eFTI Certification for Economic Operators: What Do You Need to Know

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OBJECTIVE OF SESSION:

01



WHAT

What certification means in eFTI domain

02



WHY

Why is certification required

03



HOW

How you can prepare effectively

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What Certification Actually Is:

Formal Approval that confirms secure freight data exchange across the EU
Concerns eFTI Platforms and eFTI Service Providers
Carried out on the basis of EU delegated acts (yet to be adopted)

Compliance

With the eFTI Regulation and its implementing acts

Interoperability

With national and EU systems

Trust

Authorities must be able to rely on the data you submit

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Why Certification Matters:

01	Cross-border	Supports cross-border operations, especially for multimodal transport
02	Protection	Protects operators from non-compliance penalties
★	Trust	And most importantly — it builds trust between operators and authorities

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The Certification Process -Timeline

1 **Assess** — 2 **Align** — 3 Document — 4 Test — 5 Certify

STEP 1

Assess your digital readiness

Review your current systems and processes to identify gaps in interoperability, security, and data structure.

STEP 2

Align with eFTI technical requirements

Ensure your platform or provider supports the eFTI data model, access rules, and interoperability specifications.

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STEP 3

Prepare documentation for certification

Compile the required technical, organisational, and security documentation for submission to the national certification body.

STEP 4

Undergo testing and validation

Your systems will be tested to confirm secure data exchange, correct implementation of the eFTI schema, and compliance with EU rules.

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STEP 5

Receive certification and maintain compliance

Once certified, ensure continuous alignment with updates to the eFTI Regulation, schemas, and interoperability requirements.

Stay aligned with updates to:

- eFTI Regulation
- Schemas
- Certification requirements

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Current EU Status & Challenges:

Member States are designating certification bodies	IN PROGRESS
Operators are preparing systems	IN PROGRESS
Technical specifications are stabilising	IN PROGRESS
Publishing of the final DA	IN PROGRESS

Open challenge 1

The Final XSD schema has not yet been published /approved.

Expected: late 2026/early 2027

Open challenge 2

The Delegated Act on certification of eFTI platforms to be adopted

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Today
Oct 2026

Final XSD

Final DA

ROAD TO GO-LIVE

Go-Live
9 July 2027

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MOST IMPORTANT NEWS

Electronic freight transport information (eFTI) platforms – rules on certification

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In preparation

Draft act

Feedback period

21 October 2026 - 18 November 2026

Feedback: Open

Upcoming

Commission adoption

Planned for

Second quarter 2025

About this initiative

Summary

Regulation (EU) 2020/1056 on electronic freight transport information establishes a legal framework that allows economic operators to share with the relevant authorities digital information on the transport within the EU of goods by road, rail, inland waterway and air.

This delegated Regulation provides the rules for certifying that IT platforms used in the eFTI environment comply with the established legal requirements on the provision of eFTI data exchange services.

Topic	Transport
Type of act	Delegated regulation
Expert group	E03280

Draft act





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What Economic Operators Should Do Today:

01

Start your internal readiness assessment

02

Identify gaps in your digital systems

03

Engage with a platform provider — ask them about eFTI readiness

04

Prepare your documentation early

05

Follow updates from your national authority

06

Train your staff — awareness is essential

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Conclusions:

Certification is more than compliance.

It is the harmonised foundation of Europe's digital freight future.

Go-Live Date:

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