



Are you ready for the change to BICS?

If you need to take action, make sure you do so **by 21 February 2021** at the latest. After this date, voyage data reporting will no longer be possible with the old settings.

Your situation

Do I need to act?

I report with BICS **and** I have an RWS account*

You do not have to submit a request yourself: Rijkswaterstaat will send you an email containing your BICS identity and instructions**. You must follow these instructions.

I report with BICS, but do **not** have an RWS account yet*

Create an RWS account using this [link](#). Next, complete the [BICS registration form](#) on the BICS website. You will receive an email containing your BICS identity and instructions from Rijkswaterstaat a few days later. You must follow these instructions.

I want to register as a new BICS user

Create an RWS account using this [link](#). Next, complete the [BICS registration form](#) on the BICS website. You will receive an email containing your BICS identity and instructions from Rijkswaterstaat a few days later. You must follow these instructions.

I use ContainerPlanner instead of BICS

You do not need to do anything. Your account will be prepared by Autena Marine. For more information, click this [link](#).

I sometimes report with BICS and sometimes with ContainerPlanner, depending on the type of cargo

Your ContainerPlanner account will be prepared by Autena: no action is required on your part. In the case of your BICS account, choose the situation that applies to you and follow the appropriate instructions.

I am not sure which category I fall into

Complete the [BICS registration form](#) as far as you can on the BICS website. You will receive an email containing your BICS identity and instructions from Rijkswaterstaat a few days later. You must follow these instructions.

I want to report with the Tresco Inland-Ecdis chart with BICS integrated in the background

Install the [latest version of BICS](#) on the same computer where you have installed Tresco Navigis. Click "Voyage Plan/Electronic Reporting (BICS)". Follow the instructions in the wizard and enter the information required.

I want to report with Stuwplan 2000, Stuwplan 5000, or the Periskal Inland-Ecdis chart with BICS integrated in the background

Install the [latest version of BICS](#) and make sure that your details (RWS account and Reporting ID) are correct.

* The RWS account is also recognised as the account for Sluisplanning and/or Vaarweginformatie

** What if you do not receive an email before 1 February? You must complete the [BICS registration form](#).

Are you required to report your voyage?

Container ships and tanker ships must report, even when undertaking an empty voyage. As of 1 December 2021, this also applies to river cruise ships, vessels and pushed convoys longer than 110 metres, seagoing vessels, LNG-powered vessels and special transports.

Why do I need to take action?

On 22 February 2021, Rijkswaterstaat will switch to a new message service called HERMES: the Dutch Single Window for Inland Navigation. HERMES ensures that your data is transferred faster and more securely to the right recipients. You must follow the instructions for your situation so that Rijkswaterstaat can continue to process your reports after 22 February 2021.

Links and tutorials

[Forgot your RWS account password?](#)

[Download the latest version of BICS](#)

[BICS user information](#)

[BICS FAQ](#)