

WKS Adjustments in BHT and ALPO

This document is intended to provide you, as a user of BHT/WHT, with a summarized overview of the process changes resulting from the WKS adjustments:

General information about WKS:

Definition: The Re-export Control System (WKS) is the ATLAS specialized application for handling Exis Summary Declarations (ASumA) and Re-export Notifications (WAM).

Implementation in BHT: In BHT, the Re-export Notification (WAM) will not be implemented in coordination with the respective customs offices. Instead, all declarations will be processed using the higher-ranking customs procedure of the Exit Summary Declaration (ASumA).

Registration of all transshipments with ASumA:

Today, a Re-export Notification can be made for the re-export of non-Union goods in certain cases without an ASumA declaration by only creating a BHT port order with order type 810/910 and the indication of ZOPD data (and the corresponding dispatch status). This is possible when the re-export of the non-Union goods from the free zone or the seaport takes place within 14 days.

This will no longer be possible with the introduction of ATLAS-WKS!

In the future, a declaration via an ATLAS specialized procedure—and therefore an ASumA declaration—must be created for every re-export of non-Union goods, regardless of the dwell time in the port.

Besides the use case of re-exporting goods, the customs requirements for the obligation to create an ASumA declaration remain unchanged.

Procedure transition:

The procedure transition, formerly the so-called completion parts, is relevant whenever non-Union goods are in temporary storage in the non-freezone seaport, e.g., Wilhelmshaven, Bremen, or Hamburg. This may include import cargo awaiting re-export or non-Union goods delivered by land to the port and intended for sea loading. Previously, temporary storage was opened, managed, and closed outside the ASumA process. With the introduction of ATLAS-WKS, the closing of temporary storage is mandated within the ASumA. Therefore, the necessary elements for the procedure transition must be integrated into ALPO/BHT and considered in the interface.

When submitting an ASumA, the ATB/MRN of the temporary storage inventory in the seaport must be referenced. The challenge for the ASumA declarant for the export shipment is to know the ATB/MRN and the exact configuration of the temporary storage inventory, and to declare the export shipment accordingly to avoid mismatches. For Wilhelmshaven, WHT will include a check of the ATB/MRN number, as well as the position and package information. These must match the data of the temporary storage/SumA; otherwise, the port order will be rejected with a MOB message and a corresponding note. Particularly, the declaration of T1/NCTS transit procedures in seaports requires special attention from declarants due to these changes.

German Customs provides an online status information service (SumA) that allows users to view the temporary storage inventories associated with their own EORI number. Further information can be found here or online by searching for "Informationsschreiben zur Internet-Statusauskunft SumA" (in German only).

Registration of T1 / NCTS Transit Procedures:

Under the previous process, a T1 document or NCTS transit procedure could be registered within a BHT order by providing customs data with procedure code 3333N. With the new requirements introduced by ATLAS WKS, this approach will no longer be sufficient. ATLAS WKS stipulates that in such cases an ASumA must also be created.

With the introduction of ATLAS WKS in BHT on 24 May, when registering a T1 or NCTS transit procedure it will therefore be necessary, in addition to the existing customs data with procedure code 3333N, to also transmit the complete ASumA data. If the goods are exported via a non-freeport customs office, for example Wilhelmshaven or Bremen, the newly created ASumA must additionally include the procedure transition with reference to temporary storage.

In certain constellations, for example in the case of dangerous goods shipments, sequencing issues may arise. The port order must already be created prior to delivery in order to obtain a BHT or WHT reference for delivery. At the same time, the temporary storage, whose ATB and contents must be referenced in the ASumA, is often only opened upon delivery at the gate and presentation of the goods to customs—i.e. after completion of the NCTS transit procedure. Two options are available to resolve this issue.

Option 1: Provisional SumA

Creation of a provisional SumA via a customs software.

Receipt of a provisional ATB for reporting the procedure transition.

Upon presentation at the seaport, the storage inventory is opened and the ATB is finalized.

Option 2: Order type 888

Registration of the container without customs data for delivery to the terminal.

Receipt of a BHT/WHT reference for delivery.

Once all storage data is available: cancellation of the 888 order.

Re-registration of a complete export order (e.g. order type 125), including all customs and ASumA data.

Removal of the self-declarant mode for AsumA in BHT/WHT:

With the introduction of ATLAS-WKS, an adjustment to the self-declarant mode for ASumA in BHT will also occur:

The so-called Self-Declarant Mode will no longer be supported. With ATLAS-WKS, it will no longer be possible to specify an externally created ASumA-MRN and its current status in the BHT order.

Only the use of the BHT Mode—meaning the creation of the ASumA declaration directly within BHT—will be possible.

If you are currently using the Self-Declarant Mode, please ensure that all procedures receive approval before the transition date and that they are indicated in the BHT order. Changing the status of ASumA-MRNs declared in Self-Declarant Mode will no longer be possible after the transition to ATLAS-WKS.

As part of the adjustment to the declaration mode, order changes with status code "GSA" will also no longer be supported. Orders with status code "GSA" will be rejected with a "MOB" and a corresponding note after the transition to ATLAS-WKS.

Document Codes:

As part of the interface adjustments to WKS, the possibility was created to specify various codings in BHT orders—in particular, in ASumA declarations—to provide additional information required by customs regarding the characteristics or intended use of the goods.

Specifically, you may enter information about documents, other references, and additional information using the code lists provided by customs. This is not necessarily mandatory under ATLAS-WKS, but was just included by us as part of the overall adjustment of the interface.

If you have any further questions about the adjustments in BHT/WHT or ALPO, feel free to contact us.

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