup> acting as CO-CAs<sup>1</sup>, which instruct SBB Cargo AG to act as SUBS<sup>1</sup> within Switzerland are to transmit the codes as follows.
  - I. ORFEUS 1.5  
In the "MRN or Customs Procedure Type" box, Code 4 must be entered instead of "T-MRN".

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/GUC							
/GWL3							

## 7 <sup>1</sup>Abbreviations + terms

- SUBS: Subcontracted carrier
- CIM-FB: CIM consignment note (CIM = Rail Transport Act)
- FOCBS: Federal Office for Customs and Border Security (German abbrev.: BAZG)
- gVV: common transit procedure (standard procedure with T-document)
- "National ZE corridor" is a short version of the name. The formal FOCBS name is: simplified transit from the border customs office to the authorised consignee's registered site
- NCTS: New Computerised Transit System (system for the standard T document common transit procedure)
- NHM: Nomenclature Harmonisée Marchandises = designation for merchandise type
- RU: Railway Undertaking
- UCC-IA = Union Customs Code, Implementing Act
- CO-CA: Contract carrier
- sctp: simplified common rail transit procedure (CIM consignment note as the customs document)
- ZE: Zuglassener Empfänger = authorised consignee