

Electronic freight transport information (eFTI) Regulation

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Villu Varjas DG MOVE, European Commission "This Regulation establishes a [harmonized] legal framework for the electronic communication of regulatory information between the economic operators concerned and competent authorities in relation to the transport of goods on the territory of the Union."

Article 1, eFTI Regulation (2020/1056)

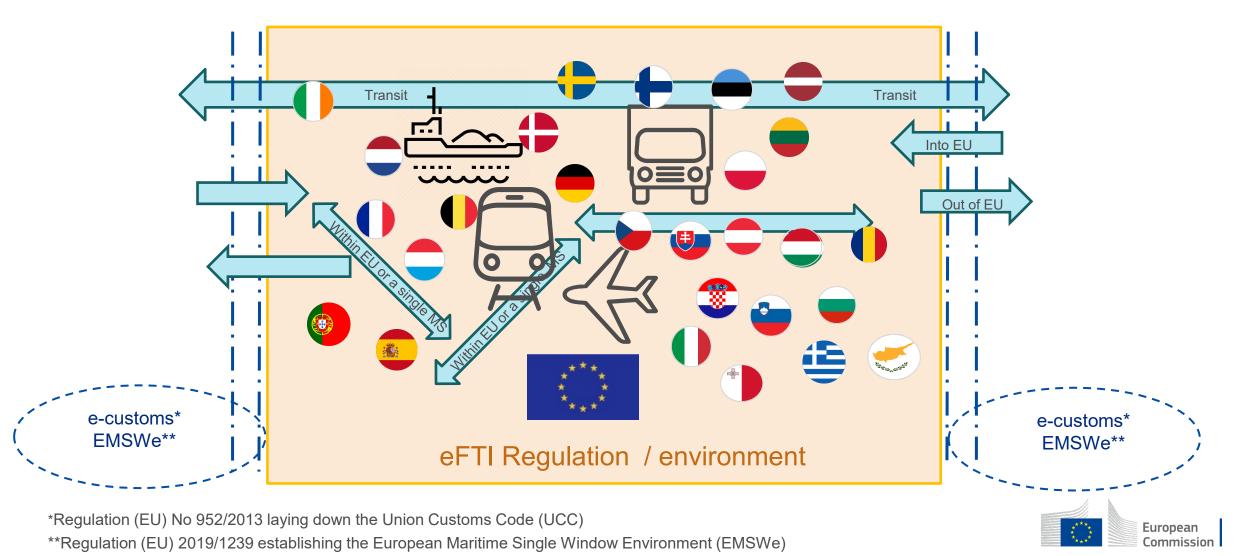


eFTI in practice (a very simplified vision)...





eFTI Regulation and other EU acts supporting trade & transport digitalisation in the EU



Key elements of the eFTI Regulation

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Information (already) required by EU & national legislation

- Legislation applicable to the transport of goods on the EU hinterland
- Legislation concerning the means of transport and the personnel not concerned

Obligation for all competent authorities in all EU Member States

- · Accept the information electronically
- Use common requirements/technical specifications for acceptance (defined by EU implementing legislation)



Option for the economic operators

- Facilitation possibility to present the information electronically; no obligation
- When opting, obligation to use certified eFTI platforms or service providers



Common requirements for service providers and platforms

- For platforms' functionalities and, respectively, service providers' obligations
- Common implementation specifications (defined by EU implementing legislation)



Harmonised third-party certification for service providers and platforms

One stop shop, valid EU-wide



Main pillars of the eFTI exchange environment

- **Data harmonization** based on international standards that allow extending the eFTI common data set for B2B purposes.
- Trust archictecture for data exchange that allows
 - 1) the economic operators to trust that their data is safe on their eFTI platforms and no one who is not appropriately authorised will get access to this data, and
 - 2) the competent authorities to trust that they receive up-to-date information via secure channels from certified eFTI platforms.



eFTI data and UN/CEFACT standards

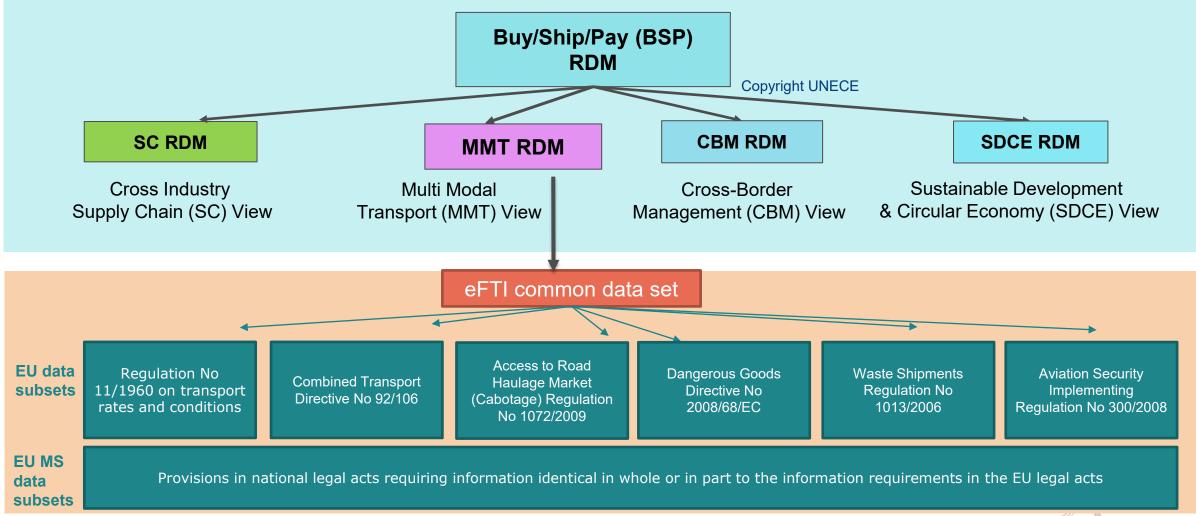


eFTI common data set and data subsets

- eFTI common data set a set of structured data elements that correspond to all the eFTI data subsets, where each data element is included only once.
- eFTI data subsets a set of structured data elements that each correspond to one piece of legislation in the scope of eFTI regulation.
- 6 EU legal acts + ca 200 national legal acts = 200+ data subsets = 500+ unique data elements



eFTI common data set and subsets as profiles of the UN/CEFACT Multimodal Transport Reference Data Model (MMT RDM)





Benefits of using the UN/CEFACT MMT RDM as the base

- Reuse of the structure and data elements = No need to reinvent the wheel.
- Possibility to extend the data set based on the existing core component library.
- Easier interoperability with other data exchange environments built on the same base.



From regulatory requirements to data elements: challenges and more challenges

- Text versus structured data / identifiers / codified information (Example: parties, locations, means of transport, equipment)
- Information that is mandatory by law but not implemented in practice (Example: stamps, fax numbers)
- Information that is necessary in practice but not required in the provisions within the eFTI scope (Example: aviation consignment security declaration)
- To establish the eFTI data subsets we needed to consider not only the regulatory information requirements, but also the practices and processes around them.
- Challenge of eFTI data harmonization: eFTI regulation cannot change legal requirements to harmonize the common data set, but suitable data elements need to be found that would cover as broad range of legal requirements as possible.



eFTI exchange environment in practice (simplified example)

Economic operator view: CMR information requirements	Harmonised structure on eFTI platform (eFTI common data set)	Competent authority view: authorised to check cabotage data
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 Name, Address, Country Delivery of the goods 	eFTI68 Consignee nameASBIE Consignee postal address	Consignee • Name • Address
Place, Country Carriage charges	 ASBIE Consignee receipt location ASBIE Consignee receipt location postal address eFTI154 Consignee receipt location 	Place of deliveryPostal addressLocation name
Cash on delivery	 Applicable service charge eFTI943 Applicable service charge type eFTI951 Applied amount eFTI952 Amount currency code 	European Commission

eFTI timeline



eFTI Regulation implementation and application – Indicative timeline

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DA – Delegated act (Commission Regulation)

IA – Implementing act (Commission Regulation)

DTLF – Digital Transport and Logistics Forum

Thank you



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