German Ports

Info Session: Forwarders & Logisticians

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German Ports aims to enhance security and standardise processes across seaports for container imports.

Aims

- Increased **safety** for employees and customers of German ports
- **Traceability** and **security** for the collection of import containers
- **Standardisation** of import processes across German ports
- **Strengthening** of German seaports for international competition

Stakeholders

- **DAKOSY** and **dbh** jointly working on German Ports
- **Terminal operators** from Hamburg, Bremerhaven and Wilhelmshaven
- **Carriers**
- **Freight forwarders & haulage companies**
- **Regulatory Authorities**

Concrete Improvements

- Container releases will be **PIN-free** and replaced by a digital, closed release and collection procedure.
- Truck drivers must **identify** themselves clearly in future.
- There will be a **fixed link** between Pick-Up Rights, transport pre-registrations and truck drivers.

These changes are needed to address increasing security gaps in German seaports.

Why do we need more security?

- **Drug imports are being relocated to** Hamburg and Bremerhaven due to increased security measures in Antwerp and Rotterdam.
- The currently used PIN-based release process in German ports enables **untransparent collection processes**.
- **Law enforcement authorities** are demanding rapid **digitalisation** of the container release process for greater security.
- Organisations are calling for increased security measures to **protect employees** from organised crime.

What does German Ports achieve?

- **Increases the security of employees** involved in the release process by creating a digital and encrypted release.
- **Ensures** that release orders can only be **passed on from one authorised party** to the next.
- Enables the **traceability** of import container pick-ups for investigating authorities.

DAKOSY and dbh are working together to cover all large German seaports.

Collaboration enables a standardised and safe process

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		Hamburg
DAKOSY		Bremerhaven

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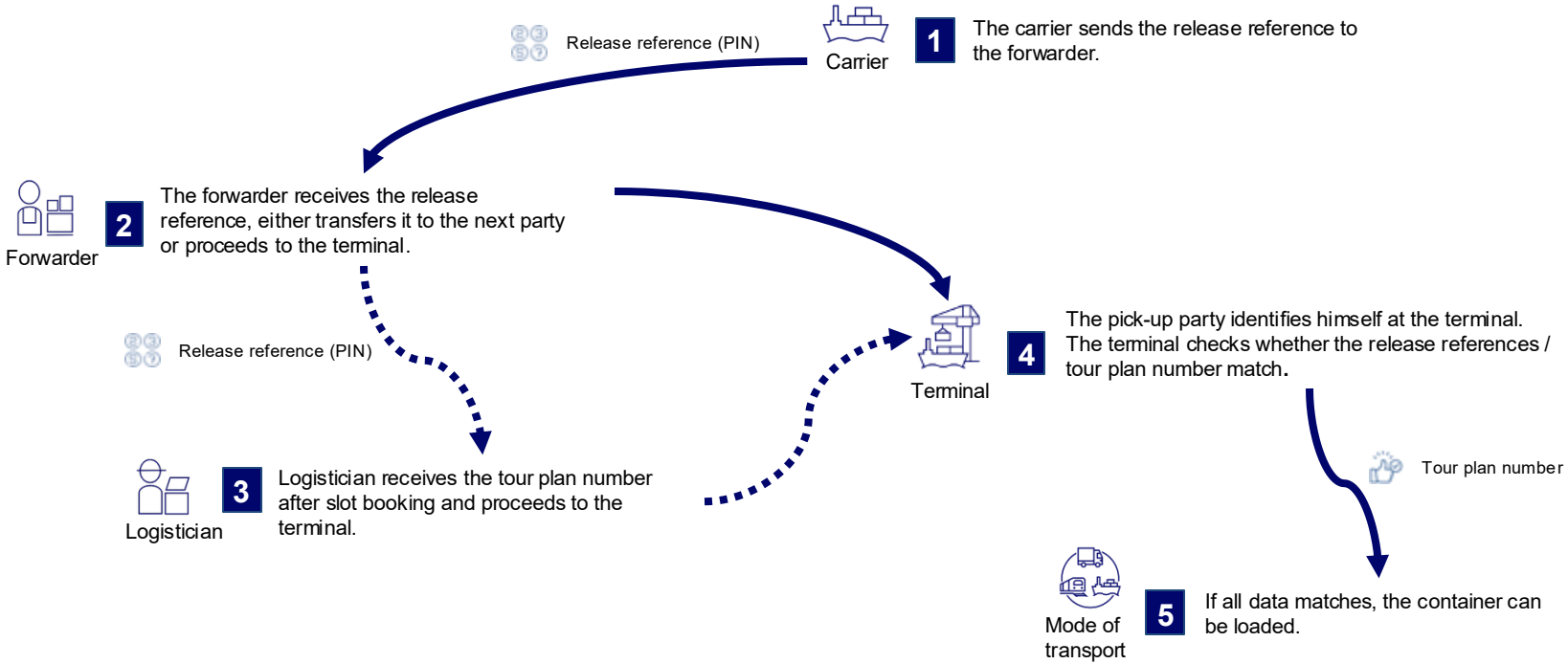

The release reference (PIN) will be eliminated for security reasons.

PIN

The PIN can be **shared**.

Multiple individuals can possess the PIN. Sharing it with third parties is not excluded.

The release expires in certain cases.

Pick-Up Right

The Pick-Up Right must be **transferred** via the German Ports platform.

Only **one** party can hold an active Pick-Up Right at a time!

Pick-Up Rights may also have an expiration date!

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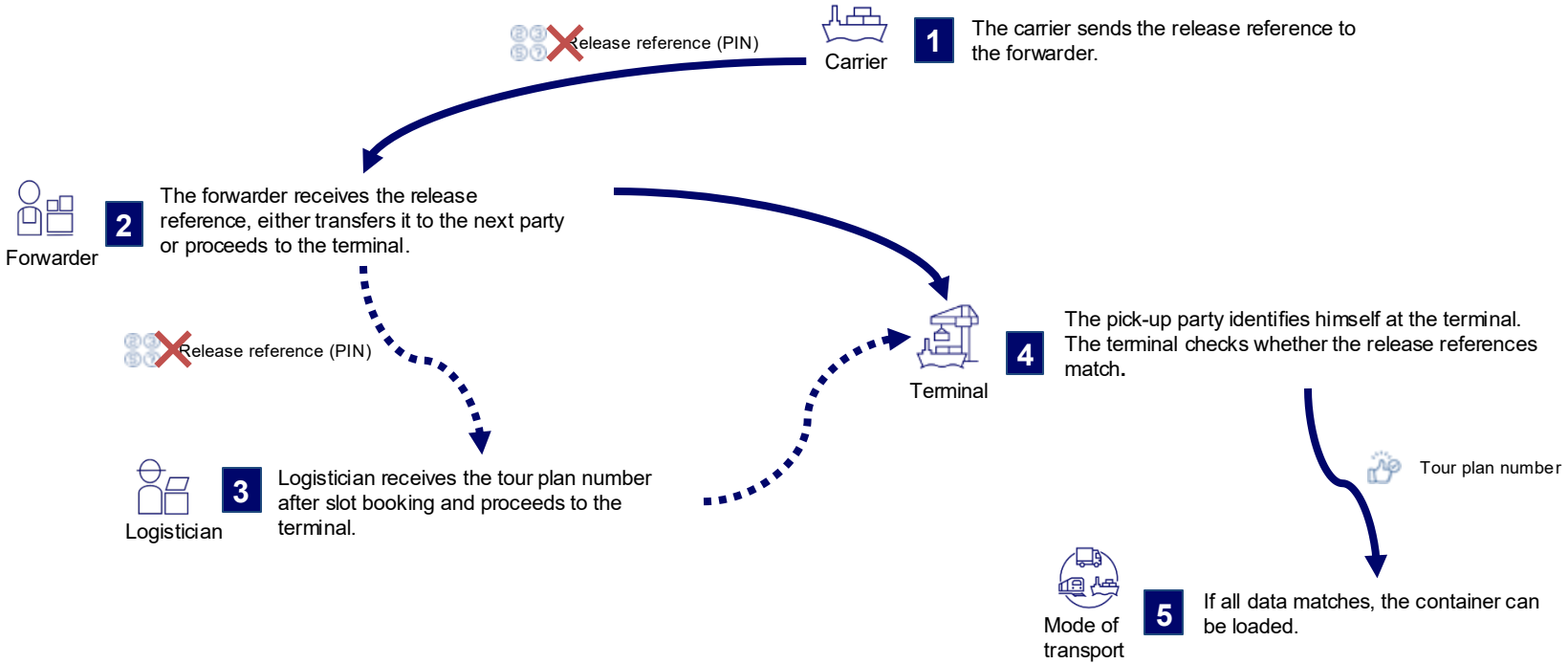
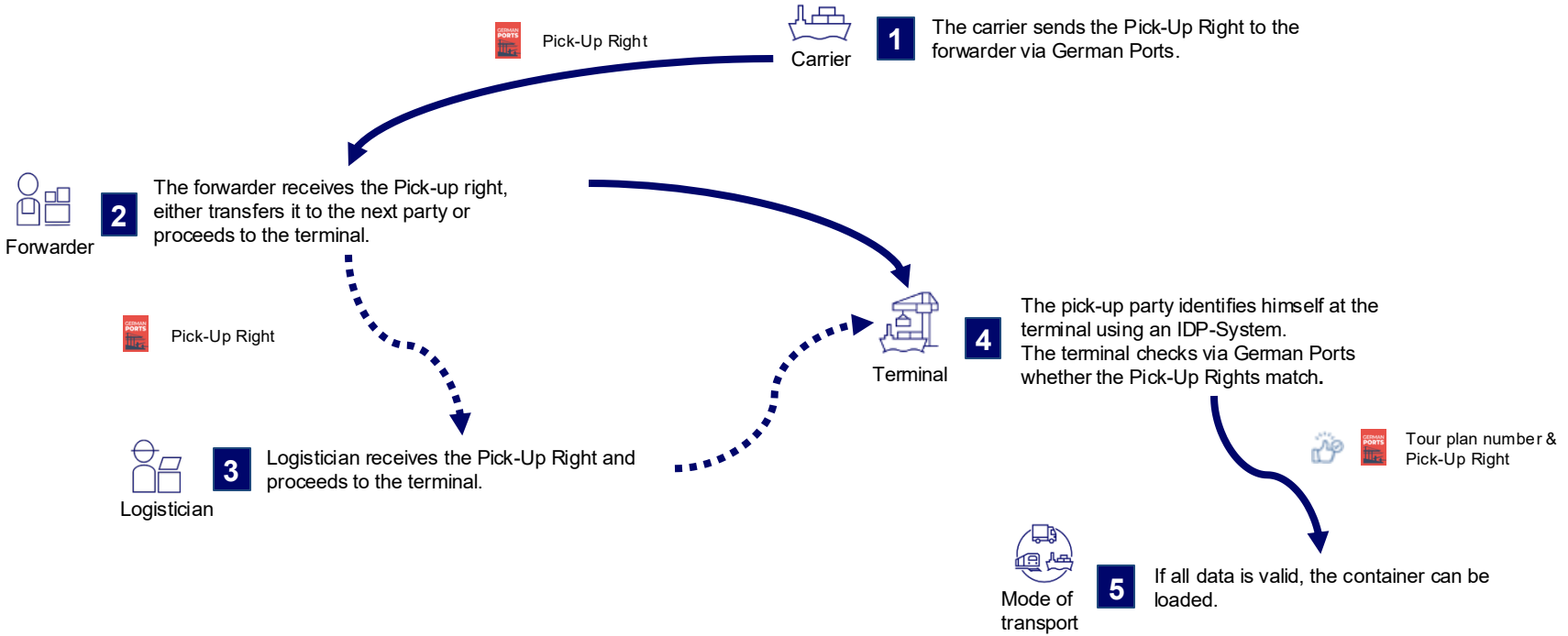
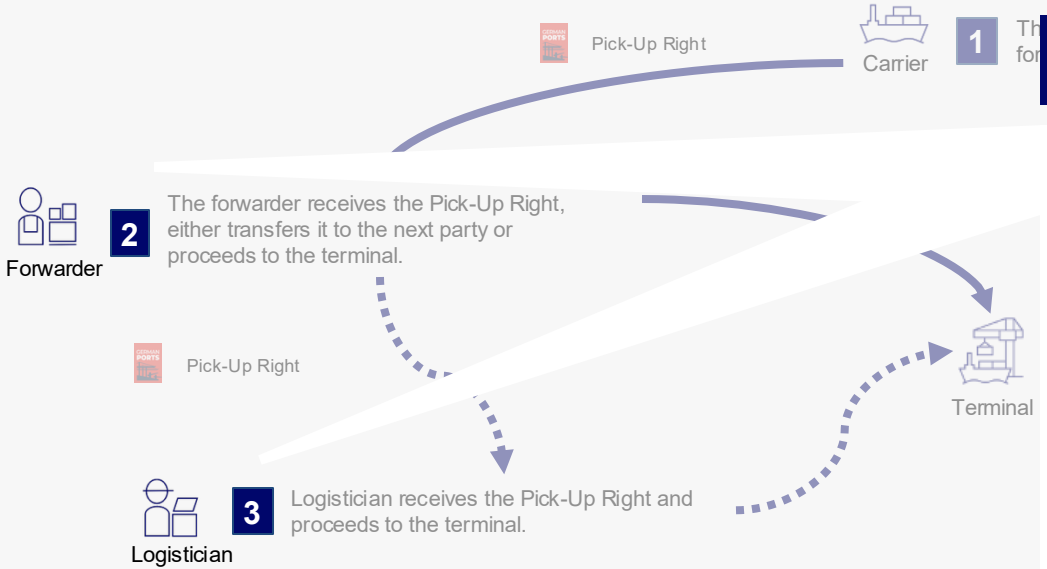


This is how the import process will work **from the 1st of October.**



You can do the following with your Pick-Up Right:



Authorised pick-up party

As an authorised pick-up party, you can:

- **Pass on** the Pick-Up Right to another subcontractor.
- **Withdraw** the Pick-Up Right from the next subcontractor.
- **Return** the Pick-Up Right in the event of a mistake.
- **Use** a Pick-Up Right and collect the respective container.

Detailed instructions will be provided in the User Guides

This means that from 1st October, forwarders and logisticians will need the Pick-Up Right to book slots and pick up containers.

Today

- **Release Reference** (PIN) is used or forwarded
- Release Reference (PIN) is entered during **Slot Booking**
- After slot booking, a **tour plan number** is generated. This is given to the driver

Upon arrival at the terminal:

- The trucker identifies him/herself with the **Trucker Card**
- The driver enters the **tour plan number** to access the container

From 01 October

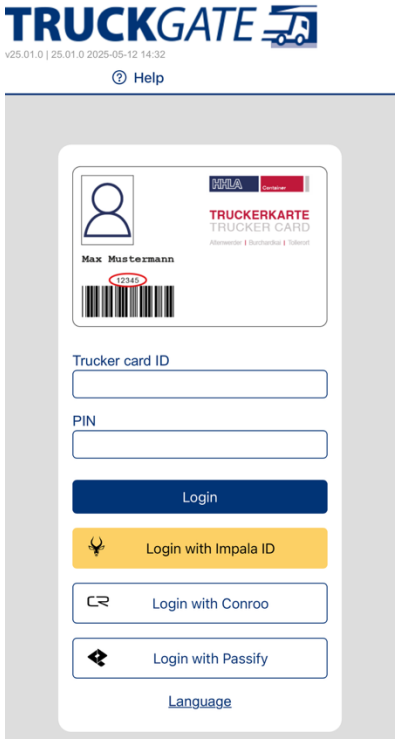
- **Pick-up right** is received in German Ports and can also be passed on there
- When booking a slot, the company making the slot booking must have the Pick-Up Right*
- After slot booking, a **tour plan number** is generated. This is given to the driver

Upon arrival at the terminal:

- The trucker identifies him/herself via an **IDP app** (Passify, Conroo, Impala etc.)
- The driver enters the **tour plan number** to access the container
- The terminal passes on collection information to German Ports

*Only for TR02 slot booking, TruckGate on the following slide

For Slot Bookings via TruckGATE, drivers must be authorised beforehand in German Ports.

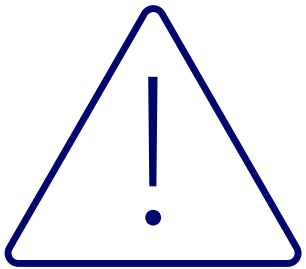


1. The logistician (company) must be in possession of an active Pick-Up Right for the container in question.

2. The driver ID must then be transmitted to German Ports (e.g. via the Web Interface). This authorises your driver to book a slot via the TruckGATE App!

3. After logging in to TruckGATE, a slot can then be booked for that container.

The transition is mandatory and binding.



This is a **legal obligation**!

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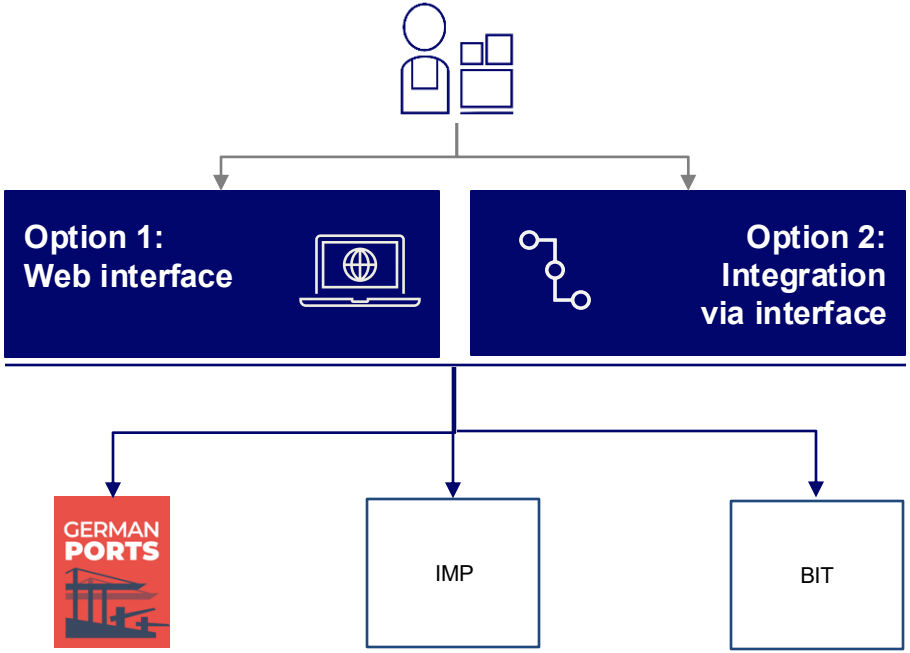
There are different options for connecting to German Ports.

Implementation:

There will be several options for forwarders and logisticians to connect to German Ports. Companies of all sizes will be able to use German Ports to assign Pick-Up Rights:

1. Log in via web interface
2. Via interface (API / EDI)



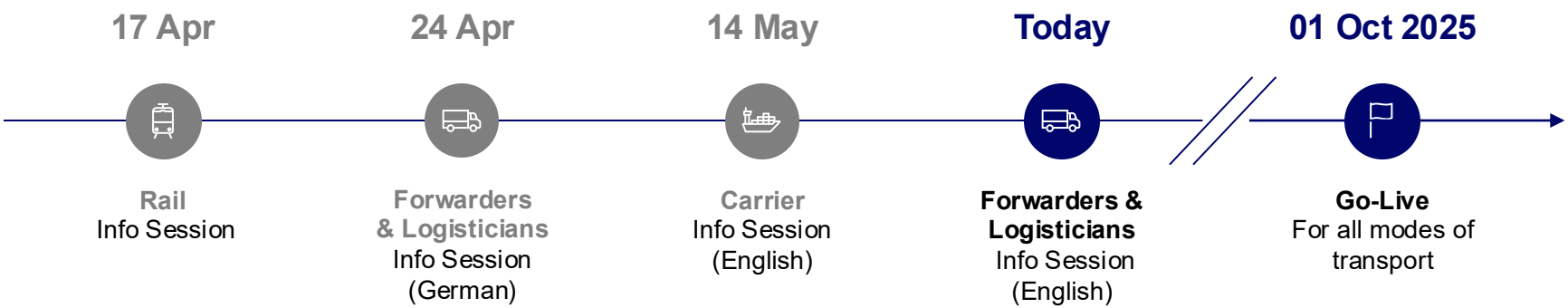
What happens next?

1. We will provide further information in upcoming events.

2. Companies must register with German Ports via https://www.germanports.com/en/registration/.

3. We will publish user guides to train and inform users.

We are currently informing all stakeholder groups about the changes to the future release process.



You can prepare for the go-live in this way.

Next steps: **What you should do now**

1) Internal alignment

- Discuss as a team what impact the changes will have on your company.
- Appoint a designated person to coordinate the exchange of information.
- Register your company in German Ports via https://www.germanports.com/en/registration/

2) TMS usage

If you are using a TMS system and would like to integrated German Ports:

- Check which adjustments are required in your TMS and prepare them in advance.
- The technical documentation for forwarders is available on the German Ports website.

Important: Coordinate internally at an early stage to be optimally prepared!

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