

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Assistant Foreign Minister for Protocol

(Privileges and Immunities Section)

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To all the diplomatic missions and international and regional organisations accredited to the ARE

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the office of Assistant Foreign Minister for Protocol, forward compliments to all the diplomatic missions and international and regional organisations accredited to the ARE, LAS and its permanent delegations and the Arab, regional, and international organisations accredited to the ARE. Further to the notes of the Protocol Sector on Advance Cargo information (ACI), the MFA, the office of Assistant Foreign Minister for Protocol, has the honour to notify that the Customs Authority has notified that in the context of keenness on eliminating all the obstacles that face foreign exporters and importers at dealing with the ACI system, instructions have been given on cases of inability to register the data of some exporting companies on CargoX website, especially those located in countries that lie in regions of war or disasters. New instructions include that an importer should obtain copies of the documents of every exporting company they deal with (commercial register, tax card, a bank statement of the company endorsed by the bank). In addition, an importer should submit an undertaking on the validity of the documents and data presented that should be certified and the signature-validation should be endorsed by the bank. All the aforementioned documents should be certified by the embassy of the export country or the Trade representation office in Egypt, provided the documents are presented to Misr Technology Services (MTS) to take the necessary measures towards registering and activating the data of the account of the company on CargoX.

The Protocol Sector has the honour to attach a copy of circular No. 54 of 2021 of the Ministry of Finance, Customs Authority, with the aforementioned instructions in details.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the office of Assistant Foreign Minister for Protocol, avails itself of this opportunity to renew the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Ministry of Finance

Customs Authority

Director General Office

Circular No. (54) of 2021 on the Instructions of the Director General

Since the mandatory application of the ACI system in seaports is approaching, and out of keenness on the speedy finalization of action in the context of the ACI system,

In the light of the results of periodical follow-up during the pilot application of the ACI that started since April 2021, and in line of the agreements realized with the implementing company on 26/9/2021, please heed the following:

- 1- **As regards dealing with the cargo shipped to Egyptian seaports as of 1/10/2021 that are subject to ACI, importers or their agents should ensure the availability of the ACI conditions, salient of which:**
 - An Egyptian importer should have an active account on Nafeza website and Wahdat unit for e-signature.
 - A foreign exporter should have an active account/s on CargoX.
 - A foreign exporter should send the documents and data of the cargo electronically according to the ACI rules including the structured data of an invoice.
- 2- **As for the cargo of used spare parts and personal luggage that reach Egyptian seaports:**
 - One (or more) headings would be included and customs officers would determine the effective headings at examination and inspection.
 - **As regards bulk carriers that come from abroad to Egyptian seaports for storage in the warehouses established in customs services until cleared:**
 - Requests of warehouses to obtain an ACID number for incoming cargo will be approved temporarily, provided each policy would be given an ACID number, conditional that a storage request would be presented for every policy and an acknowledgment by the warehouse on shouldering full responsibility of all the data of the cargo until the warehouse reconciles its status according to the procedures set by the ACI system. Companies of the warehouses established in customs services should take the necessary steps to register on Nafeza and obtain an e-token for the staff of the company who deal with the system.
- 3- **As for the cargo of strategic goods incoming to Egyptian seaports via cruise ships:**
 - An importer or his agent would request issuing an ACID number for every cargo (for every policy) within no less than 3 hours prior to submitting the manifest.
- 4- **As for the cargo of strategic goods among others of the same item using only one means of transportation for one importer.**
 - An ACID number would be obtained for every policy separately, not only one number for all policies.
- 5- **As for the cargo of (sovereign entities, gifts and donations incoming from foreign governments and international entities to the Egyptian government, goods exported temporarily and re-exported, returned exports, embassies and organisations, collective policies system, personal luggage, cruise ships, back to back):**

- The MTS has provided automatic processing of such cases on the ACI in conformity with the data of such cargo and parties to the importing process that helps facilitate the procedures of obtaining an ACID.
- 6- As for the cargo stranded in intermediary ports prior to mandatory application of the system on 1/10/2021 that have not been shipped to their final destination in Egypt due to COVID-19, the closure of some ports, or for any other reason:**
- They would be given an exceptional grace for two weeks from the mandatory application of the system conditional that supporting documents are presented on starting their movement from the first port of shipment prior to 1/10/2021 such as (shipment document and an official notification from the intermediary port or the navigational agent on their arrival to the port and inability to move for any reasons prior to 1/10/2021.
- 7- In case of inability to register and verify the data of the company exporting to Egypt (companies stationed in countries that lie in regions of war or disasters) on CargoX, the following should be applied:**
- The Egyptian importer will obtain copies of the documents of each exporting company they deal with (commercial register, tax card, bank statement of the company endorsed by the bank). In addition, an undertaking should be submitted by the importer on the validity of the documents and data; it should be certified and the signature should be validated by the bank. All the above mentioned documents should be certified by the embassy of the exporting country or its representative trade office to be then presented to MTS to take the necessary measures towards registering and activating the data of the account of company on CargoX.
- 8- As for the seaports that are not currently applying Nafeza system:**
- MTS should coordinate with the Technology Sector of the Authority to make the system available on a screen in every port so that a customs officer would be able to make sure that an ACID number is issued at the mandatory application of the ACI system on 1/10/2021.
- 9- Incoming triptek cars with those coming from abroad will be excluded temporarily until the necessary processing is introduced to the ACI.**
- 10- Direct transit consignments and empty containers incoming from abroad to be used in packaging would not be subject to the ACI system.**

These instructions should be implemented accurately

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