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Instructions Circular

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Due to the approaching mandatory operational date of the Advanced Cargo Information ACI system for shipments in seaports, and in order to speed up the completion of transactions related to this system.

In light of the results of the periodic follow-up during the trial operation period of the ACI system which started since April 2021, and what was agreed upon with the company executing the project on 26/9/ 2021, the following should be taken into account:

- 1- With regard to dealing with consignment shipped to Egyptian seaports, as of 1/10/2021 and subject to the Advanced Cargo Information ACI system, importers or their agents must ensure that the prescribed system requirements are met, the most important of which are:
  - The Egyptian importer must have an activated account(s) on NAFEZA portal, as well as an e-token(s).
  - The foreign exporter must have an active account(s) on CargoX
  - The foreign exporter sends shipment documents and data electronically in accordance with the rules of the ACI system, including the digital data of the invoice (structured data)

- 2- With regard to shipments of used spare parts and personal effects that arrive at Egyptian seaports:

- One or more customs Tariff Heading are inserted, and customs officers determine the actual customs tariff heading when conducting the inspection process

process.

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3- With regard to bulk cargo imported from abroad to the Egyptian seaports for storage in the warehouses established inside the customs territories until their release:

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- The warehouse is temporarily allowed to obtain an ACID number for the imported shipments & each bill of lading is given an ACID number, provided that a storage request for each bill of lading is submitted and a statement from the warehouse that it bears full responsibility for all shipment data until the warehouse reconciles its conditions in accordance with the procedures established by the ACI system. The warehouse companies established within The customs territories shall take the necessary steps to register on a NAFEZA portal and obtain e-tokens for the company's employees dealing with the system.
- 4- With regard to shipments of strategic goods that arrive at Egyptian seaports through (cruise ships):
  - The importer or its agent requests an ACID for each shipment (for each bill of lading) at least 3 hours before submitting the manifest.
- 5- With regard to shipments of strategic and other goods of the same type, on one means of transport, for one importer, and the bill of lading: "TO ORDER":
  - An ACID number is obtained for each bill of lading Not a single number for all bills of lading.
- 6- With regard to the shipments of ( sovereign entities - donations and gifts received from foreign governments and international bodies to the Egyptian government- goods temporarily exported, re-imported, returned exports - embassies and organizations- the consolidated bills of lading system, personal effects, cruise ships & back to back)
  - MTS company has provided automated treatments for these cases on the ACI system in accordance with the data of shipments and the parties of the import process and leads to facilitating the procedures for obtaining ACID.

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7- With regard to shipments stuck in ports of call before the mandatory operating date on 1/10/2021, and were not shipped to their final destination in Egypt due to the conditions of Covid19 or the closure of some ports or any other reason:

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- They shall be granted an exceptional period of two weeks from the obligatory application of the system, provided that documents indicating that they have started their movement from the first port of shipment before 1/10/2021, such as (the shipping document and an official statement from the port of call /intermediate port or the shipping agent of their arrival at the port and their inability to move before 1/10/2021 for any reason.
- 8- In the event that the data of the exporting companies to Egypt (companies located in countries of war and disaster areas) cannot be registered on the CargoX platform and the data couldn't be verified, the following shall be adhered to :
  - The Egyptian importer obtains copies of the documents for each exporting company he deals with ie: (commercial register - tax card - bank account statement for the company approved by the bank) and submits an undertaking from the importer that the documents and The data provided is documented and certified with the validity of a Bank signature, and all the aforementioned documents are authenticated by the embassy of the exporting country or its commercial representation office in Egypt, then it is submitted to MTS to take the necessary action towards registering the company's account data on the (CargoX) platform and activating it.
- 9- With regard to seaports that are not currently operating with NAFEZA system:
  - MTS Company, in coordination with the technology sector in the Egyptian Customs Authority, makes the system available on a screen in each port so that the customs officers can verify the issuance of the shipment identification number ACID upon the mandatory operation of ACI system that begins in 1/10/2021.
- 10- Vehicles imported in accordance with the Trip Ticket system, accompanied by those coming from abroad, are temporarily excluded until the necessary treatment is provided for them on the ACI system.
- 11- Transshipments cargo and empty containers from abroad to be used for packing are not subject to the ACI system.

These instructions to be executed accurately

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