

New Computerised Transit System (NCTS) Phase 5

To Read and prepare: Important information about Transit fallback procedures.

Dear customer,

On 21 January 2025, all National Administrations that are members of the Common Transit Convention (CTC) will implement the final version of NCTS Phase 5. These are known as Final State Rules.

To help you prepare for the implementation of Final State Rules we are issuing regular updates. In this update we are setting out how the Business Continuity (BCP)/fallback procedure will work in NCTS5 Final State. You can find all our updates on gov.uk. Please note it may take up to 1 week for the newsletter page to be updated.

What's changing – BCP fallback procedure for NCTS

From 21 January 2025 the way in which you make a Transit declaration when NCTS is unavailable in Great Britain (GB) and/or Northern Ireland (XI) will change.

The [Single Administrative Document \(SAD\)/C88](#) is currently used when NCTS is unavailable and declarants cannot print a copy of the Transit Accompanying Document (TAD) from third-party software.

From 21 January 2025, the SAD/C88 can no longer be used for Transit movements when the Business Continuity/Fallback procedure is invoked and declarants need to use a paper TAD.

In instances where declarants do not have access to a TAD printed from their third-party software, declarants will be able to obtain an alternative blank copy of the new TAD from Section 7 of the [Transit Manual Supplement](#). Section 7 will be updated by 21 January to include the blank copy.

Other processes relating to Transit fallback remain unchanged and can be viewed in the Transit Manual Supplement.

Note: The Goods Vehicle Movement Service (GVMS) will be updated at a later date to refer to the changed Business Continuity/fallback process. Until then it will continue to refer to the SAD document for transit fallback.

Further information

- The GVMS [“create a Goods Movement Reference”](#) guidance pages on Gov.UK will be updated by 21 January 2025 to reflect the information in these communications.

- The [Transit Manual Supplement](#) is the source of detailed information concerning BCP/fallback and will be updated to reflect these communications on 21 January 2025.
- For up-to-date information relating to NCTS system availability in the UK, please refer to the [service availability](#) page for updates.

What's next?

Please look out for our next update that will recap the new functionality going live on 21 January 2025.

Thank you,

HMRC.