



TRANSITION OF NCTS PHASE 5

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The Importance and Advantages of NCTS

The New Computerized Transit System (NCTS), which facilitates the transit of goods between European Union (EU) and Common Transit Convention (CTC) member countries, was introduced by the European Commission in 2004 and became mandatory for both Union and Common Transit operations in 2005. It was implemented gradually, with Phase 4 becoming operational in 2009.

As a member of the Common Transit System since 2012, Turkey has carried out transactions through NCTS in Phase 4 mode. The transition to Phase 5 began on November 17, 2024, and it became fully operational in full mode on January 21, 2025.

Transition to NCTS Phase 5 and Its Impact on Business Processes

NCTS Phase 5 introduces significant innovations, including aligning data exchange with Union Customs Code (UCC) requirements, updating system interfaces, and adding new functionalities. These updates contribute to more efficient and secure transit processes.



Implementation Steps of NCTS Phase 5

The implementation process consists of two phases. The first phase covers the basic functions of the NCTS. This includes transit declarations, authorized shipper/receiver, sending correction and cancellation messages. The second phase involves the implementation of new functions. These innovations include AES (Automated Export System) compatible interfaces, declarations with fewer data sets and reporting of incidents in transit.

Structure of Transit Declarations in Phase 5

The transit declaration structure in Phase 5 is divided into four levels:

- Declaration Level
- Shipment Level
- Sub-Shipment Level
- Sub-Shipment Item Level

As of January 21, 2025, when there are multiple consignors or consignees, a sub-shipment can be added for each consignor and consignee group.

Key Innovations in NCTS Phase 5

- Declaration of goods to be included in the Common Transit Regime as tariff position 6.
- Developing a new data model and organizing the declaration as transit operation, shipment and sub-shipment.
- Changing the format of the TAD document and adding new fields.
- Addition of the Incident Customs Administration role.
- Ability to add consolidator, freight forwarder, producer and warehouse owner/warehouse operator as supply chain actors.

With the completion of Phase 5 transition on January 21, 2025, Phase 6 will be launched in 2025, and transit declarations will be issued to provide security information.

