

New structure of the declaration

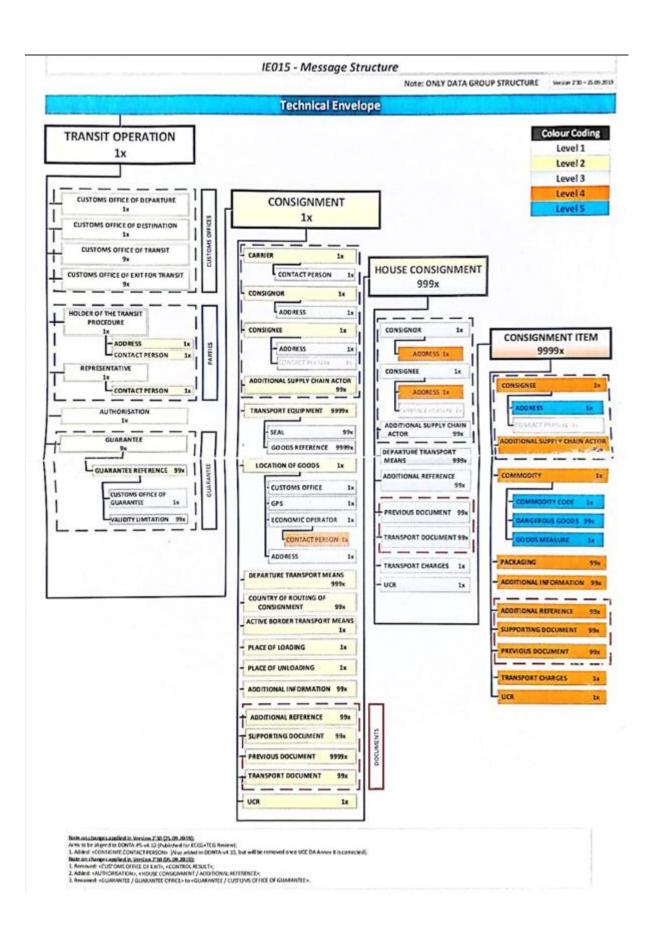
While a customs transit declaration in NCTS Phase 4 consists of two layers (declaration and item level) NTCTS Phase 5 has additional layers at the item level. This results in more detailed information, split into three layers (master consignment, house consignment, and consignment item) in addition to the envelope layer.

The declaration hierarchy is:

- 1. Declaration head, which includes the consignment data group.
- 2. Consignment > House consignment.
- 3. Consignment > House consignment > Consignment item.

More specifically:

- Master consignment: generic information about the transit agreement provided by the carrier and the direct contracting party. e.g. a declaration with only one consignee and/or consignor would be applied on this level. Also, documentation that applies to the whole declaration may be declared on this level. Only 1 consignment level can be submitted per declaration.
- House consignment: generic information about the lowest transit
 agreement provided by the forwarder, a common carrier, their
 agent, or a postal provider. A transit declaration in NCTS5 must
 have at least 1 house consignment that covers a single consignor.
 For movements containing goods for more that one consignor or
 consignee, then multiple house consignment data blocks must be
 used. House consignments allow for providing
 consignor/consignee details once for multiple items.
- Consignment item: sub-level of the house consignment with details about the goods, description, packaging, weight, goods code, etc. Each item must be assigned to a house consignment, which can contain up to 999 items. However, the total number of items permitted for each declaration cannot exceed 1999 items.



NCTS PHASE 5: Additional features

There are a few additional features especially for Traders. The updated system NCTS phase 5 is very similar to today's system, but there are a few areas that differ:

- messaging is changing from edifact to XML.
- The commodity code (HS number) must be entered to at least 6 digits.
- Ability to lodge a Transit Declaration prior to presentation of the goods, with the ability to amend before presentation. This means an additional Presentation Notification message (D4 Data Set) needs to be sent.
- The person responsible for the procedure must now state the amount of the guarantee to be reserved (the amount of duties and taxes) in the transit declaration. This was not mandatory in all countries.
- Some countries are extending the messaging to allow for checking of guarantee balance.
- Registration of incidents En-Route. For this reason, a new Office role is introduced, which is named Office o of Incidents Registration (role 'INC').
- Introduction of a new Office role named Office of Exit for Transit to perform safety and security checks of the movement before it exits the Security Area.
- Interface with AES to support the scenario Export followed by Transit.
- Digital MRN or TAD. Instead of providing a full paper document it should be possible to present just a MRN or Barcode.