

New Computerised Transit System (NCTS) Phase 5

Dear customer,

To help you prepare for the introduction of NCTS5 on **16 November 2023**, we're issuing detailed updates each month.

In our last update we explained the procedure for the new Office of Incident role in NCTS5. You can find this and all our previous NCTS5 updates on [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk).

This month, we're explaining how you can amend pre-lodged declarations when using third-party software or the updated free-to-use web portal for NCTS5.

What is changing

The Common Transit Convention (CTC) allows you to pre-lodge a declaration up to 30 days in advance of the movement. However, you can't currently amend a pre-lodged declaration.

NCTS5 will allow declarants to amend pre-lodged declarations after they've been submitted. This means if you need to make an amendment, you can go back into the declaration and make changes without starting a new declaration.

This new function will be available to anyone using third-party software from 16 November 2023. For those who use the NCTS web portal, this will be available by Q3, 2024. To support our web portal users until then, we're introducing a new draft declarations feature.

Draft declarations for web portal users

From 16 November 2023 the NCTS web portal will allow you to save and amend your departure declarations for up to 31 days before submitting them.

That means if you're waiting for information, such as an EORI number, you can draft your declaration, save it, then amend and submit it at a later date. This feature will give you the flexibility to draft and amend multiple declarations at once. You will have 31 days after starting a declaration, to submit it.

Below is a view of what the page will look like.

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Draft departure declarations

Search by local reference number (LRN)

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Local reference number (LRN) †	Days to complete †	
GB099833100020060100GB00	16	Delete
XI09983310444	20	Delete
20GB00006010	8	Delete
20060100GB00	10	Delete
GB0200601000	12	Delete

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Make a new departure declaration

You can save your declaration and come back later. You have 30 days from the first time you save to complete this declaration or your information will be deleted.

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You will be able to view how many days you have left to submit each draft. When you're ready to amend or submit a declaration, you can search for it using its Local Reference Number (LRN).

Our next update

Look out for our next update in April when we'll explain the changes to your Guarantee Balance.

Thank you,

HMRC