



What is S&S GB?

S&S GB (also known as a GB ENS/ GB entry summary declaration) is a GB import document that will be used by Border Force to determine the level of risk that imported goods pose to GB.

Who is responsible for the GB ENS?

The carrier is responsible. The carrier is the owner of the active means of transport as goods reach the border.

Who is the carrier?

- **Unaccompanied freight** - the ferry operator is considered the carrier for unaccompanied freight. The ferry operator will look through their terms and conditions and try to downstream this where possible.
- **Accompanied freight** - the haulier is the carrier
- **North Sea** - the ferry operator will offer completing the ENS for both unaccompanied and accompanied freight through booking channels / Track and Trace.

What information should you provide in your GB ENS?

- Consignor name & address (EORI number, if held)
- Consignee name & address (EORI number, if held)
- Carrier GB/EU EORI number (for accompanied vehicles)
- Vehicle Identification Number (accompanied), IMO (unaccompanied)
- Border entry point (HMRC location code - e.g. GB000060)
- Any marks and reference numbers
- Description of goods
- Reference number
- Trailer seal (or 'no seal')
- ETA time and date
- Total no. of packages and weight
- Type of packages

Disclaimer - this is the legislative requirements as currently stated by HMRC. However, these could be subject to change.

Description of Goods

In your GB ENS, HMRC are looking at goods descriptions to assess the risk. The description of the goods needs to be of a high level.

Instead of writing "cars" in the goods description, use more specific terms such as "Ford Fiesta", "VW Polo". Instead of "Clothing" use "Men's shirts" or "jackets", etc.

How do I submit a GB ENS for multiple consignments in one trailer?

S&S GB allows you to input multiple consignees and consignors. However, you will still be required to describe all the goods on the trailer (and how they are packed).

If the trailer is unaccompanied, then the place of loading will be the port of exit and the place of discharge will be the port of entry.

Should I submit a single consignment entry or a multiple consignment entry?

If the consignments are going to and from DIFFERENT locations, you should submit a different ENS for each load.

If the consignments are going to and from the SAME locations and via the same countries of routing, you will need a multiple consignment entry.

What happens after you have submitted your GB ENS?

The data is validated and, once accepted, you will receive an MRN within minutes. The data is then risk assessed for national security by the authorities, and will be used by UK Border Force to apply the relevant controls.



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Questions and Answers



GB to NI – Is an ENS required for Northern Ireland?

You will need to continue to process ENS declarations via ICS2 for imports into Northern Ireland. In fact, this has already been in place since Brexit. To submit your ENS for NI via ICS2, you can use TSS or the Freightlink GB ENS builder. An ENS will remain a mandatory requirement for NI imports when the Windsor Framework is implemented fully.

NI to GB – Do I need an ENS for Northern Ireland to mainland UK?

For goods moving from NI to mainland GB (England, Scotland, and Wales), ENS requirements differ:

- No ENS is required for most consignments entering GB from Northern Ireland
- This ensures unfettered access for Northern Ireland businesses to the UK internal market

Exceptions:

- Non-qualifying Northern Ireland goods
- Goods not merely transiting through Ireland
- Certain goods, such as excise goods or endangered species

If travelling in an empty vehicle, do you need a GB ENS?

- Accompanied - don't need a GB ENS if empty, UNLESS the vehicle is moving under a transport contract
- Unaccompanied - always need a GB ENS because the ferry operator / carrier has a transport contract with haulier.

Do you need a GB ENS for transit shipments?

Yes; S&S GB concerns the safety of goods entering into a customs territory. Therefore, a GB ENS is still required for transit shipments.

Do you need a GB ENS for personal effects?

Yes; if the vehicle carrying the personal effects is booked as freight under a transport contract, then a GB ENS is required.

Do you need a GB ENS for goods transported under an ATA Carnet?

Yes; if the vehicle carrying the goods is booked as freight under a transport contract, then a GB ENS is required.

How do you format the countries of routing?

The countries of routing must be written in chronological order (in the order that the goods will travel through them in).

When does S&S GB need to be submitted?

This can vary depending on a variety of factors. As a general guide-

- RoRo - at least 2 hours prior to the goods arriving into GB
- LeShuttle (Eurotunnel) Freight - at least 1 hour prior to the goods arriving at the terminal
- GVMS ports - before the vehicle checks in
- Goods destined for temporary storage - before the vehicle checks in.

Can someone else create my GB ENS for me?

Your customer can complete the GB ENS - however, as the haulier, you are legally liable to ensure the submission and accuracy of this data.

How do I make amends to an existing GB ENS?

You should submit a new GB ENS if any of your information changes. For example, if the amount of goods being transported changes, or if the time of arrival changes by a significant amount. Reference the old MRN in your ENS. Please note, do NOT include the old MRN in your GMR.