

## ePIC User Guide for Customs

### What is a RIN

A RIN is a unique identifier, associated to all exports which are managed within the ePIC system. A RIN is a 10 digit alphanumerical identifier. The validity period for a RIN can be up to one calendar year and all RINs expire on 31 December of the year of export. Should the exporter wish to export the same substance to the same importing country in the following year a new RIN is required.

During the validity period of the RIN, an exporter can export the relevant substance/mixture/article to the defined importing country multiple times (i.e. the RIN is not only for one specific shipment but for a time period), as long as all legal requirements are met.

From a customs point of view, the RIN can have two different statuses: "Export allowed" or "Export not allowed".

### Type of Notification

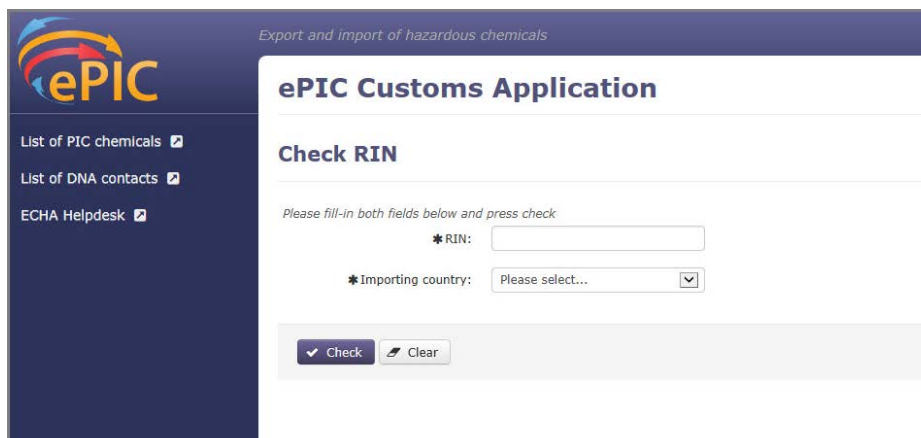
An active RIN is required in order for an export of a chemical/mixture/article subject to this regulation to take place. Exporters can apply for a RIN under two distinct circumstances, which will be identified in the results page by the "Type of notification" information:

- "Export notification" is the most common case. The quantities that are allowed to be shipped under this type of RIN are – from the EU's point of view –not limited. A RIN for an export notification always begins with a "1".
- "Special RIN" identifies exports of PIC chemicals which (for several reasons) are not subject to an export notification but still require a RIN for facilitating customs processes. A Special RIN always begins with a "0".

### Accessing ePIC & retrieving data on exports

Once the user lands on the customs interface for ePIC, (s)he is presented with the application's home page (Figure 1). It consists of two main blocks: the left-hand side menu and the area to retrieve and display data related to the export.

Figure 1: ePIC Main Page for Customs



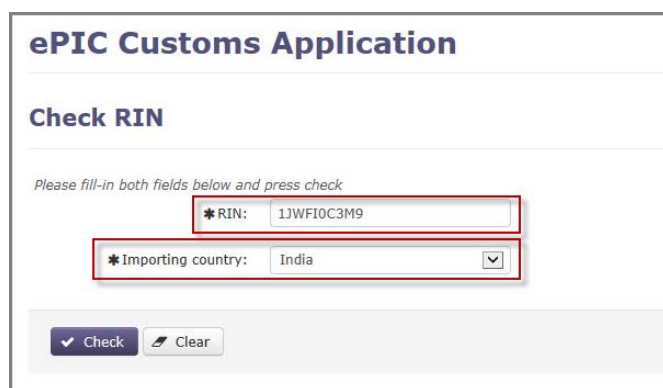
The screenshot shows the ePIC Customs Application interface. On the left is a dark blue sidebar menu with the ePIC logo and three links: "List of PIC chemicals", "List of DNA contacts", and "ECHA Helpdesk". The main content area is white and titled "ePIC Customs Application". Below the title is a section "Check RIN" with the instruction "Please fill-in both fields below and press check". There are two input fields: a text box for "\* RIN:" and a dropdown menu for "\* Importing country:" with the text "Please select...". At the bottom of the form are two buttons: "Check" and "Clear".

The left-hand side menu contains links which could be useful for customs officers:

- List of chemicals subject to Regulation (EU) No 649/2012 (PIC Regulation)
- List of contacts for the EU Designated National Authorities (DNA) – in case any additional clarification on the export is needed
- Link to contact the ECHA Helpdesk – in case of any technical issue with the application

In order to retrieve data on whether the export can take place or not, the customs officer should enter the RIN (which should be available in Box 44 of the SAD – Single Administrative Document) and select the final destination country of the shipment from the drop down list (Figure 2).

**Figure 2: Data entry**



When both fields are filled in, the user should click on the “Check” button to retrieve the data. The outcome of the search will be one of the following:

1. **RIN is active and export can take place.** The message “Export allowed” will be displayed together with the following data:
  - a. Type of notification
  - b. Validity period of the export
  - c. Chemical name
  - d. Numerical identifiers for the chemical (EC/CAS/CUS/CN codes) – based on their availability
  - e. Contact details of the exporter
  - f. Expected date of export
  - g. Importing country
  - h. Exporting EU Member State

**Figure 3: Export allowed**

<b>RIN :</b>	1JWFI0C3M9
<b>Export type :</b>	Export notification
<b>Export status :</b>	✓ Export allowed
<b>Period allowed :</b>	02/10/2014 - 31/12/2014
<b>Chemical name :</b>	2-aminobutane
<b>EC number :</b>	237-732-7
<b>CAS number :</b>	13952-84-6
<b>CUS code :</b>	
<b>CN code :</b>	2921 19 99
<b>Exporter :</b>	
<b>Name :</b>	Exporter1
<b>Address :</b>	Annankatu 00150 Tallin Estonia
<b>Telephone :</b>	+4545644654
<b>Fax :</b>	
<b>E-mail :</b>	epic-test@echa.europa.eu
<b>Expected date of export :</b>	22/11/2014
<b>Importing country :</b>	India
<b>Exporting Member State :</b>	Estonia

2. **RIN is inactive and export cannot take place.** The message "Export not allowed" will be displayed together with the following data:
- Export type
  - Chemical name
  - Numerical identifiers for the chemical (EC/CAS/CUS/CN codes) – based on their availability
  - Contact details of the exporter
  - Expected date of export
  - Importing country
  - Exporting EU Member State

Figure 4: Export not allowed

<b>RIN :</b>	1VNMAKF6NI
<b>Export type :</b>	Export notification
<b>Export status :</b>	<b>✘ Export not allowed</b>
<b>Period allowed :</b>	
<b>Chemical name :</b>	1,2-dibromoethane (EDB)
<b>EC number :</b>	203-444-5
<b>CAS number :</b>	106-93-4
<b>CUS code :</b>	
<b>CN code :</b>	2903 31 00
<b>Exporter :</b>	
<b>    Name :</b>	Exporter1
<b>    Address :</b>	Annankatu 00150 Tallin Estonia
<b>    Telephone :</b>	+4545644654
<b>    Fax :</b>	
<b>    E-mail :</b>	epic-test@echa.europa.eu
<b>Expected date of export :</b>	22/11/2014
<b>Importing country :</b>	Russian Federation
<b>Exporting Member State :</b>	Estonia

3. **Entered data combination is incorrect.** If the entered data combination does not refer to any existing combination of RIN + importing country, the following error message will be displayed: "RIN and/or importing country not found".