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| **RFC Proposal** | | | | |
| **RFC Title** | | Getting ready before GE becomes Contracting Party to Convention on Common Transit Procedure | | |
| **Related Incident(s) / Known Error** | | IM724688 (also used for the review) | | |
| **Impacted Systems** | | NCTS  ECS  ICS  EOS  COPIS  TARIC  RISK Mgmt | | |
| **Type of Change** | | Simplified  Standard  Emergency | | |
| **Affected Document(s) & Version** | | **DDNTA-5.15.1-v1.00 (NCTS-P5)** and **DDNTA-5.15.2-v2.00 (NCTS-P5)** DDNXA v11.00 and DDNIA v13.00 | | |
| **Implementation date** | | *Proposed* by COM | **01/12/2024** @ 12:00 CET | **Big bang**  (**Y**/N) |
| **Decision by ECCG** | **//** | **Big bang (Y**/N) |
| **Analysis – Justification** | | | | |
| The Commission’s strategy to prepare certain neighbouring countries for accession to the 1987 EC-EFTA Convention on a Common Transit Procedure (CTC) and the Convention on the Simplification of Formalities in Trade in Goods was communicated in 2010. Since 2010, Croatia, Türkiye, North Macedonia, Serbia, United Kingdom and Ukraine acceded to those two conventions. Georgia (like Montenegro and Moldova) is preparing to become a Contracting Party to those Conventions.  Georgia (**NA-GE**) is expected to join the Convention on a common transit procedure on **01.12.2024 (date to be confirmed).** Georgia will start operations with their National Transit Application (NTA) aligned to NCTS-P5 with the commitment to start NCTS-P6 during the NCTS-P5/P6 Transitional Period. Georgia is \*not\* joining ECS-P2, AES, ICS-P1, ICS2, nor EOS.  **Bullseye with solid fill IMPORTANT:**  **The NTA.GE (operating as NCTS-P5) shall create and send messages using the UTF-8 character encoding (Range: 10A0–10FF), without problem for ქართული[[1]](#footnote-1), as documented at** [**https://www.unicode.org/charts/PDF/U10A0.pdf**](https://www.unicode.org/charts/PDF/U10A0.pdf)**. NAs will receive messages with Georgian text (i.e. non-English text that is not using Latin nor Cyrillic alphabet).**  **On 03.04.2023**, the National Customs Administration of Georgia (NA-GE) started its National Transit Application (NTA.GE) for **National Transit** (aligned to NCTS). The period between 03.04.2023 and **01.12.2024 (date to be confirmed)** is used to ensure that the Customs Officers, the Trade Community and the Financial Community are not only familiar but experts in applying the Common transit procedures.  The volume of messages from/to NA-GE exchanged on the Common Domain is expected to increase progressively after the accession to the CTC. Some existing NCTS movements will be ‘extended’ (e.g., some NCTS movements from **BG** to **TR** followed by TIR movements from **TR** to **GE** may become ‘single’ NCTS movements from **BG** to **GE** via **TR**) while new NCTS movements will be created (with the number of TIR movements being further reduced). Like for other countries that started with NCTS, the number of traders and declarations is expected to increase continuously during the first year of operations.  This RFC-Proposal covers a standard change of the DDNTA, with documentary impact on the DDNXA and DDNIA.  *This change impacts all National Administrations, the Economic Operators, DG TAXUD and OLAF.*  **Bullseye with solid fill IMPORTANT:**  🡺🡺 The decision and the exact date of the accession of **NA-GE** to the conventions will be decided by the Council, the CTC countries and Georgia, following the standard procedure defined in the Conventions, and explained at the EU-CTC Working Group meeting on 11.07.2024. | | | | |
| **Proposed Changes (Functional)** | | | | |
| No change will be applied to the FTSS. | | | | |
| **Proposed Changes (Technical)** | | | | |
| *Reminder:*   * In ***RFC-List30#398-7\_(785) CUSTOMS-RFC(NCTS)\_EU-UK\_WA+IE-NI\_Protocol-v1.10.3(Acc-ECCG).pdf***, the DDNTA-v20.00 was modified for the [Appendix X](https://circabc.europa.eu/w/browse/8a064c46-ff9c-43ce-a634-323dbad6026e), in order to take into account the changes needed for GB & XI. * In ***RFC-List.35\_NCTS\_0097\_CUSTDEV3-RTC53919\_NTA.UA in NCTS-P4-v1’10(SfAbyNPM).pdf***, the technical specifications were modified, to take into account the changes needed for the extension of NCTS to **Ukraine (NA-UA)**. ([this RFC-Proposal with implementation details is available on CIRCABC](https://circabc.europa.eu/ui/group/74357351-7c61-4729-8f4b-cd92c213ba34/library/d41dc78b-95ce-4190-bdd7-a15cdfb87087/details)), it was approved by ECCG in 2021 and UA started NCTS-P4 operations on 01.10.2022. * In ***RFC-List.35\_NCTS\_0098\_CUSTDEV3-RTC53920\_NTA.ME in NCTS- v1’01(SfAbyNPM).pdf***, the technical specifications were proposed to be modified, to take into account the changes needed for the extension of NCTS to **Montenegro (NA-ME)**. ([this RFC-Proposal is available on CIRCABC](https://circabc.europa.eu/ui/group/74357351-7c61-4729-8f4b-cd92c213ba34/library/b64fdcfe-4bd3-499a-a75c-a4a779b95372/details)), it was approved by ECCG in 2021 and ME will possibly start NCTS-P6 operations by the end of 2025 (date to be defined)).   NA-GE will start NCTS with a National Transit Application that is operating as **NCTS-P5**, with the capacity to activate the NCTS-P6 operations when applicable (i.e. during the NCTS-P5/P6 Transitional Period).   1. **NCTS-P4**   No change is needed in case the accession by GE would be possible only on 01.02.2025.  As per UCC Working Programme (*Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2023/2879*), **from 02.12.224**, **all NAs** **must** register **only NCTS-P5 declarations** (with transitional measures still applicable till 21.01.2025). At present, it is planned that **all NAs** will be ready with business continuity before “TPendDate”, with San Marino taking action to remain compatible with NCTS-P5 countries for the period 1-21.01.2025, and with Greece committed to start NCTS-P5 operations (big-bang) on 19.12.2024.  In this context, those two exceptions may justify the need for the update of NCTS-P4 specifications, to include ‘GE’. It could be possible that goods are moved under transit between GE and GR early December 2024, while NA-GR is still operating as NCTS-P4.  All the NAs operating as NCTS-P5 before 02.12.2024 are NOT IMPACTED by the NCTS-P4 changes. Only NA-GR and NA-SM are expected to apply the few changes listed for NCTS-P4 in case it is confirmed that they start NCTS-P5 operations just after the accession of **NA-GE** to the CTC.   1. No change will be applied to the DDCOM-v15.00. 2. The following changes are applicable to **DDNTA-v20.00 – Appendix X**:   **File ‘tcl.xsd’:**  For CL070 (CountryCodesCustomsOfficeLists)[[2]](#footnote-2):    a/ Addition of :  <xs:enumeration value="GE">  <xs:annotation>  <xs:documentation>Georgia</xs:documentation>  </xs:annotation>  </xs:enumeration>    **File ‘tcl\_ncts.xsd’:**  For CL071(CountryCodesGuaranteeManagementNonEc):  a/ Addition of:  <xs:enumeration value="GE">  <xs:annotation>  <xs:documentation>Georgia</xs:documentation>  </xs:annotation>  </xs:enumeration>  The updated version of those files will be applicable from the date of accession by Georgia to the Convention on Common Transit (01.12.2024 (date to be confirmed)).  *Please note that those two files will be published on CIRCABC, but the full DDNTA-v20.00 will* ***not*** *be re-published.*   1. The following changes are applicable to **DDNTA-v20.00 – Appendix C**:   The Customs Office List being common to NCTS ECS/AES and ICS, the **page 68** of **DDNTA-Appendix C-v20.00-SfA.pdf**, the **page 57** of **DDNXA-Appendix C-v11.00-SfA.pdf** and the **page 28** of **DDNIA-Appendix C-v13.00-SfA.pdf** must be updated (see next page) with the values defined in RFC-List.30 (GB/XI), in RFC-List.35 (UA) and in this RFC-Proposal:   * description of ‘GB’ became ‘United Kingdom of Great Britain’, * the code ‘XI’ (UK (in respect of Northern Ireland) was added, * the text "~~Valid as soon as they join the Common Transit Convention~~" was removed for RS, * the code ‘UA’ (Ukraine) was added, * the code ‘GE’ (Georgia) is also becoming applicable,     *Please note that those reference data will be changed in CS/RD2 (see below), but the full DDNTA-v20.00 (with new Appendix C) will not be re-published.*   1. The **CS/RD2 CONF and PROD data** will be updated for NCTS-P4 as follows:  * CL008, CL009, CL015, CL048, CL070, CL141, CL142, CL143, CL144 : same changes as defined for NCTS-P5 (see below) * Applicability NCTS-P4 and ECS-P2 - **CL063** (CountryCodesCommonTransitOutsideCommunity):   🡪 the entry ‘**GE**’ (‘Georgia’) will be added with validity date 01.12.2024 (date to be confirmed).  **Important for ECS-P2***: This means – implicitly – that the export declarations to ‘UA’, the ‘Type of declaration’ will be defined as ‘EU’ and no more ‘EX’ (see TR9121), from* 01.12.2024 (date to be confirmed)*.*   * Applicability NCTS-P4 only   🡪 **CL071** (CountryCodesGuaranteeManagementNonEc):   * the entry ‘**GE**’ (‘Georgia’) will be added with validity date 01.12.2024 (date to be confirmed).   🡪 **CL111** (UnocLanguages) [Coding ISO/IEC 8859-1 is applicable for Georgian being transliterated by ieCA]:   * the entry ‘**KA**’ (Georgian / Kharthuli) will be added with validity date 01.12.2024 (date to be confirmed).   **🡪 CL139** (CountryCodesFunctioningAsNonEUCommonTransitCountries):   * the entry ‘**GE**’ (‘Georgia’) will be added with validity date 01.12.2024 (date to be confirmed).   All those changes will be applied first in **CS/RD2 CONF.** Those changes will be likely applied in **CS/RD2 PROD** on **04.11.2024 (date to be confirmed).**   1. The **CSE database v40.20** will not be updated. **The CSE database v51.8.6** will be updated accordingly. 2. **NCTS-P5**    1. **DDCOM-20.4.1-v2.00:**   No change will be applied.   * 1. **DDNTA-5.15.1-v1.00** and **DDNTA-5.15.2-v2.00 – Appendix Q2:**   No change will be applied.   * 1. **DDNTA-5.15.1-v1.00** and **DDNTA-5.15.2-v2.00 – Appendix C:**   The following changes will be applied:  The file “**RDP-NCTS\_TP#04(2023M03) = DDNTA\_APP\_C-5·15·1-(RD\_FullMapping\_P4-P5)\_(2023-03-10)-v1·20.xlsx**” and **“RDP-NCTS\_TP#05(2023M10) = DDNTA\_APP\_C-5·15·2-(RD\_FullMapping\_P4-P5)\_(2023-10-11)-v1·21.xlsx”** will be modified to take into account the changes applied in CS/RD2 (as defined here below).   * 1. **DDNTA-5.15.1-v1.00** and **DDNTA-5.15.2-v2.00 – Appendix X:**   The following changes will be applied (addition of the text highlighted in yellow) in the **file ‘tcl.xsd’:**  (...)  <!--================================================================================-->  <!--===== Country Codes (Customs Office Lists) -->  <!--===== Format: a2 -->  <!--===== CL070 -->  <!--================================================================================-->  <xs:simpleType name="CountryCodesCustomsOfficeLists">  <xs:annotation>  <xs:documentation>This Codelist includes the countries who are maintaining their Customs Offices in CS/RD2. It lists the country codes used as the first two characters of the Customs Office Reference Number. It corresponds to the content of the code list CL009 excluding 'AX', 'GF', 'GG', 'GP', 'IM', 'JE', 'LI', 'MC', 'MF', 'MQ', 'RE', 'SJ', 'XS' and 'YT'. This codelist is used for the Customs Office List. The values of this codelist are also available and updated in CS/RD2.</xs:documentation>  </xs:annotation>  <xs:restriction base="xs:token">  <xs:enumeration value="AD">  <xs:annotation>  <xs:documentation>Andorra</xs:documentation>  </xs:annotation>  </xs:enumeration>  (...)  <xs:enumeration value="GB">  <xs:annotation>  <xs:documentation>United Kingdom</xs:documentation>  </xs:annotation>  </xs:enumeration>  <xs:enumeration value="GE">  <xs:annotation>  <xs:documentation>Georgia</xs:documentation>  </xs:annotation>  </xs:enumeration>  <xs:enumeration value="GR">  <xs:annotation>  <xs:documentation>Greece</xs:documentation>  </xs:annotation>  </xs:enumeration>  (...)  *Please note that this file will be published on CIRCABC after acceptance of this RFC-List dedicated to Georgia, possibly before a full DDNTA (NCTS-P5) will be re-published to cover the implementation of this change.*   * 1. **CSE database v51.8.2** and **CSE database v51.8.6:** * The codelists used in CSE will be updated accordingly, for information. The reference remains in CS/RD2.  1. **AES:**   The following changes are applicable to DDNXA-5.15.1-v1.00 & [**DDNXA-5.15.2-v2.00**](https://circabc.europa.eu/w/browse/c2b65a7b-f2ad-4646-92ce-d7374f169d8c) **– Appendix C**:  The file “**DDNXA\_APP\_C=RDP-AES\_TP#06(2023M10)=DDNXA\_APP\_C-5·15.2-(RD\_FullMapping\_ECS-P2-AES-P1)\_(2023-10-13)-v20.00.7z**” will be modified to take into account the changes applied in CS/RD2 (as defined here below).   1. **CS/RD2:** 2. **Changes applied by COM - Applicability NCTS-P5 (and also NCTS-P4)**.    * 1. Codelist **CL009** (CountryCodesCommonTransit):  * **CONF**: the entry ‘**GE**’ (‘Georgia’) is a valid entry in that codelist as the regime ‘OTH’ was replaced by ‘**TOC**’, with validity date **01.01.2023**. * **PROD**: the entry ‘**GE**’ (‘Georgia’) will become a valid entry in that codelist as the regime ‘OTH’ will be replaced by ‘TOC’, with validity date **01.12.2024 (date to be confirmed)**. This change will be likely applied on **04.11.2024 (date to be confirmed).**   + 1. Codelist **CL048** (Currency): * **CONF**: the entry ‘**GEL**’ (‘Georgian Lari’) was added with value ‘**3.0698**‘ with validity date **01.06.2023**. * **PROD**: the entry ‘**GEL**’ (‘Georgian Lari’) will be added with value ‘***to be defined by DG TAXUD/A1***‘ with validity date **01.12.2024 (date to be confirmed)**. This change will be likely applied on **04.11.2024 (date to be confirmed).**  1. **Changes applied by COM - Applicability NCTS-P5 and the other domains that use the Customs Office List (including NCTS-P4, ECS-P2 and AES)**    * 1. Codelist **CL008** (CountryCodesFullList):  * **CONF**: the entry ‘**GE**’ (‘Georgia’) was modified with validity date **01.01.2023** and the regime ‘OTH’ was replaced by ‘TOC’. * **PROD**: the entry ‘**GE**’ (‘Georgia’) will be modified with validity date **01.12.2024 (date to be confirmed)** and the regime ‘OTH’ shall be replaced by ‘TOC’. This change will be likely applied on **04.11.2024 (date to be confirmed).**   + 1. Codelist **CL015** (GeoInfoCodes): * **CONF**: the following entries were added in May 2023 with validity date **01.06.2023**:   GE/AM Georgian-Armenian frontier  GE/AZ Georgian-Azerbaijan frontier  GE/RU Georgian-Russian frontier  GE/TR Georgian- Turkish frontier   * **PROD**: the same entries will be added with validity date two weeks before **01.12.2024 (date to be confirmed)**. This change will be likely applied on **04.11.2024 (date to be confirmed).**   + 1. Codelist **CL070** (CountryCodesCustomsOfficeList): * **CONF**: the entry ‘**GE**’ (‘Georgia’) was added in 2022 with validity date **01.01.2023**. * **PROD**: the entry ‘**GE**’ (‘Georgia’) will be added with validity date **01.12.2024 (date to be confirmed)**. This change will be likely applied on **04.11.2024 (date to be confirmed).**   + 1. Codelist **CL144** (UnLocode): * **CONF**: 54 entries were added, with validity date **01.07.2023**. * **PROD**: 54 entries will be added, with validity date **01.12.2024 (date to be confirmed)**. This change will be likely applied on **04.11.2024 (date to be confirmed).**   (Note: those codes (starting with ‘**GE’**) are already valid in CL244)   1. **Changes applied by COM – Applicability NCTS-P5 only** 2. Codelist **CL112** (CountryCodesCTC):  * **CONF**: the entry ‘**GE**’ (‘Georgia’) was added in 2022 with validity date **01.01.2023**. * **PROD**: the entry ‘**GE**’ (‘Georgia’) will be added with validity date **01.12.2024 (date to be confirmed)**. This change will be likely applied on **04.11.2024 (date to be confirmed).**  1. Codelist **CL146** (CountryGuaranteeNotValid):  * **CONF**: the entry ‘**GE**’ (‘Georgia’) was added in May 2023 with validity date **01.06.2023**. * **PROD**: the entry ‘**GE**’ (‘Georgia’) will be added with validity date **01.12.2024 (date to be confirmed)**. This change will be likely applied on **04.11.2024 (date to be confirmed).**  1. Codelist **CL199** (CountryCodesWithAddress) & Codelist **CL248** (CountryCodesForAddress): **CONF** & **PROD**: No change, the entry ‘**GE**’ (‘Georgia’) remains valid. 2. Codelist **CL247** (NCTSCountryOutsideCustomsSecurityAgreementArea):  * **CONF**: the entry ‘**GE**’ (‘Georgia’) was added in 2022 with validity date **01.01.2023**. * **PROD**: the entry ‘**GE**’ (‘Georgia’) will be added with validity date **01.12.2024 (date to be confirmed)**. This change will be likely applied on **04.11.2024 (date to be confirmed).**  1. **Changes applied by COM – Applicability AES** 2. Codelist **CL140** (CountryCodesCountryRegimeOth):  * **CONF**: the entry ‘**GE**’ (‘Georgia’) was invalidated in 2022 with validity date **01.01.2023**. * **PROD**: the entry ‘**GE**’ (‘Georgia’) will be invalidated with validity date **01.12.2024 (date to be confirmed)**. This change will be likely applied on **04.11.2024 (date to be confirmed).**  1. **Changes by GE - The Customs Office List (COL) is being extended in CS/RD2 CONFORMANCE:** 2. Codelist CL141 (CustomsOffices):  * So far, 48 Customs Offices located in Georgia have been added, with validity date 17.01.2024, by **NA-GE**, and will be fine-tuned before the CT-Mode3 can start.  1. Codelist CL142 (CountryRegion):  * the entries (likely 11 regions) will be created before updating the Customs Offices, with validity date to be agreed with **NA-GE**.  1. Codelist CL143 (CountryHolidays):  * the entries will be created after uploading the Customs Offices, with validity date to be agreed with **NA-GE**. * The upload of the whole list of Customs Offices in **CS/RD2 PROD** will be completed by **NA-GE** team with validity date **01.12.2024 (date to be confirmed)**, after a final test in CONF to verify that the data can be properly loaded in CS/RD2 PROD. This change will be likely applied on **04.11.2024 (date to be confirmed).** * NA-GE was invited to provide DG TAXUD with the translations of the existing Reference Data descriptions for the various codelists. The Georgian texts will be uploaded by DG TAXUD/ITSM in CONF, then verified by NA-GE, before the upload of those translations in CS/RD2 **PROD** by DG TAXUD/ITSM. This change will be likely applied on **04.11.2024 (date to be confirmed).** * All the changes already applied in **CS/RD2 CONF**, enabled the Conformance Testing of NTA.GE, using CTA.  1. **Changes by EU27, AD, SM, XI and CTC countries:**    * 1. **Türkiye** will update their Customs Office List - as needed (business as usual) - for the offices that are modified (e.g. to add the role Office of Transit (TRA) at the TR/GE border).      2. All **NCTS** countries will synchronise their national reference database with CS/RD2, as soon as modified by COM or by any National Project Teams.      3. Traders and National Software Providers will be informed as early as possible about the new Customs Offices in GE and about all above changes.   **Note 1:** All NCTS-P5 NAs shall test that the changes of Reference Data will be properly fully propagated in their NTA.  **Note 2:** Based on this RFC-Proposal (once agreed by ECCG), the CS/RD2 changes shall be applied in CS/RD2 by DG TAXUD in PRODUCTION **as early as possible, taking into account the date of convention instrument deposit by GE, likely 4 weeks** before **GE** starts NCTS-P5 operations (**01.12.2024 (date to be confirmed)**). The National NCTS teams will be informed once the CONF data is fully modified, to enable testing by all NAs.  **Note 3: Before and after the accession,** NA-GE will always apply any change on Customs Offices **FIRST** in CONF, and **after success** in CS/RD2 PROD.   1. **CTA:**  * The configuration of the application was already adapted to include ‘**GE**’.  1. **CS/ieCA & CRP:**  * Considering the possible exception of NA-GR (starting NCTS-P5 on 19.12.2024) and NA-SM (starting NCTS-P5 on 21.01.2025), NTA.GE might consider the need to downgrade/upgrade messages using ieCA, in case many messages must be exchanged with those two countries. The NCTS\_CRP-5.9.2 will be uploaded in ieCA-PROD to be able to manage the exchanges with ‘**GE**’. The local ieCA deployed in FI does not need any update. Like for other NAs, the exchanges between NA-FI & NA-GE will be using the NCTS-P5 protocol.  1. **CS/MIS2**  * The configuration of the application was already adapted to include ‘**GE**’ in CS/MIS2 **CONF**. * The configuration of the application will be adapted to include ‘**GE**’ in CS/MIS2 **PROD** before **01.12.2024 (date to be confirmed)**.  1. **Guarantee Management System:** 2. National configuration to be extended to enable ‘**GE**’. 3. Guarantees to be extended to cover the territory of Georgia, as needed. 4. **CCN/CSI:**    1. The CCN Gateway used by **NA-GE** was defined as “CUSTTAX.GE”.    2. The details of the CCN queues is documented in the [XLS File located in CIRCABC](https://circabc.europa.eu/ui/group/74357351-7c61-4729-8f4b-cd92c213ba34/library/d297088d-9cfa-4e5d-a6e8-d2e47ef33049?p=1&n=10&sort=modified_DESC).    3. The NCTS RIT queues are operational since end June 2024.    4. The NCTS PROD queues will be operational two weeks before **01.12.2024 (date to be confirmed)**, to enable smoke tests.   CONFORMANCE TESTING:  Each NA will verify that:   1. its NTA can manage exchanges with the new NTA.GE application. International Testing is strongly recommended. 2. the CD001C/CD003C/CD050C/CD115C **with safety and security** can be processed for declarations lodged in **GE**, with goods entering (and exiting) EU – if applicable in that MS. 3. the interface between the NTA and    * + its National Risk Management System (NRMS),      + its National Guarantee Management System (NGMS),   remain fully operational.   1. the Customs Officers (and the National HelpDesk) are trained to manage the new transit movements from/to **NA-GE**.   DG TAXUD is supporting the Conformance Testing Mode-2 and Mode-3 of the NTA.GE.  The CT Mode-3 will be given high importance to ensure the full readiness of the NA-GE to accede to the CTC Convention.  **TIMELINES** (Assumption on start date (01.12.2024) is for illustration purpose only, it’s a *provisional* date to be confirmed)**:**  **01.12.2024: NTA.GE starts NCTS-P5 operations.**  30.11.2024: In case of agreement between **NA-GE** and **OLAF**, the MDS configuration will be modified by DG TAXUD to enable the automatic duplication to OLAF queues of all NCTS messages sent from the CCN Gateway of **NA-GE**.  04.11.2024: CS/RD2 PROD DATA updated by DG TAXUD & **NA-GE** with validity date 01.06.2024.  15.08.2024 - 15.09.2024: Conformance testing Mode-3 of **NTA.GE** with ***some*** MS / CTC countries (i.e. not mandatory for ***all*** EU27 / CTC countries).  Between 01.09.2024 and 15.11.2024: possibility of self-service light CT Mode-2 using CTA, for all NAs.  01.01.2024 - 01.08.2024: CT-Mode2 of NTA.GE using CTA (and TRP/NCTS\_5.7.x).  **Starting as early as possible after the ECCG approval**: Action by all NAs:  - To **define** the changes applied to their NTA’s specifications (including the link with EOS, ECS and Risk Engine – if applicable),  - To **define** and **publish** the changes applicable to their National operators,  - To **implement** the changes in their NTA (incl. the interface with their GMS and with other applications),  - To **test** the changes in their NTA, including GMS (for EU27, including the link with (National)EOS / CRS, with the National Risk Engine, the Export followed by Transit),  - To **setup** and make available the test environment to their national economic operators, to validate the modified application of their National operators,  - To **prepare** and **launch** a communication campaign at National level (complementary to COM’s communication campaign),  - To **plan, prepare** and **provide** training to their Customs Officers.  **15.09.2024**: **Formal approval of this RfC-Proposal by ECCG, Switzerland, Norway and the UK [via written procedure].**  10.08.2024: CS/RD2 CONF DATA fully updated by DG TAXUD & NA-GE.  18.07.2024: This RfC-Proposal is sent to the NPMs of NCTS-P4, NCTS-P5, ECS-P2 and AES for their review.  01.11.2022: CCN Gateway of **NA-GE** is already in place. Profiles, queues, users are defined. | | | | |
| **Proposed Changes (BPM Level1-Level4)** | | | | |
| Level 1 – 4 | None | | | |
| **Proposed Changes (other CIs with possible impact on National applications)** | | | | |
| N/A | N/A | | | |
| **Related Changes in COM applications (For information only)** | | | | |
| CS/MIS2 | The addition of ‘**GE**’ is defined as a standard configuration change (incl. the Business Statistics). | | | |
| CTA | The version 2.4.5 was installed in May 2021, it already enables the Conformance Testing by GE. | | | |
| DDS2 | The europa.eu website will be modified to include the information about **NA-GE** in   * the eMAP application published at <https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/dds2/tra/transit_emap.jsp> * the Customs Offices List application published at <https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/dds2/rd/rd_home.jsp?Lang=en> * the Transit MRN follow-up application published at <https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/dds2/mrn/mrn_home.jsp?Lang=en>. | | | |
| ieCA / CTS / CRP | The conversion by ieCA can be requested by NTA.GEfor the declarations that would be accepted while NA-GR and/or NA-SM would still be operating as NCTS-P4 (planned as 16.12.2024 for NA-GR and 21.01.2025 for NA-SM). The upload of NCTS\_CRP-5.9.2 in ieCA is planned for 26.07.2024. | | | |
| Monitoring & Reporting | ITSM Business Monitoring will modify the daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly, annual reports templates that use the CS/MIS2 data, as well as the availability reports. | | | |
| SMS | The application will be configured to enable the usage by GE and the ‘GE’ records will be added before the start of operations | | | |
| TRP/NCTS | The TRP release 5.14.2 includes the modified reference data and the required instantiation data (Customs Offices used by NA-GE for the CT). | | | |

| **Risks** | |
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| Risk of implementing (incl. Risk Level) | For all: **MEDIUM**  As explained at the EU-CTC WG meeting on 11.07.2024, the date of 01.12.2024 is a target date. In case of delay in the procedure, the alternative date would be 01.02.2024.  For EU27, AD, SM, XI & CTC: **MEDIUM**   * The limited NCTS resources (and IT resources in general) must be allocated at the same time to NCTS-P5 preparation and to the **GE** changes, keeping strictly the accepted NCTS-P5 planning. * The risk is higher for the neighbouring country (**NA-TR**) where the impact at border crossing points will be major (e.g. new NCTS-dedicated lanes, more trainings, …), with many actions to be run in parallel by Customs Administrations and by Economic Operators.   For NA-GE: **Medium**   * The main risk (under control so far) is related to the planning. Many IT and business actions to be taken by the **GE** **Customs** over a very short period, with the complexity of starting NCTS and – later – managing exchanges with both NCTS-P5 and NCTS-P6 messages until the end of the Transitional Period P5/P6. |
| Mitigation actions | * COM to invite NAs to perform advance testing of their updated NTA version (External Domain), * NAs to share their NPP (by 01.09.2024) ) [template will be published by DG TAXUD], * COM to publish the consolidated NPP and monitor it via dedicated monthly Webinars (communication via NPMs – list maintained on [CIRCABC](https://circabc.europa.eu/ui/group/74357351-7c61-4729-8f4b-cd92c213ba34/library/35345f0a-5123-4958-865c-451956e91367?p=1)). * Monthly coordination meeting COM-GE, to follow carefully the evolution of the planned tasks, and to assess continuously the (identified / new) risks. * Regular communication to EU-CTC WG, ITSDG, ECCG and TCG. |
| Impact of not implementing | * All “To Be” NAs and GE and COM must be ready for this big-bang change defined by the Contracting Parties to the Convention on common transit. * Impact on traders as the transit movement from, to and via Georgia would be impacted. |

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1. ‘Georgian’ in Georgian alphabet. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. The file tcl.xsd is also shared with DDNXA-v11.00 and DDNIA-v13.00 (in Appendix X). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)