

BICS Release Notes

These release notes provide a concise description of the new features, improvements, and resolved issues in the recent versions of BICS.

Version 6.1.1 (20240416)

- Fixed various fatal errors.
- Entering an incorrect year when creating a voyage now generates an error message.
- The Container matrix button is now visible by default.
- Made the upgrade process from v5.6.8 more robust.
- BICS now displays an error message when used on the unsupported browser Internet Explorer.
- Improved application behaviour when using the escape key.
- Enabled maritime signalling determination according to IMDG.
- Improved container matrix keyboard navigation.

Version 6.1.0 (20240301)

Voyage – General Enhancements

- Layouts and formatting of voyage creation and voyage overview screens have been modernized.
- Loading large quantities of voyages is now faster.
- Users are more clearly reminded of forgotten input fields.
- Arrival time and date are no longer automatically filled in for improved information provision.
- Display of Cones Setting Screen improved.

Voyage – Locations

- Locations such as departure, destination, and waypoints can now be selected by country.
- Locks and bridges can no longer be selected as departure or destination.
- Terminal names are now included with locations.

Voyage – Miscellaneous

- Shipping composition 1602 is now permitted.
- Reference language selection menu added to voyage creation screen.
- Goods transport mode is now taken from the hull.
- Special transports can now be specifically indicated.

Hulls

- Fuel type and registration date fields are now left blank by default.

Installer & First-use Wizard

- Acceptance of all terms and conditions improved.
- BICS installer provided with better accompanying texts.
- Informative notifications added for steps taking a long time during installation.
- When opening BICS for the first time, the First-use Wizard is now displayed, allowing the application to be easily configured.
- Reference data is now packaged by default in the installer, making the application usable more quickly.

Miscellaneous

- Function added for easy backup and restoration of BICS data.
- Assistance for filling in VAT numbers added.
- RIS index reference data is no longer processed, resulting in a faster application.
- Redundant EDI Mailbox input field removed from address book.
- Menu improvements implemented.
- Textual improvements made.
- Automatic logout time increased to 1 week.
- Application language can now be changed without restarting.
- Sender address processing improved.
- Keyboard navigation optimized.
- Various additional fixes and improvements.

Version 5.6.8 (20220208)

Note: This version is no longer supported.

- Performance improvement for NLRDMS update from version 5.6.3.

Version 5.6.3 (20211104)

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- LimitedQuantity support for ERINOT 1.3 EDIFACT and XML.
- Correction of ERINOT 1.3 EDIFACT filling for container gross weight.
- Conversion correction of gross weight for container.
- Export of container gross weight to BICSXML.
- Addition of NLRDMS full update forcing.

Version 5.6.0 (20210628)

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- Support for ERINOT 1.3 format added.
- Ftp import support deprecated.
- BICSXML 1.0 import/export format deprecated.
- BERMAN (visits) message support deprecated.
- Favourite URLs deprecated.
- Restrictions regarding connection quality deprecated.
- Issue querying hull list via RDS API now resolved.

Version 5.5.0 (20200925)

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- Support for MacOS 10.15 added.
- Support for 32-bit OS deprecated.
- Web service (SOAP) message exchange added.
- Signal setting reason added to signal setting determination.
- Signal setting for different types of sea vessels corrected.
- Ship number types ERN and OFS deprecated.
- Control for consistent use of container number added.
- BICS message number generation adjusted.
- ETD of declared voyage can now be changed.
- "Empty from" indication now also possible for non-dangerous goods.
- Draft no longer automatically filled in for new voyages.
- Textual improvements.