

**Arab Republic of Egypt
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Decree No. (38) of 2021 pertaining to
Advance Cargo Information (ACI)**

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Having reviewed:

- Law No. 118 of 1975 on Import and Export and the executive regulation thereof;
- Law of Civil Aviation No. 28 of 1981;
- Maritime Commercial Law No. 8 of 1990;
- Commercial Code No. 17 of 1999;
- Law of Electronic Signature and Establishing The Information Technology (IT) Industry Development Agency promulgated by Law No. 15 of 2004 and the executive regulation thereof;
- Investment Law No. 72 of 2017 and the executive regulation thereof;
- Customs Law No. 207 of 2020; and
- Prime Minister's Decree No. 20 of 2019.

Has resolved

(Article One)

The importer, goods owner/holder, or customs broker thereof, shall abide by the following:

- 1- Submit a set of digital data and documents concerning the goods to Customs Authority via Nafeza platform prior to the shipment thereof to the country. The Customs Authority shall then mark such shipment with an initial customs registration number (ACID);
- 2- Inform the shipper of the initial customs registration number (ACID) mentioned in the aforementioned Item, to have it written on all goods shipment documents; and
- 3- Use the e-signature while listing the data and making the e-submission of documents, including the invoice, upon entering the customs data as per the Advance Cargo Information (ACI) system via Nafeza platform.

(Article Two)

The carriers, ship captains, airplane captains and drivers of other means of transport, maritime agents thereof or the representatives thereof shall abide by the following:

- 1- Submit information, documents, and shipping bills of the goods shipped to ports inside the country electronically to Customs Authority via Nafeza platform; and
- 2- Include the initial customs registration number (ACID) mentioned in Article One herein, and the identification numbers of the parties to the bill of lading in the shipment documents of the goods imported to the country.

(Article Three)

Controls and procedures that shall be adhered to concerning the Advance Cargo Information (ACI) system shall be set as follows:

- 1- The Advance Cargo Information (ACI) system depends on providing the shipment's data prior to its shipment from the country of export. This requires that the importer, goods owner, or customs broker thereof create an account on Nafeza platform, provided that he/she has the right to sign electronically;
- 2- The importer, goods owner, or customs broker thereof shall register the data of the foreign exporter "in country of export" via Nafeza provided that the data includes (country where the exporter is registered, exporter's registration number, exporter's commercial name, type of exporter (producer, company branch/subsidiary, or others), detailed address, exporter's e-mail, as well as other exporter's data);
- 3- The importer, goods owner, or customs broker thereof shall list the basic initial data of the shipment to be imported, provided that such data includes (foreign exporter's registration number, export country code, export port code, goods' data, customs tariff code consisting of 10 numbers, invoice data, as well as other shipment data);
- 4- After the importer, goods owner, or customs broker thereof finalizes the implementation of the procedures stipulated in the aforementioned two Items, the system shall evaluate the initial risks of the shipment's elements, then evaluate the fulfillment of the required import and control restrictions according to the customs tariff appendices in order to verify the validity of the imported items. Customs Authority shall then reply either by accepting and issuing an initial customs registration number (ACID) for the shipment or by rejecting with an explanation of the reason thereof. The shipment data shall be made available upon issuance of this number to all the competent regulatory authorities (According to the item and category) to carry out the actions thereof;
- 5- The shipment's initial customs registration number (ACID) shall be sent to the importer, goods owner, or customs broker thereof -depending on the case-, and the foreign exporter via e-mail;
- 6- For customs registration of the shipments incoming to the country according to Advance Cargo Information (ACI) system, it is required that the importer, goods owner, or customs broker thereof submit the invoice of the goods electronically bearing his/her e-signature. The invoice shall also include the exporter's tax registration number, foreign exporter "supplier" registration number, initial customs registration number (ACID), customs tariff code "HS Code", and the standard code of the category/categories; and
- 7- Shipment data may be amended after the issuance of the initial customs registration number (ACID) before shipment, except for the data of the two commercial transaction parties (importer or goods owner - foreign exporter). All data of the file shall be re-evaluated according to the standards of the primary risk systems of the shipment elements, and control and import restrictions listed in the applicable customs tariff appendices.

(Article Four)

The pilot implementation of the (ACI) system for shipments incoming to marine ports shall commence as of 01/04/2021 (Initial Phase) while the binding effective enforcement shall commence as of 01/07/2021.

(Article Five)

The present Decree shall be published in the Egyptian Official Gazette.

Minister of Finance
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