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The newsletter 02/2019 provides information about changes and new functionalities in the Import Message Platform. The software changes for the IMP release 8.1.0 become active with the maintenance work during the night of 6.02.2019. The software changes described below do not affect existing interfaces.

Information and implementation guides can be found at <http://www.imp-hamburg.de>.
The application IMP-Direct can be reached at <http://www.imp-direct.de>.

A complete inventory of fixed bugs and smaller enhancements can be found in the release-notes via IMP-Direct, which can be found in the menu “Help/Release-Notes”

Information for carriers

- **Function “Excel upload for goods data of Import Manifests”**

In the future it will be possible to use the Excel upload function for the fields of the position data. The function is only usable for Import manifests (transport direction “Import” or “Trans-shipment”). Export manifests are not supported by the function. (Further restrictions and comments are explained at the end of this chapter.)

The function Excel data upload can be reached via the menus Manifest record > Display/modify or New data entry > Goods positions right beside the overview of all positions currently at hand (Image 1).

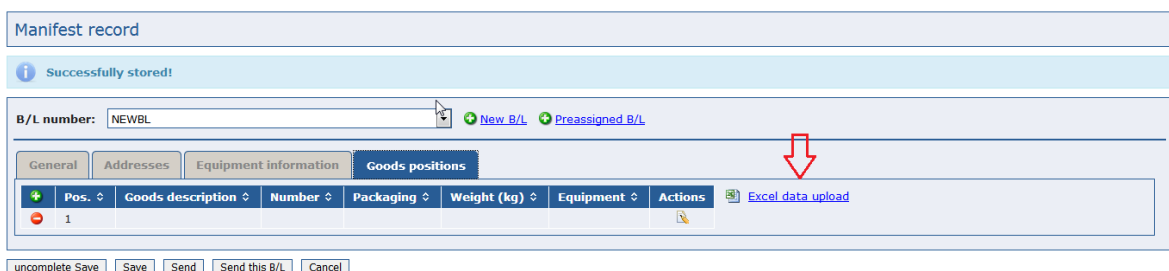


Image 1 – Excel data upload

A click on the Excel icon () or the text opens up the following dialog.

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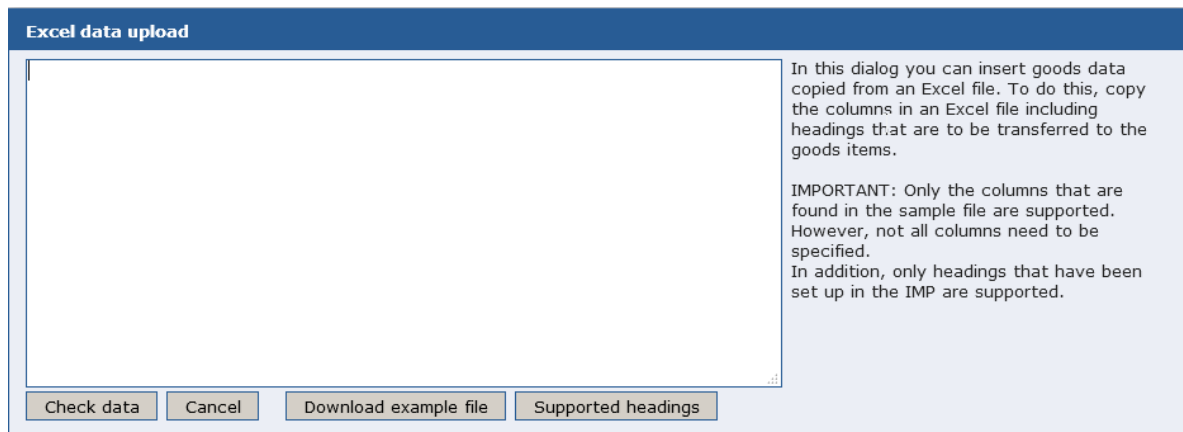


Image 2 – Dialog for the data upload

By means of this dialog you can enter goods data, copied from an Excel file. It is important to also export the column headings, because otherwise it will not be possible to assign the data to the corresponding position fields. A list of all headings which are supported can be opened via the button “Supported headings”. All listed headings (German, English) are supported, regardless of the current language setting in IMP-Direct.

Additionally you can download an example file containing all supported position fields. If one of the fields is available in the position dialog, but not available in the Excel, the respective date will not be supported and cannot be automatically preset via the Excel upload.

In order to guarantee a successful data upload you have to at least copy one supported column containing at least one line into the dialog ahead. It is not necessary (but possible) to copy all supported columns (please cf. example in image 3).

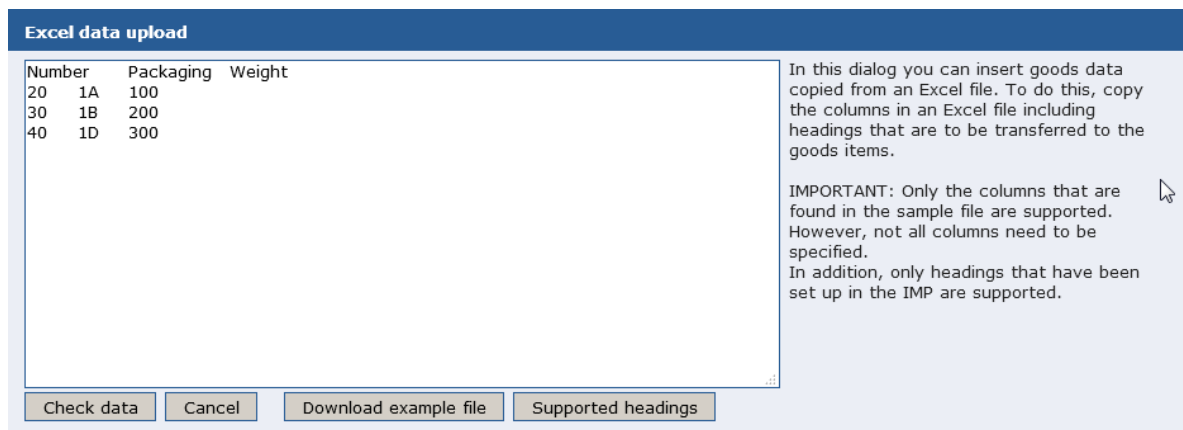


Image 3 – Example with three columns for three positions

After the data upload into the dialog, you can check it before transferring the data into the corresponding position data of the manifest (please use the button “Check data”). Columns with headings which are not supported are ignored during the checking and further steps.

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Following checks take place:

- no double columns (if a heading is found more than one time, a correct assignment is impossible)
- each column has to have a heading
- each line has to correspond with the same number of columns (this will not be a problem during the copying of Excel data, but may occur, if the dialog data is manually edited)
- length
- type (e.g. the column „Number“ may only contain whole numbers)
- code lists for the following fields (comment: you may also enter the corresponding long names, if available):
 - o Packaging
 - o Country of origin
 - o Country of destination
 - o Place of destination (UN/LOCODE)
 - o Reference version -previous declaration – valid values: „OESUMA“ and „ESUMA“
 - o Transshipment-reference version – valid values: „AE“ and „ENS“
- Method of checking for code lists:
 - o Specification of exactly two digits: the code has to be valid
 - o Specification of one digit or as of three digits: known description. If more than one result is found in such case, the first result will be transferred (e.g. the specification „Fass“ for packaging provides more than one result – code 1A will be transferred). It does not have to correspond with the desired result. In any case, a manual data check is recommended.
- The container number must be provided within the tab “Equipment information”.

If an error message occurs, it is displayed below the buttons.

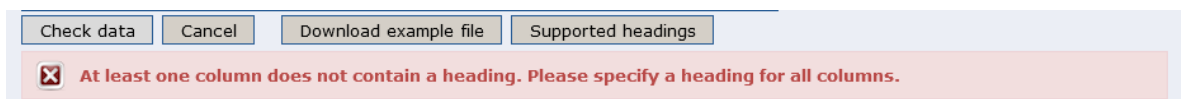


Image 4 – Error during the data check

If the check was successful, a second dialog opens up.

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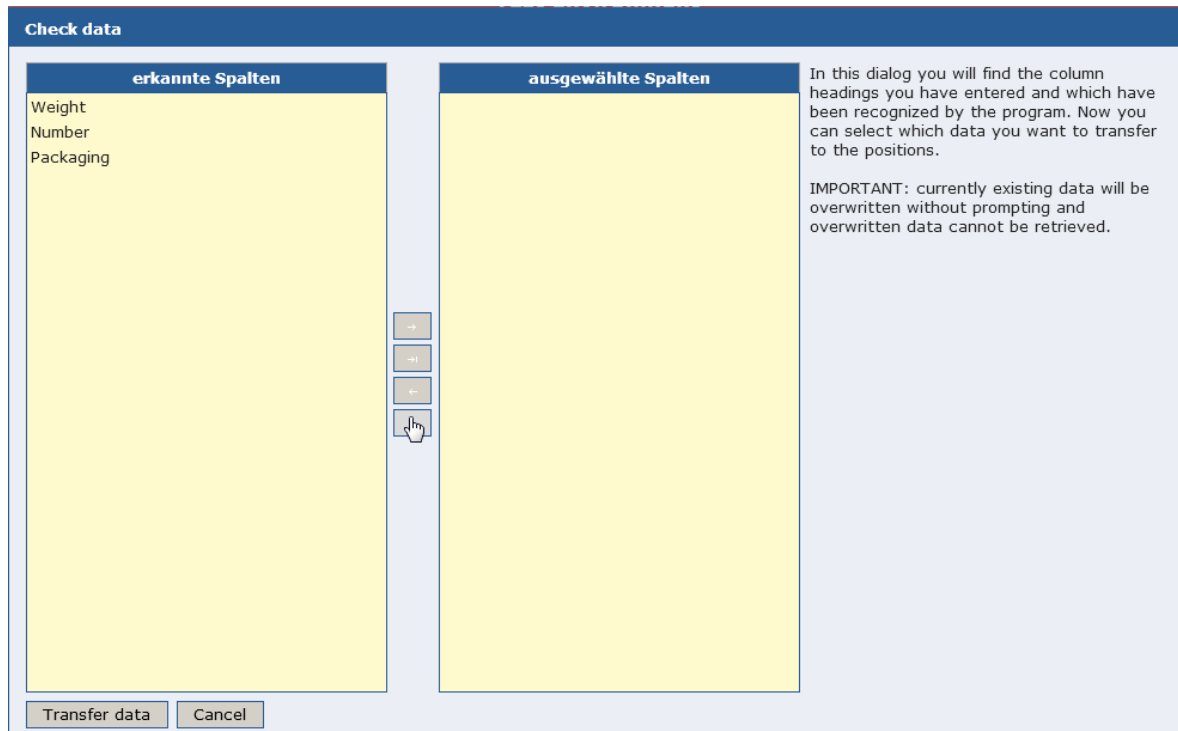


Image 5 – After successful check of Excel data

The dialog shown in image 5 displays all columns (on the left side) which have been identified by the program. If a column of the Excel file is missing it is either not supported or a typing error has been made. (Example: Neither the column „NNumber“ nor the column „Numb“ will be recognized). In this case, the button „Cancel“ is to be used to return to the previous dialog to check and change or copy the Excel data again.

The columns in the right field are the ones which are designated to be transferred to the corresponding position data (by clicking the button „Transfer data“). You can carry out following actions using the error buttons in the middle (from top to bottom):

- move the selected column from left to right field via mouse click
- move all columns from left to right field
- move the selected column from right to left field
- move all columns from right to left field

By double clicking one column you can also move it to the other field.

The following example shows that only the columns „Number“ and „Packaging“ are selected for the data transfer.

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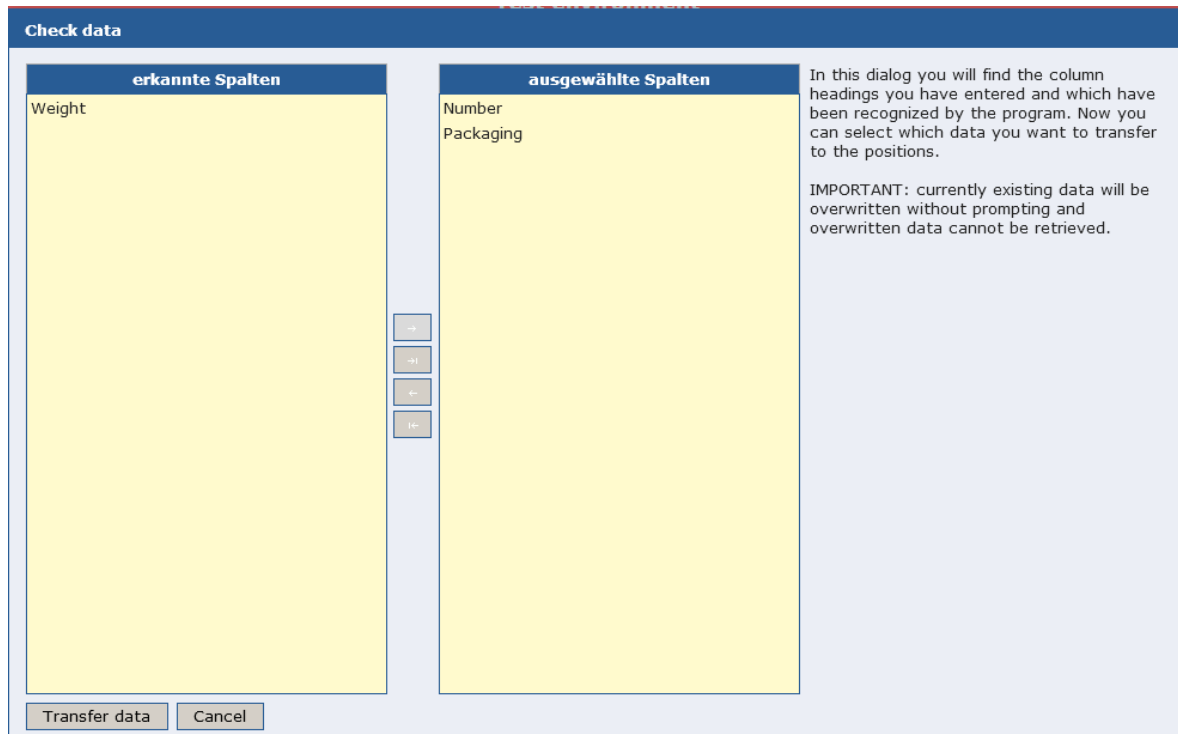


Image 6 – Column selection

IMPORTANT: currently available data will be overwritten and will be beyond reclaim. Once you have made your choice, you can activate the button „Transfer data“ and the confirmation dialog below opens up (cf. image 7).

The following information is provided:

- how many positions have been specified before the Excel upload
- how many positions are included in the Excel data
- how many positions will be added accordingly
- which positions will potentially be changed due to the overwriting of the data

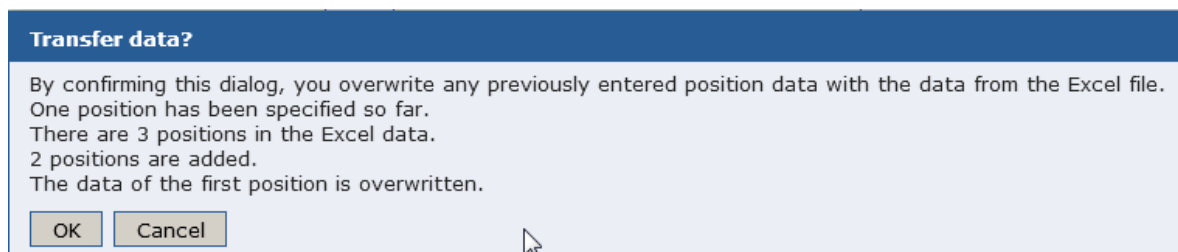


Image 7 – Confirmation dialog

Within the example confirmation dialog is pointed out that one goods position is already specified in the manifest record. The uploaded Excel data contains three positions, from which only two positions are designated for the transfer. The data of the already specified position will be overwritten, if the same position data is included in the Excel upload (e.g. if the weight is already given and the Excel also includes weight specifications).

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Once you click the „OK“ button, the data will be transferred. A manual data review is recommended to make sure that the data was taken over as desired.

Further comments:

1. The function “Cancel” can be used at any point of the process (except after clicking „OK“) to return to the previous dialog.
2. By calling up the Excel function (cf. image 1) the already entered data (cf. image 2) in the dialog will each be cleared.
3. Restriction of the function: if a position is allocated to more than one equipment, it cannot be represented via the Excel upload function. A position may only be available in one container. (Two positions per container are possible.) The data „Packaging“ and „Weight“ of the Excel data is used for both fields

1. Goods position

Information on packaging											
Number:											
Packaging:	3A - Kanister, Stahl										
Weight (kg):											
Equipment:	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Identifier of Equipment</th> <th>Number (Packaging)</th> <th>Weight (kg)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>				Identifier of Equipment	Number (Packaging)	Weight (kg)				
	Identifier of Equipment	Number (Packaging)	Weight (kg)								

Image 8 – Assignment position to Position zu Ladeinheit

4. Restriction of the function: Dangerous goods data is not supported. If available, it has to be specified manually.
5. If the function „**simplified entry of manifest summary declaration data**“ has been activated, the data will be overwritten in case of an Excel upload. The same applies vice versa: if MRNs have been entered by using the Excel upload, the data will be overwritten once you activate the summary declaration function and entry of an MRN in the first tab.

▪ **Function “simplified entry of manifest summary declaration data”**

If all positions in the manifest are labelled with the same summary declaration MRN (or all positions are exempted from specifying a MRN in case of an OESUMA), the entry can be simplified by using the function “MRN data for all positions”.

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Image 9 – simplified summary declaration data entry

Once the function was activated (cf. image above), the entry on position level is deactivated (cf. image 10).

Image 10 – Position dialog – Summary declaration entry deactivated

If the function is deactivated (image 11) the entries can be specified in the position dialog as usual (image 12).

Image 11 – Function deactivated

Image 12 – Position dialog – Summary declaration entry activated

If one of the three fields in the simplified entry mask is changed, the changed data is transferred into all positions, each depending on the changes.

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If the previous „ESUMA“ has been selected, the entry „MRN position number“ will be activated with the following options:

1. Please select!
2. own specification
3. start with 1 and in uninterrupted succession
4. set every position number to 1

In the field “own specification“ the position number in the position dialog has to be specified by the user itself.

If you choose the option „start with 1 and in uninterrupted section“, the position number of the MRN will equal the position number. If a position is added or deleted, all MRN position numbers will also be enumerated again. (like the position number). The position 1 is consistent with the MRN position number 1, position 2 with MRN position 2, etc.

If you choose the option „set every position to 1“ each MRN position number is 1.

Comments:

1. If the function for the simplified entry is activated and the Excel upload function is used afterwards (see chapter above), all available summary declaration data will be overwritten! The same applies vice versa: the summary declaration function overwrites the Excel upload data.
2. If the function is used, the summary declaration data in the positions will be overwritten without prior notice and the overwritten data cannot be retrieved.

Scheduling overview

▪ Summary of IMP relevant dates

Description	Test environment	Productive
Maintenance works IMP (release 8.1.0)		05.02.2019
Maintenance works IMP (release 8.2.0)		02.04.2019

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