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Using Descartes to Keep Pace with Customs Regulations Such as ICS2

Wallenius Wilhelmsen

The Wallenius Wilhelmsen group, is a leading roll-on/roll-off (RoRo) logistics provider serving a global customer base. Steven Barfoot, Senior Manager, Global Documentation and Customs at Wallenius Wilhelmsen explains how the company is building upon its existing relationship with Descartes for advance security filings to comply with the European Union (EU) Import Control System 2 (ICS2) requirements.

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Company Profile
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Industry Vertical
Ocean carrier

About the Client
The Wallenius Wilhelmsen group is a market leader in roll-on/roll-off (RoRo) shipping and vehicle logistics, managing the distribution of cars, trucks, rolling equipment and breakbulk to customers all over the world. The company operates around 125 vessels servicing 15 trade routes to six continents, a global inland distribution network, 66 processing centers and eight marine terminals. With the head office in Oslo, Norway, the Wallenius Wilhelmsen group has 9500 employees in 28 countries worldwide. Learn more at www.walleniuswilhelmsen.com.

Quick Overview

Challenge
Complying with evolving advanced security filing requirements worldwide

Solution
Descrates Global Security Filing™ (Descartes GSF™)

Results
- Improved Compliance
- Data Sharing
- Validation
- Common Platform

"Wallenius Wilhelmsen is at the forefront of regulatory compliance as we provide a foundation to move shipments for our customers around the world. One key part of this is to ensure that our customers comply with a growing body of regulations," said Steven Barfoot. "Moving equipment and vehicles is a time-sensitive business, and our client base looks to Wallenius Wilhelmsen to ensure shipments reach their destination without delay."

"As regulations like ICS2 evolve, we are keen to build upon existing relationships and technology like we already have in place with Descartes. It makes sense to expand a common platform to enable compliance. We, as a carrier, have been on board with ICS2 for some time. However, freight forwarders must also declare their House Bills of Lading (HBLs) to EU Customs."

"There are independent steps that forwarders must take to enable compliance. These include obtaining an Economic Operators Registration and Identification (EORI) number, but forwarders themselves must also file. We encourage freight forwarders to establish robust data collection processes and secure clear communication channels with their clients to also include Harmonized System (HS) codes as well as consignee EORI numbers."

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ICS2 is an advanced security filing that calls for additional information about shipments prior to entry into the EU. The regulation was established to obtain a more complete data set regarding the parties and contents of shipments to enhance security as well as speed up the movement of legitimate freight. Freight forwarders have until April 1, 2025, to request a deployment window and start as self-filers. For more information visit the Descartes ICS2 Resource Center.

As a long-standing innovator in technology for the cargo industry, Descartes is a leader in regulatory compliance and regulations such as ICS2. Descartes technology streamlines data sharing to enable multi-party collaboration, reduces the risk of submission errors and delays, and enables compliance via a broad range of methods and protocols.

Results:

Improved Compliance
Met advanced security filing requirements for regulations such as ICS2

Validation
Checks and balances on the format and validity of data prior to transmission helps ensure accuracy

Data Sharing
Sharing of information with operational stakeholders improves the speed of operations

Common Platform
A common solution for ICS2 compliance unifies practices and improves efficiency

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