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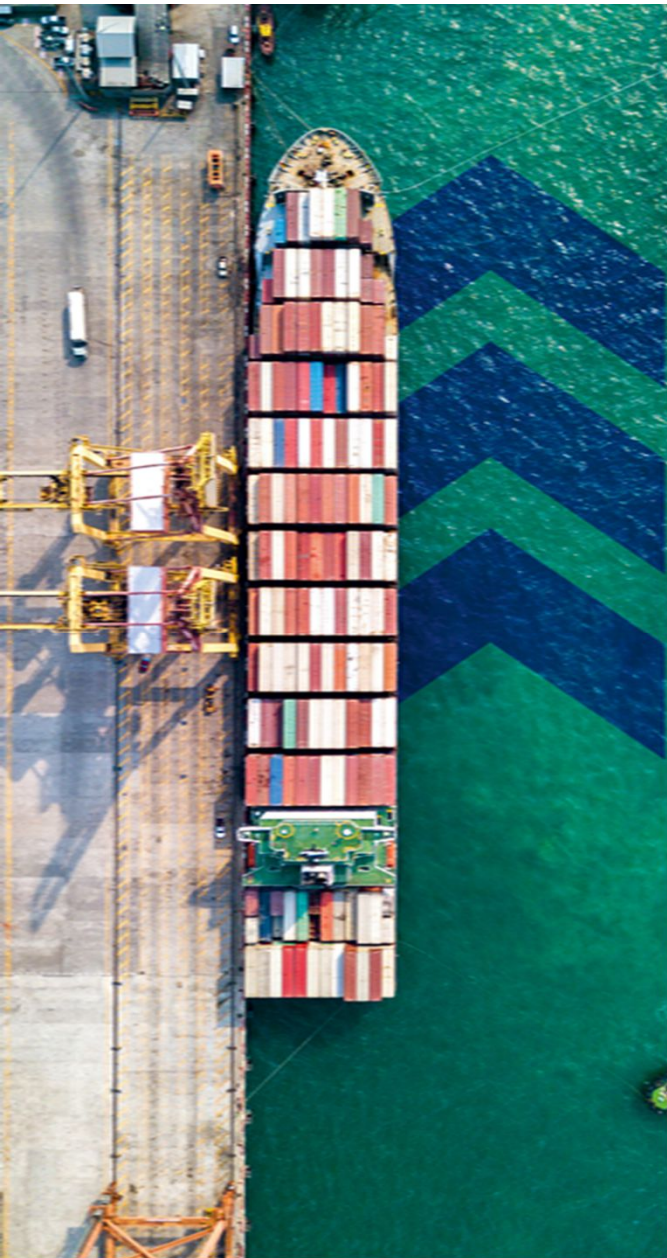
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Preparation for ICS2 Release 3

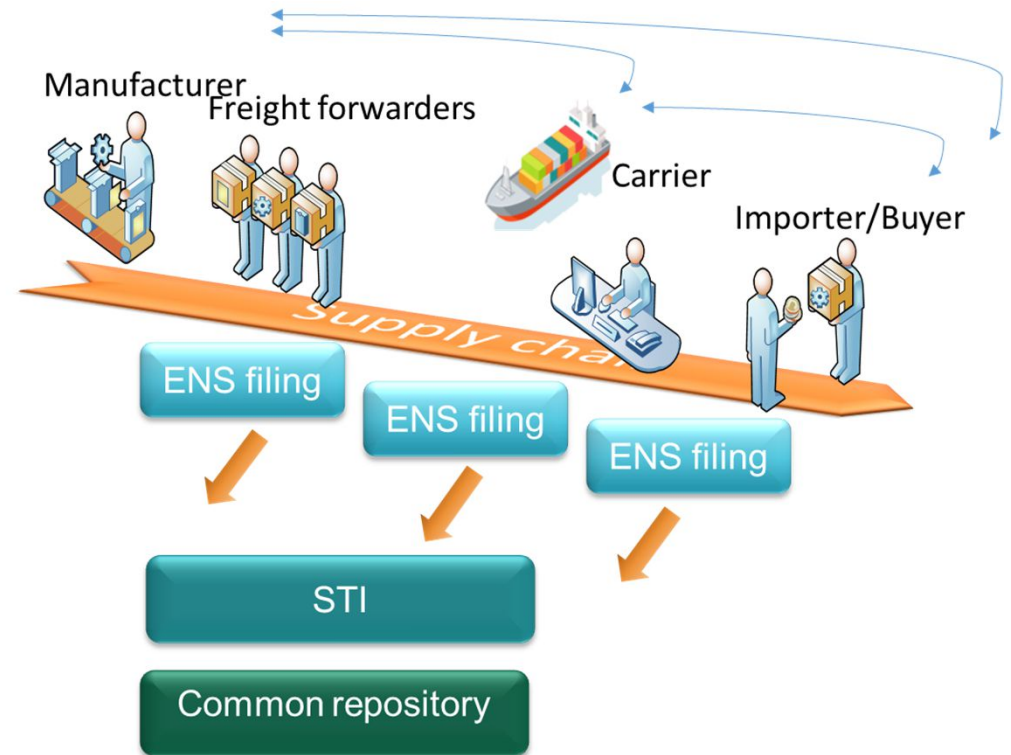*ECASBA European seminar*
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Content

- New responsibilities of the supply chain actors

- ICS2 Release 3 roadmap and milestones

- Preparatory steps

- Transition strategy and Deployment window

- Operational guidance

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ICS2 stakeholders

- ICS2 introduces multiple filings by the carrier and other parties in the supply chain

- Improved data quality through harmonisation of data requirements and data structures

- Carriers and other contracted filing parties (FFW, ultimate consignee) must share certain information among each-other, for ENS filing purposes or need to file their part of the ENS

Responsibilities of the parties

- Each party is responsible to act as a declarant and file their one partial ENS filing if they have arranged among themselves not to share the data but to file ENS via multiple filings. Carrier will be notified, if the house level filer failed to comply with the requirement to file. Same will apply to any sub-house level filer/co-loading party.

- Each house level filer that is indicated by the carrier as party having an obligation to file a partial ENS will be reminded, if they failed to do so on time.

- Each declarant is responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the data filed.

- Each declarant can appoint a representative.

- ITSP is acting as a sender but is neither a declarant nor a representative.

EORI requirements

- EORI becomes mandatory for several parties in the ENS:

  - Declarant

  - Representative

  - Carrier – both in the master level and house level ENS filings, even if carrier is not filing the ENS himself

  - Consignee in the EU – if EORI is issued to the consignee, it must be declared

  - IT Service provider

- Supply chain actors need to exchange their EORI numbers to be able to do **the multiple filing**: Carrier needs to indicate the FFW* that will file the house level ENS filing, FFW needs to indicate Carrier for the multiple filings to be linked into an ENS
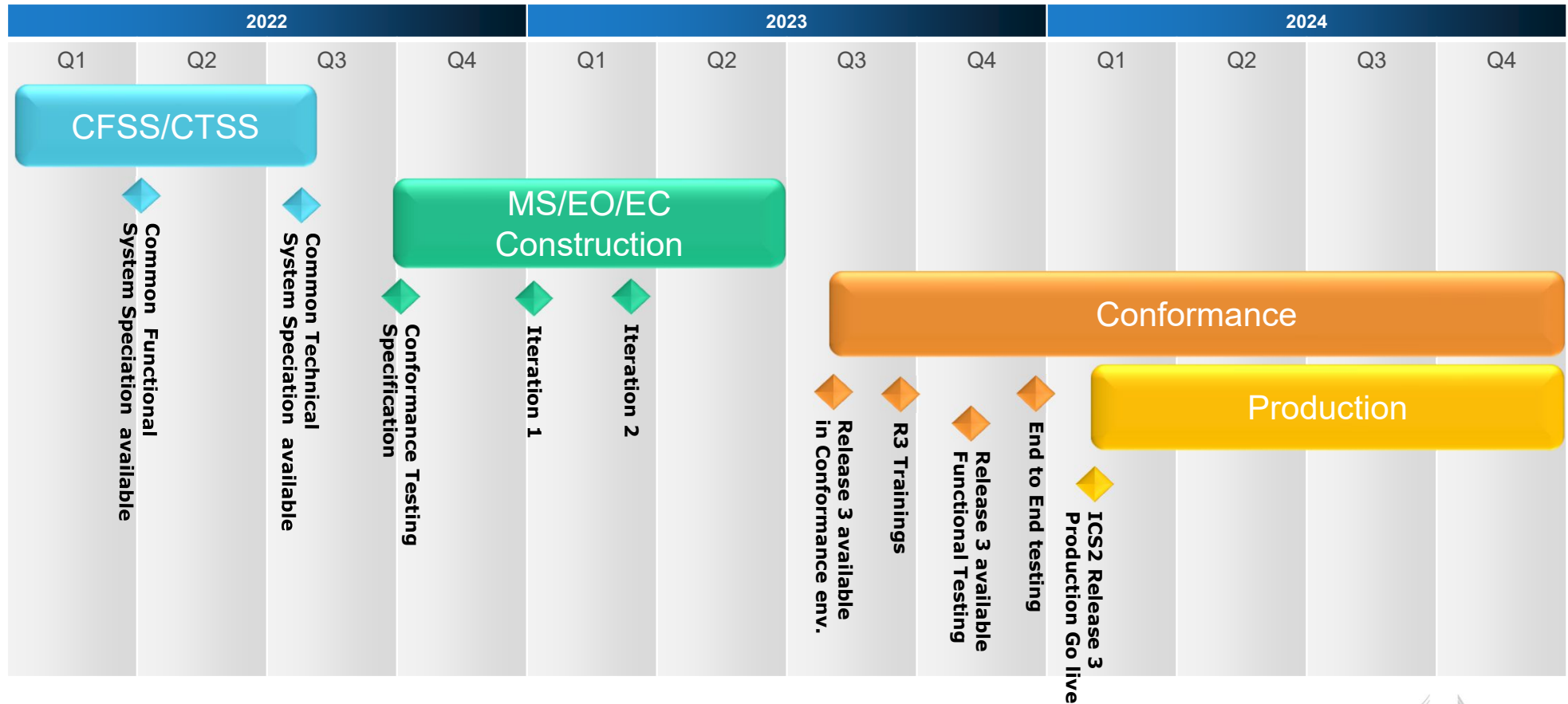
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FFW term is used to indicate any other filing party e.g. FFW, ETOE, postal operator, express courier or express carrier
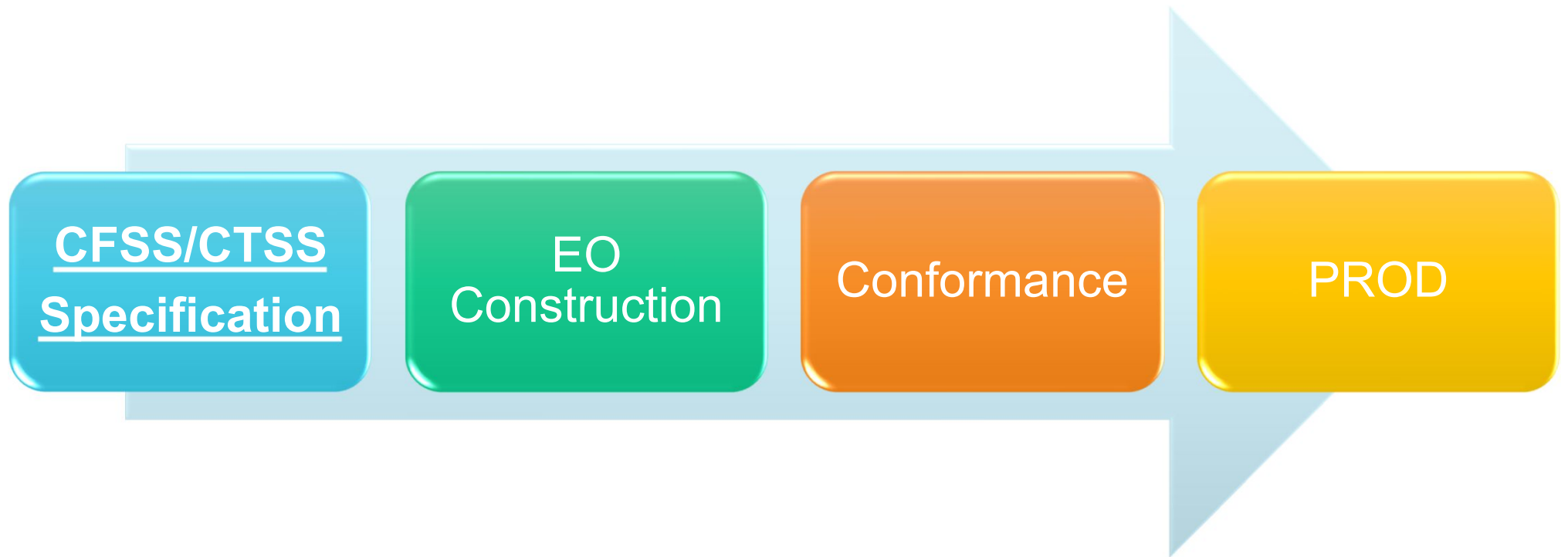
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EORI – how to obtain it?

- EU based operators obtain EORI in the EU MS where they are registered

- Non-EU operators can obtain EORI in the EU MS where they will file ENS first

- More information: Economic Operators Registration and Identification number (EORI) (europa.eu)

ICS2 Release 3 roadmap

Key steps

CFSS/CTSS Specification → EO Construction → Conformance → PROD

R3: CFSS / CTSS specifications

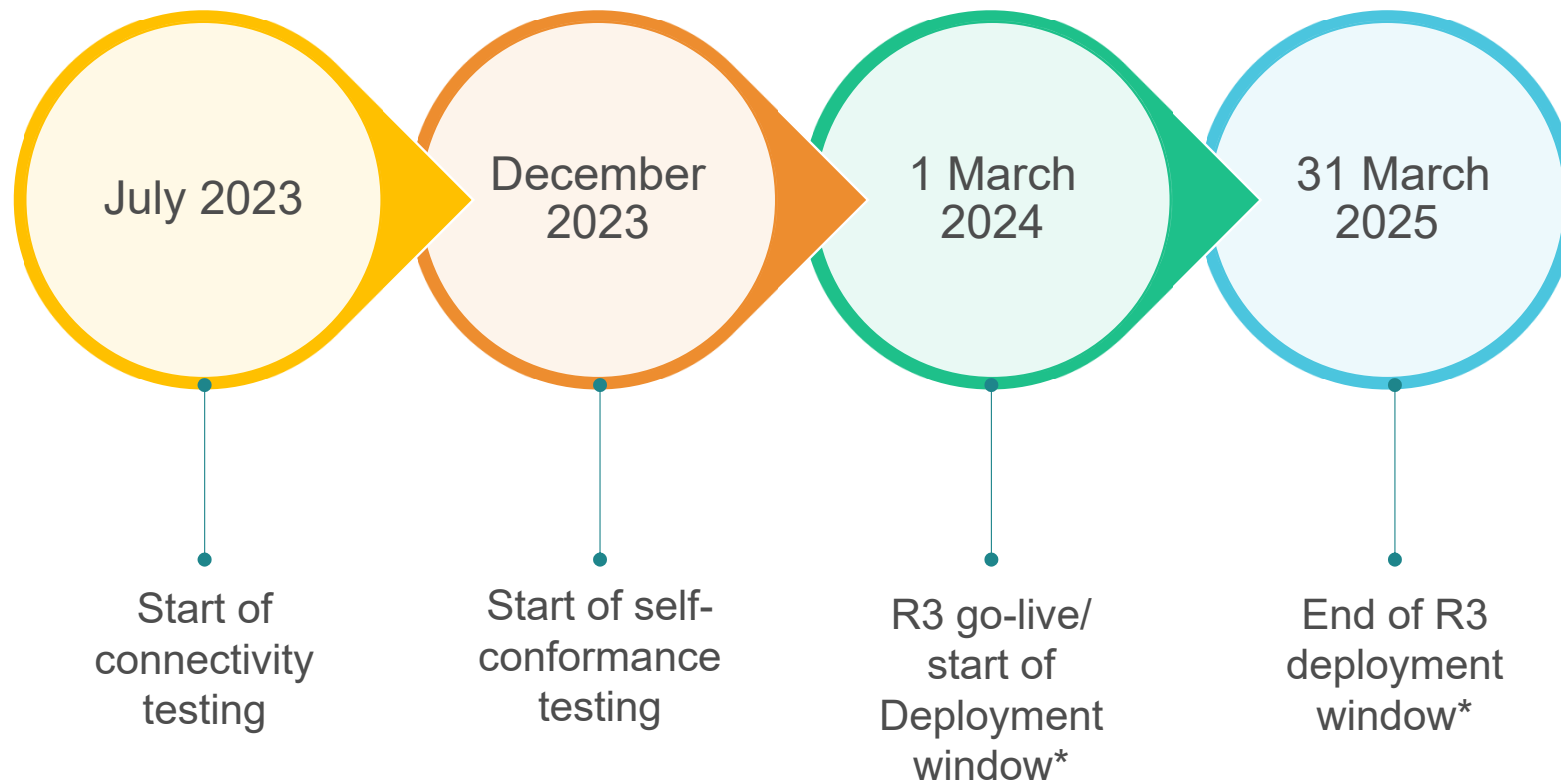| Trade Interface (HTI) ([CIRCABC library](#))	MS interface
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ICS2 Release 3 – EO CT prerequisites

- **Please read through the documents** published by DG TAXUD through the Europa page

  - Key documents are **Conformance Test Organization Document** - Roles and Responsibilities, Planning milestones, testing process, Communication channel, process to setting up AS4 AP, explanation on UUMS use, summary of test specification, Operations Checklist

  - and **Conformance Testing specification** – list all testing scenarios connectivity and functional, Carriers, House filers and Person Notifying Arrival

ICS2 Release 3 – EO CT prerequisites

- provide responsible **MS National Service Desk a plan for EO Self-Conformance Testing**;

- Define an EO SPOC as a focal point in the coordination with the National Customs Authority;

- Obtain ICS2 **message sealing Certificate**, it must be provided by Certificate Authority from [EU Trust Services Dashboard](#), as defined in **Interface Control Document**

- Obtain **the TLS certificate** or verify that the owned by EO is listed in the list provided in CTOD

- **register the digital sealing certificate in** [UUM&DS](#)

Key dates

July 2023 → December 2023 → 1 March 2024 → 31 March 2025

- **July 2023** — Start of connectivity testing
- **December 2023** — Start of self-conformance testing
- **1 March 2024** — R3 go-live/ start of Deployment window*
- **31 March 2025** — End of R3 deployment window*

* Subject to possible changes

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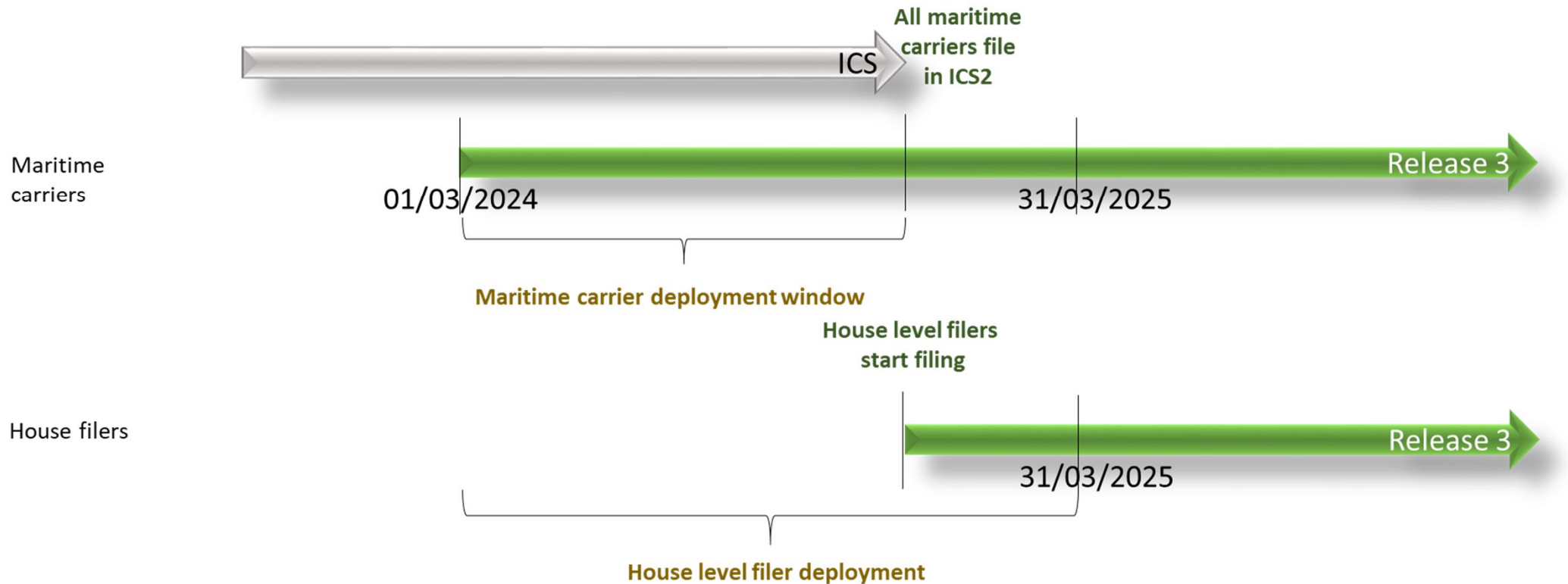
Transition from R2 to R3 strategy

- Main principle of the transition – orderly and synchronised connection of the EOs to the system based on their role. Carriers need to be connected first and to start filing before the house level filers.

- Transition is done during the deployment window, which is planned to last until 31 March 2025

- Document can be found here https://circabc.europa.eu/ui/group/617eb8f3-5946-4fe5-a01f-42974a83b29c/library/46a5c2ba-401e-4013-bbb3-1cfc3f4b741b?p=1&n=10&sort=modified_DESC

Transition from R2 to R3 strategy (maritime)

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All maritime carriers file in ICS2

Maritime carriers

01/03/2024 — 31/03/2025 — Release 3

Maritime carrier deployment window

House level filers start filing

House filers

31/03/2025 — Release 3

House level filer deployment

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Granting of Deployment window

- Deployment window is granted to each EO by the MS where the EO is registered by customs authority (EORI).

- Deployment window issued by one MS is applicable across the EU (and CH, NO, XI)

- Each MS determines the procedure and ways to request for the DW

- Duration of the DW and planned go-live date of the EO is shared between the MS

- More information will be published in the ICS2 R3 Go-live procedure document (to be published January 2024)

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Operational guidance

- ICS2 operational guidance for maritime and inland waterways sector is being drafted

- Review with stakeholders is planned mid-August – end September

- The following guidance is already available to the economic operators:

    - [Guidance document on customs formalities on entry and import into the European union](#)

    - [Guidance on the acceptable and non-acceptable terms for the description of goods](#)

    - [ICS2 Pre-arrival referral guidance](#)

    - ICS2 Address Processing Guidance

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ICS2 – applicable legislation & links

- **Regulation (EU) 952/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council** – Union Customs Code
  https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:02013R0952-20200101

- **Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2019/2151** – UCC Work Programme
  https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1583245779608&uri=CELEX:32019D2151

- **Commission Delegated & Implementing Regulation 2015/2446 & 2015/2447** – ENS data requirements:
  https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:L:2021:063:TOC

- **Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2447** – EO obligations vis-à-vis EU customs authorities regarding customs risk mitigation referrals RfI, DNL (Art 186):
  https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:L:2021:063:TOC

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