

Agenda



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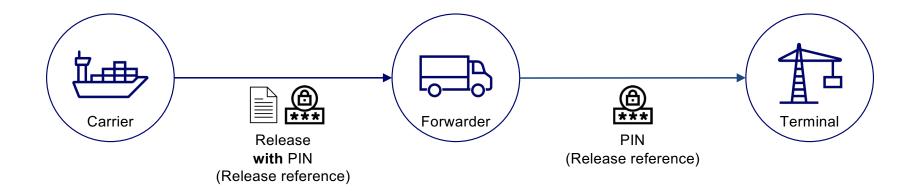
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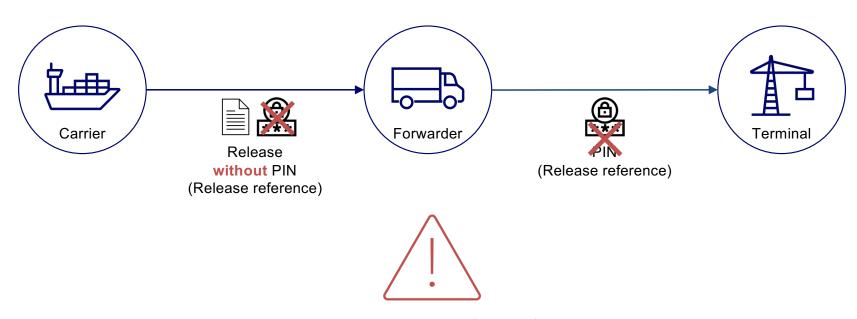




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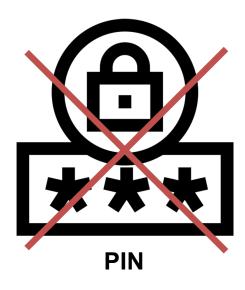
This will be a **legal obligation** from 1 October 2025!



Introduction: What is changing and why?

Due to increasing security gaps in the import process, the Port Security Act has been amended – the release reference (PIN) will be abolished.







Insecure

Currently, the old process involving an unsecured release reference (PIN) poses a significant safety risk for both employees and customers.



Untraceable

The chain of authorised parties is currently neither logged nor registered anywhere. This results in container pick-ups being untraceable for authorities.



The amendment to the *Port Security Act* eliminates the use of PINs and introduces a secure release order process.



DAKOSY & dbh are creating a secure, standardised collection process in accordance with the requirements of the Port Security Act through SRO.



DAKOSY dbh



Hamburg, Bremerhaven und Wilhelmshaven



Increased safety

The digitalisation of container releases increases security for employees and customers.



Increased traceability

The chain of authorised parties is logged in German Ports, which makes **container pick-ups traceable for the authorities.**



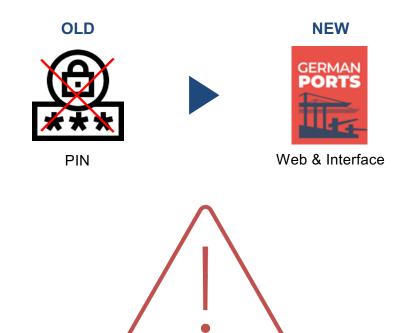
Standardised processes

The creation of a new platform will further standardise the import processes at German ports for Hamburg, Bremerhaven and Wilhelmshaven.



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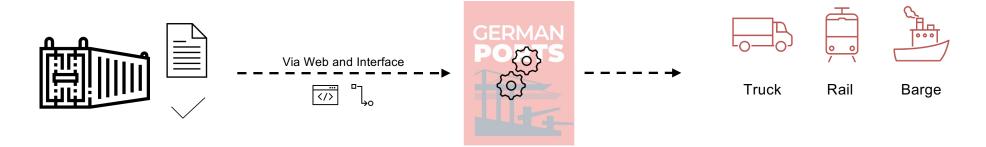


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German Ports creates digital Pick-Up Rights from release orders.





Release Order

Carriers create a
Release Order which
is sent to German
Ports

Pick-Up Right

A Pick-Up Right is generated by German Ports for that container

Container Pick-Up

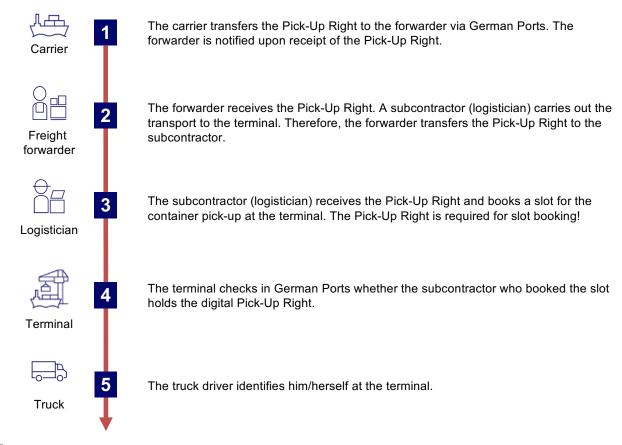
The Pick-Up Right is needed by the company picking up the container



This is how the transfer of Pick-Up Rights works:



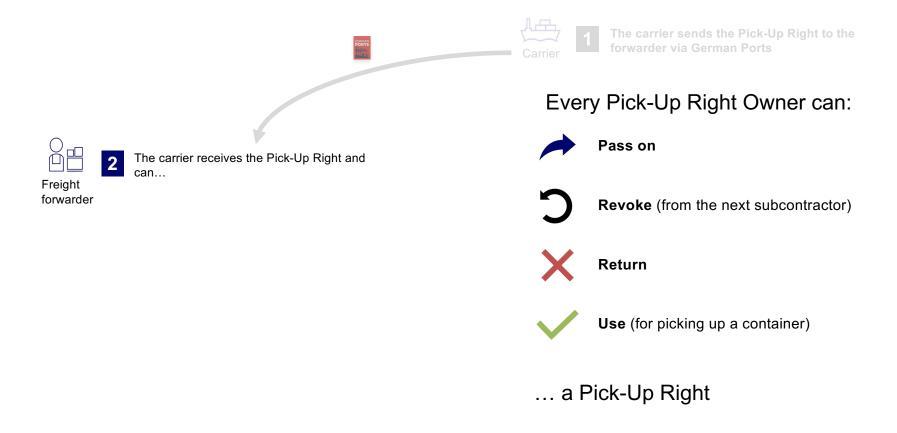
Transfer of a Pick-Up Right in German Ports





The use of Pick-Up Rights reflects today's operational processes.

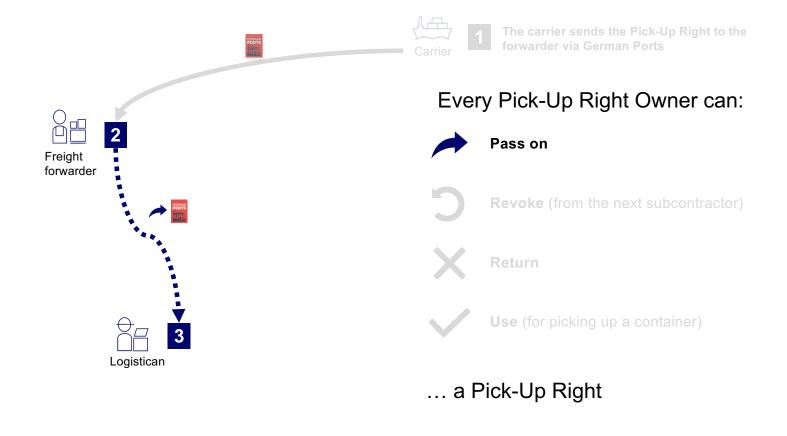






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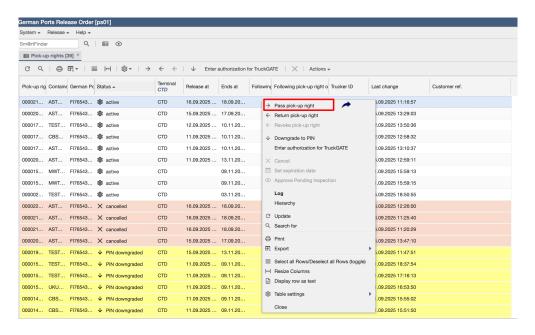






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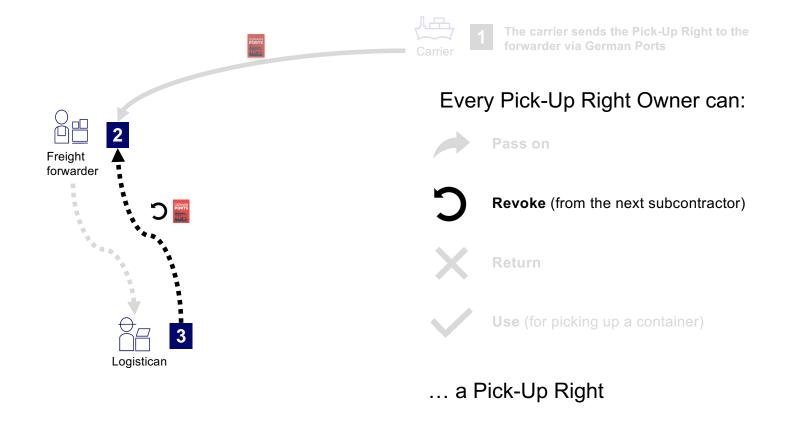
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... a Pick-Up Right



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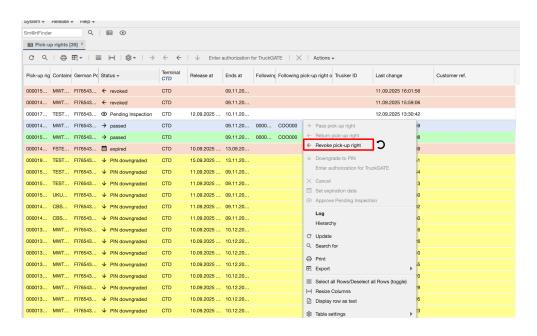






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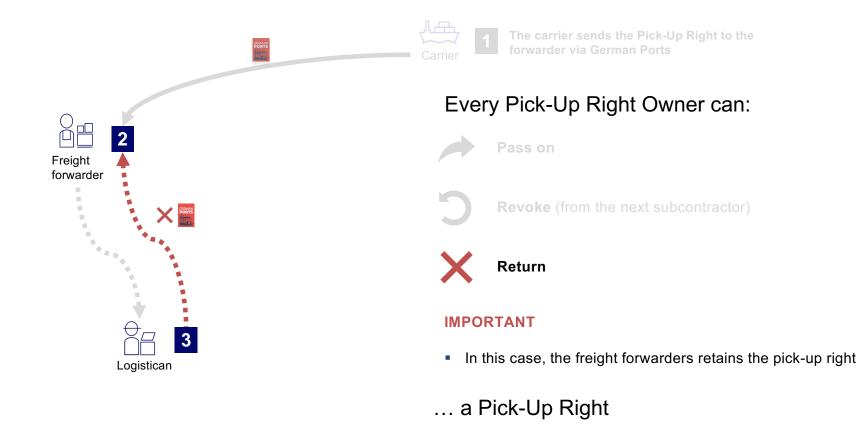
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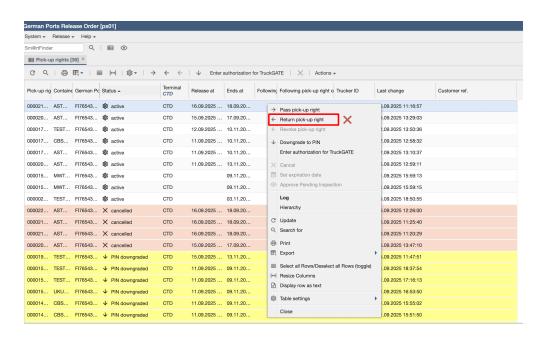






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Return

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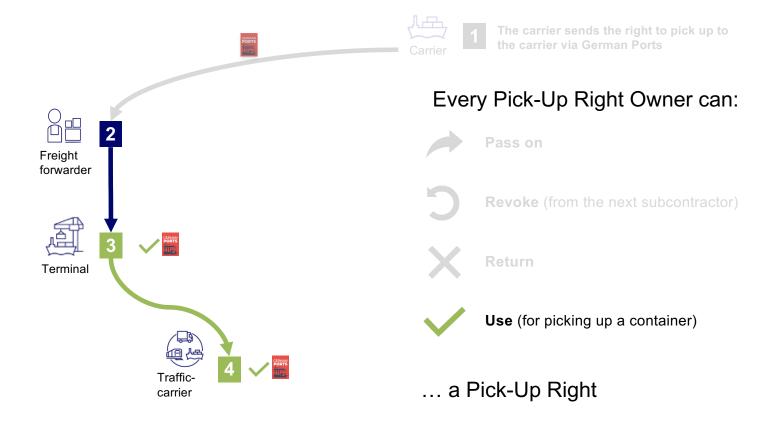
In this case, the freight forwarders retains the pick-up right

... a Pick-Up Right



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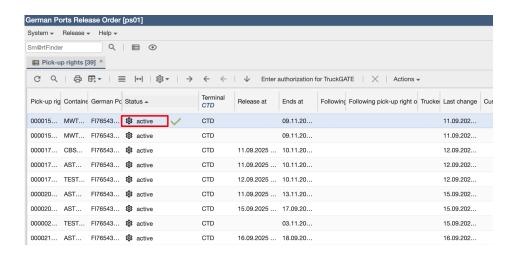






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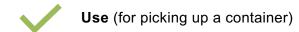


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How is the Pick-Up Right used per mode of transport?



Truck



TR02-Slot booking

When booking a slot, the company placing the booking must have the Pick-Up Right.

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A slot can only be booked in TruckGATE if there is an active Pick-Up Right and the driver ID has previously been entered for the container in German Ports.

Rail



Railway operator

For container collection, the railway operator must have the Pick-Up Right.

Barge



Barge operator

For container collection, a valid Pick-Up Right must be available for the barge operator.



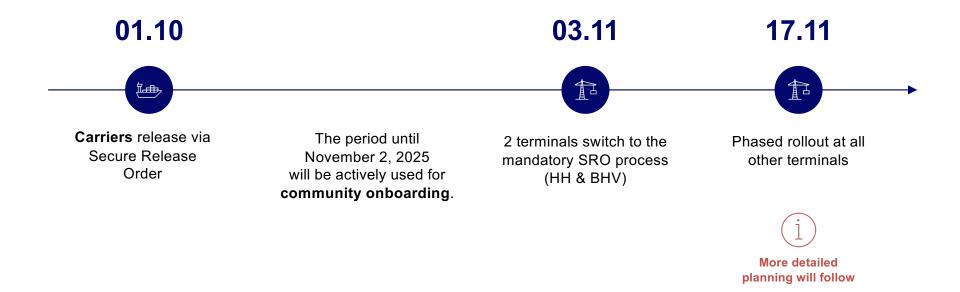


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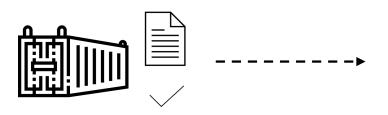




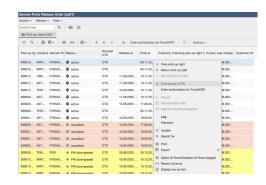
Go-Live: How does the transition to the Secure Release Order work?

On October 1, 2025, the Secure Release Order process will start with the carriers. For all other parties involved in the process, a "Downgrade to PIN" remains possible on a transitional basis, so that the PIN-based process can continue to be used.









Release order

Carriers create a release order that is transmitted to German Ports.

Pick-Up Right

German Ports will create a Pick-Up Right for the respective container.

Downgrade to PIN

As soon as the receiving party has the Pick-Up Right, a PIN can be generated for the pick-up of the container.

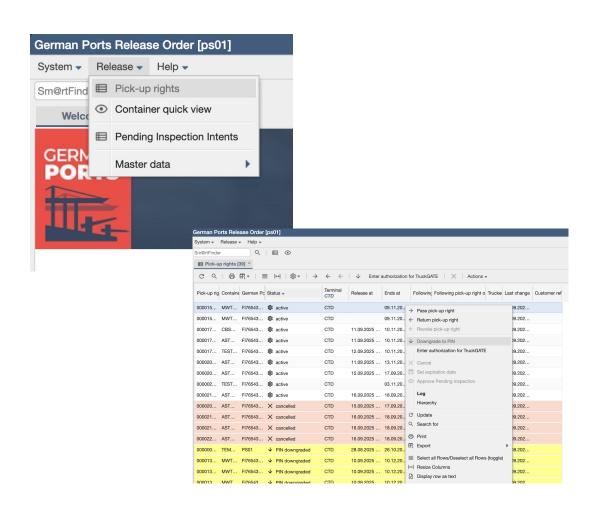


If you receive Pick-Up Rights from a carrier as the Initial Release Party.



- You will have to register before the 01.10.
- You will need to have access to the German Ports web interface.
- You can then use the web interface to generate a PIN for other contractual partners or for the collection of a container.

The PIN generated in this way is not stored in the system and cannot be re-created if lost!



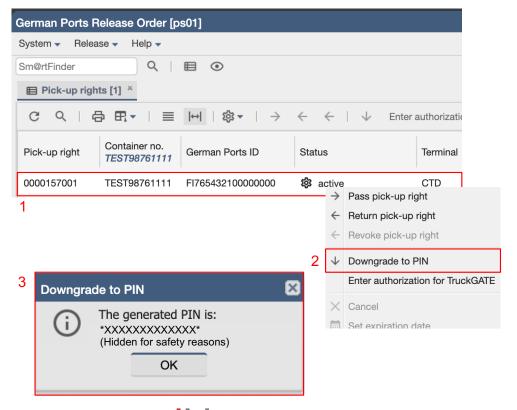


You will receive the PIN via the web interface and via E-Mail.





Via Web interface





Via E-Mail

Subject: Downgrade-To-PIN for TEST7654321

Dear Sir or Madam,

The following container has been downgraded to PIN-usage and can therefore no longer be processed in the context of Secure Release Order:

Container: TEST7654321 Pick-up right issuer: COO

Release order PIN: 2854776370

Timestamp of downgrade: 20250915114907

Best regards,

Your German Ports Support



If you receive transport orders from an Initial Release Party.

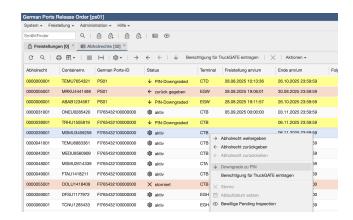


- Register with German Ports in order to be able to receive Pick-Up Rights and generate PINs independently as a freight forwarder.
- Alternatively, you can also receive the PIN directly from the Initial Release Party, as long as they have previously generated the PIN.
- ✓ Use the time until the complete introduction of the Secure Release Order (SRO) to register in good time and be able to work with Pick-Up Rights in the future without restrictions.
- Find out about the Secure Release Order introduction at the terminals from 03.11.25.



The PIN will still be able to be used for pick-ups for a short transitional period.

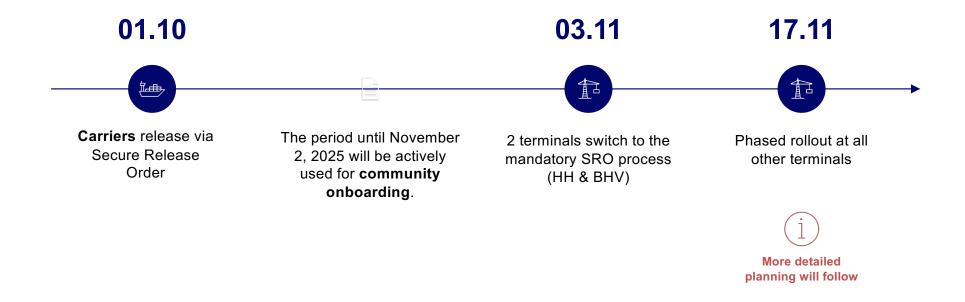
The first terminals will switch to Pick-Up Rights from 03.11! Find out more about the changeover at the terminals that are relevant to you!





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This is necessary in order to prepare the contractual and technical requirements.

- Add the necessary master data as soon as you have received your access data

 This is necessary so that your partners can find you on the platform and assign Pick-Up Rights.
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FAQ: In which case do I need to register with German Ports?





Consignee or Forwarder as Initial Release Party (IRP)

Whether the consignee (B/L recipient) or the freight forwarder is assigned as the initial release party (IRP) depends on the contractual agreement between both parties:



Variant 1: Consignee as Initial Release Party (IRP)

- Carrier assigns the initial Pick-Up Right directly to the consignee (B/L recipient).
- Consignee manages the releases independently.
- Consignee can then either use the Pick-Up Right themselves or pass it on to a forwarder/subcontractor.
- Prerequisite: Consignee must be registered, otherwise no direct assignment of rights by the shipping company is possible.



├── Variant 2: Freight forwarder as Initial Release Party (IRP)

- The consignee transfers the right to the carrier in advance (e.g. with an assignment or power of attorney).
- The carrier then immediately enters the freight forwarder as the initial release party.
- The freight forwarder receives the Pick-Up Right directly and can use it himself or pass it on.
- In this case, only the freight forwarder must be registered.



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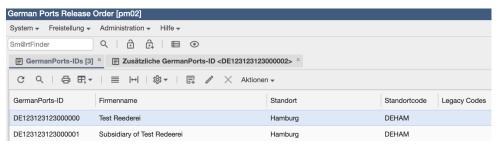
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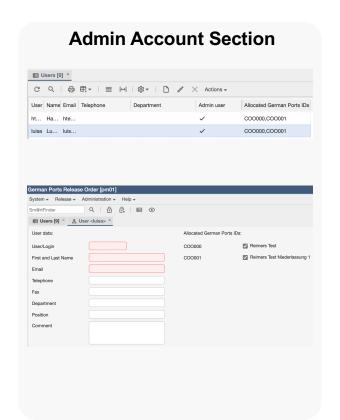


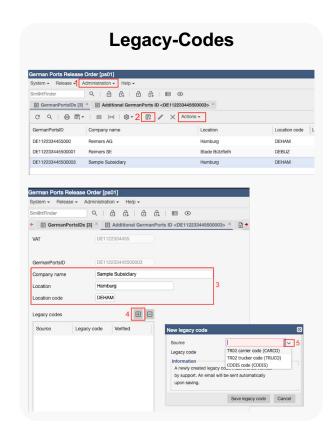


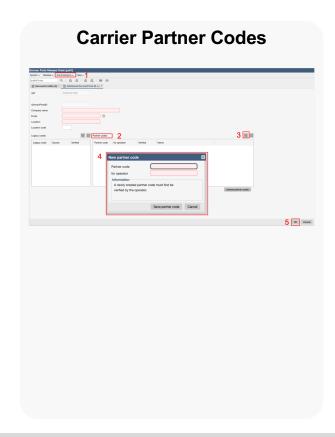


Please complete your account setup once you receive your account logins.











Detailed information can be found in the training materials on the website: https://germanports.com/en/forwarder-and-logistician/#dokus



Master data: German Ports requires all current legacy codes in use by your company.

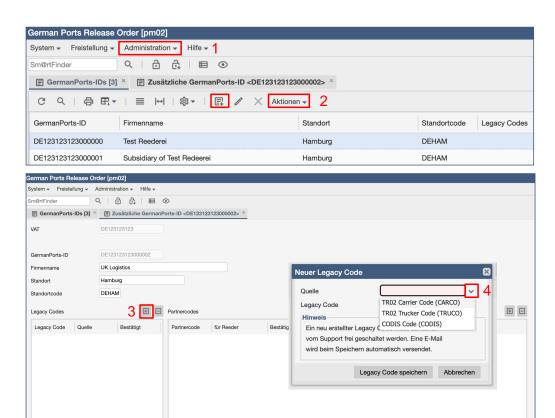


Important!

- After registering, you must enter all legacy codes in German Ports that you are currently using.
- Administrators can add, change, or remove legacy codes at any time.

What are legacy codes?

- Legacy codes are existing codes from the industry, for example: TR02 Carrier Codes, TR02 Trucker Codes, or CODIS.
- These codes link your German Ports ID to the known systems.





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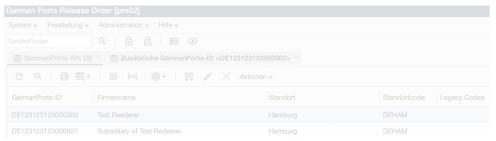
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Web & Interface





