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Ministry of Finance

Decree No. 38 of the Year 2021
On the Advance Cargo Information (ACI) System



The Minister of Finance,

After thoroughly reviewing Law No. 118 of the year 1975 on Import and Export, and its executive regulations,
Civil Aviation Law No. 28 of the year 1981,
Maritime Trade Law No. 8 of the year 1990,
Trade Law No. 17 of the year 1999,
Law No. 15 of the year 2004 on Organizing the Electronic Signature and Establishing the Information Technology Industry Development Agency, and its executive regulations,
Investment Law No. 72 of the year 2017, and its executive regulations,
Customs Law No. 207 of the year 2020, and
Prime Minister's Decree No. 20 of the year 2019,

DECREES THE FOLLOWING:

Article-1

The importer or cargo owner, or his agent from among the customs brokers shall comply with the following:

- 1- Submitting the pack of digital data and documents of the cargo to the Customs Authority via the National Single Window for Foreign Trade "Nafeza Platform" before shipping it to the country, so that the Authority would annotate same with an advance cargo information declaration (ACID) number.
- 2- Notifying the shipper of the ACID number referred to in the above clause to record same in all the cargo shipping documents.
- 3- Using electronic signature in entering the data and submitting the documents, including the invoice, electronically, upon recording the customs data of the advance cargo information (ACI) system via Nafeza Platform.



Article-2

The carrier, or shipmasters, aircraft pilots and drivers of other means of transport, or their navigation agents or representatives shall be comply with the following:

- 1- Submitting the information, documents and manifests of the cargo shipped to the ports within the country, electronically, to the Customs Authority via Nafeza Platform.
- 2- Recording the ACID number referred to in article-1 of this decree, as well as the identification numbers of the parties on the bill of lading, in the shipping documents of the cargo imported to the country.



Article-3

The controls and procedures that shall be complied with as regards the ACI System shall be specified as follows:

- 1- The ACI System depends on providing the consignment data before shipping from the exporting country. This requires the importer or cargo owner, or his agent from among the customs brokers to create an account on the portal of Nafeza Platform, on the condition that he should have the right of electronic signature.
- 2- The importer or cargo owner, or his agent from among the customs brokers shall record the data of foreign exporter (in the exporting country) via Nafeza Platform, provided that such data shall include (the country where the exporter is registered, exporter's registration number, exporter's trade name, type of the exporter "producer, company branch or otherwise", detailed address, exporter's e-mail, and any other data of the exporter.
- 3- The importer or cargo owner, or his agent from among the customs brokers shall record the basic initial data of the consignment to be imported, provided that such data shall include (the foreign exporter's registration number, code of the exporting country, code of the exporting port, data of the commodity, integrated customs tariff item represented as a 10-digit code, invoice data, and any other data of the consignment).
- 4- After the importer or cargo owner, or his agent from among the customs brokers finalizes the procedures prescribed by the above two clauses, the platform shall evaluate the initial risks of the consignment elements,



then fulfill the import and supervisory entries required as per the footnotes of the integrated customs tariff to verify the valid import of the article. The Customs Authority shall respond either with acceptance and issuing the ACID number, or with refusal and clarifying the reason for it. Then, the consignment data shall be made available immediately after issuing the ACID number to all the competent supervisory entities (as per the tariff code and article) in order for them to take their respective measures.

- 5- The ACID number of the consignment shall be sent to each of the importer or cargo owner, or his agent from among the customs brokers, as the case may be, and the foreign exporter via e-mail.
- 6- For the customs entry of the consignments imported to the country under the ACI System, the importer or cargo owner, or his agent from among the customs brokers shall submit the cargo invoice electronically, bearing the e-signature, provided that it shall include the importer's tax registration number, registration number of the foreign exporter "supplier", the ACID number, the HS code and standard code of the article/ articles.
- 7- It is allowed to modify the consignment data after issuing the ACID number, except the data of the parties to the commercial transaction (importer or cargo owner – foreign exporter), before shipping, along with observing re-evaluating all the file data as per the criteria of the systems of evaluating the initial risks of consignment elements, and the supervisory and import controls included in the footnotes of the applicable integrated customs tariff.

Article-4

The trial implementation of the ACI System with regard to the consignments imported to the seaports shall start as of 1/4/2021 (first phase), whereas the binding actual implementation of this system shall start as of 1/7/2021.

Article-5

This decree shall be published in Al-Wakaye Al-Mesreya/ Government Bulletin.

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