



FONASBA MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

March 2024

ECASBA MEMBERSHIP SURVEY Results: PoUS arrangements around adoption of electronic system

Introduction to Participants:

ECASBA is committed to supporting its members in adapting to evolving regulatory and technological frameworks.

This survey was conducted to assess the current level of electronic system adoption and PoUS-related procedures among ECASBA members. The results provide a foundation for ongoing efforts to promote digitalisation and regulatory harmonisation across international port operations.



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Questions and Answers:

1. Current State of PoUS Implementation:

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COUNTRY	National Association / Associate Member	Current State of PoUS Implementation: To what extent is your country prepared for the PoUS system implementation scheduled for 1/3/2024? Please consider factors such as system readiness, availability
Croatia	ASBAC	Slightly behind.
Cyprus	Cyprus Shipping Association	Behind, only received an informative circular today from our local Customs
Cyprus	Cyprus Shipping Association	Nearly ready. We have already witnessed an issue arising from the implementation of the PoUS system. Our members have been asked by Customs to include the MRN code for each and every T2L form on the export manifest (For European Consignments) on the export manifest, which increases our workload significantly.
Denmark	Danish Shipbrokers and Port Operators	The system is said to be ready 1. March 2024, but we have not been able to make any tests before the GoLive.
Finland	Shipbrokers Finland	Behind. Well behind with training material, it was next to nothing, very poorly arranged.
Finland	OOCL (Finland) Ltd Oy	Behind- Finnish customs have informed us (carrier) 29.2.24 about the PoUS- only one day's notice.
Finland		Nearly ready.



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Finland	Member of Finnish Shipbrokers Association	Behind. The system was not ready on the 1st of March; there was (and still is) a lack of information concerning the PoUS, and training materials were delivered late. On the 29th morning, operators had not even seen the system yet. The system is working now, but gives a lot of error codes (reason not known). Poorly handled, and it caused a lot of extra work for operators.
Finland	POUS	Ready.
France	Agents Maritimes Et Consignataires de France - AMCF	Ready
Netherlands	VNC	Behind.
Sweden	The Swedish Shipbrokers Association	We are ready in Sweden.

2. What specific challenges have your private sector and customs authority encountered with the PoUS system?

COUNTRY	National Association / Associate Member	What specific challenges have your private sector and customs authority encountered with the PoUS system?
Croatia	ASBAC	Any challenges are yet to be determined in the upcoming weeks since the testing phase has just started.
Cyprus	Cyprus Shipping Association	Harmonisation with the implementation of the new system in conjunction with the prevailing system (hard copy documentation) and creation of backup systems.



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Cyprus	Cyprus Shipping Association	Need to be assessed further in the upcoming months.
Denmark	Danish Shipbrokers and Port Operators	Will have to wait for GoLive to gain experience in using the system.
Finland	Shipbrokers Finland	Not allowed to use the old system when PoUS was not working for several days. Needed replies to questions asked in the training session, but so far, no replies have been received. Seems that Finnish customs do not know how the system works.
Finland	OOCL (Finland) Ltd Oy	Short notice time to handle. No instructions given from FIM customs on how to handle the POUS declaration.
Finland		Lack of information / too late.
Finland	Member of Finnish Shipbrokers Association	Too tight a schedule from the introduction to use; a lack of information. The system was not available on 1st March, and no fallback procedure was announced.
Finland	POUS	Information regarding how to use Pous came late (29.2), only one day before the implementation.
France	Agents Maritimes Et Consignataires de France - AMCF	A few technical difficulties were encountered and reported to the commission for adjustment.
Netherlands	VNC	Information flow from the EU and Dutch Customs was too late and incomplete. A lot of questions could not be answered in time.
Sweden	The Swedish Shipbrokers Association	It is difficult for all of us, the private sector and the customs authority, to understand our different roles.



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3. Are there any solutions, such as the development of an API/interface or enhanced testing capabilities, that you believe would make the implementation more feasible?

COUNTRY	National Association / Associate Member	Are there any solutions, such as the development of an API/interface or enhanced testing capabilities, that you believe would make the implementation more feasible?
Croatia	ASBAC	Yes
Cyprus	Cyprus Shipping Association	Issuance of directives and instructions to the users and third-party software providers, and arrangement of seminars/webinars from the Customs Dept.
Cyprus	Cyprus Shipping Association	No solutions provided.
Denmark	Danish Shipbrokers and Port Operators	N/a
Finland	Shipbrokers Finland	Need to be so that the authorities have all details fully available and know the system back and forth before it will be taken into use for the final users.
Finland	OOCL (Finland) Ltd Oy	We should have given more time to arrange testing and create the process internally on the carrier's side. One day's pre-notice is not adequate.
Finland		Earlier, clearer, and more information regarding the whole process.
Finland	Member of Finnish Shipbrokers Association	Message exchange between Customs and the economic operator should be possible. Separate signing to the EU system is not a modern way to act.
Finland	POUS	Can not answer at this time.
France	Agents Maritimes Et Consignataires de France - AMCF	France, having chosen to use the PoUS tool deployed by the EU, no interface is planned as the use of this tool replaces a procedure that is currently paper based, therefore, without IT interconnection.



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Netherlands	VNC	Not known at this moment.
Sweden	The Swedish Shipbrokers Association	Enhanced testing capabilities had been appreciated. Now, everything happened as a big bang.

4. What is your Country's position on PoUS Implementation Postponement? Has your customs authority formally supported or considered supporting a request to postpone the PoUS implementation date??

COUNTRY	National Association / Associate Member	What is your Country's position on PoUS Implementation Postponement? Has your customs authority formally supported or considered supporting a request to postpone the PoUS implementation date?
Croatia	ASBAC	No
Cyprus	Cyprus Shipping Association	No
Cyprus	Cyprus Shipping Association	No
Denmark	Danish Shipbrokers and Port Operators	No, they have informed that GoLive is 1. March 2024.
Finland	Shipbrokers Finland	No
Finland	OOCL (Finland) Ltd Oy	No
Finland		No
Finland	Member of Finnish Shipbrokers Association	No
Finland	POUS	No



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France	Agents Maritimes Et Consignataires de France - AMCF	No
Netherlands	VNC	We do not know if they have requested for derogation, but they have considered it (not officially confirmed to us)
Sweden	The Swedish Shipbrokers Association	No, there is no need.

5. If so, please detail any actions taken or planned to advocate for this postponement at the EU level

COUNTRY	National Association / Associate Member	If so, please detail any actions taken or planned to advocate for this postponement at the EU level.
Croatia	ASBAC	N/a
Cyprus	Cyprus Shipping Association	No postponement actions currently.
Cyprus	Cyprus Shipping Association	No postponement suggested as above.
Denmark	Danish Shipbrokers and Port Operators	N/a
Finland	Shipbrokers Finland	-
Finland	OOCL (Finland) Ltd Oy	Not that we are aware of.
Finland		N/a



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Finland	Member of Finnish Shipbrokers Association	-
Finland	POUS	Nothing I have heard of.
France	Agents Maritimes Et Consignataires de France - AMCF	No action.
Netherlands	VNC	Not known.
Sweden	The Swedish Shipbrokers Association	-