

Chapter Six
Customs Procedures
Customs provisions

(Advance Cargo Information System)

Article (196)

Without prejudice to the agreements signed between Egypt and other countries, the importer or goods owner, or his customs clearance agent shall provide the following:

- 1- The set data and digital documents of the goods, described in the paragraphs(a) and (b) of Article (198) of these regulations, shall be submitted to the Authority through the (NAFEZA) platform before shipping them to the country, so that the Authority can mark them with the Initial Customs Registration Number (ACID).
- b- The Initial Customs Registration Number (ACID), referred to in the previous clause shall be notified to the freight agent to register it in all the shipping documents of the goods.
- c- Using the electronic signature in the registration of data and the electronic submission of documents, including the invoice, when registering the customs data for the Advance Cargo Information System (ACI) through the (NAFEZA) platform.

Article (197)

The carrier, the ship master, the aircraft captain and other means of transport, or their freight agents or representatives shall abide by the following:

- 1- Providing information, documents and manifests for goods shipped to the ports within the country, electronically to the Customs Authority through the (NAFEZA) platform.
- 2- Ensure that the Initial Customs Registration Number (ACID), referred to in Article (196) of this Regulation, is included in the shipping documents for the goods imported into the country, as well as the identification numbers of the parties of the bill of lading.

Article (198)

Controls and procedures of Advance Cargo Information System (ACI) shall be defined as follows:

- a- Advance Cargo Information System (ACI) shall depend on the availability of consignment data before shipment from the country of export. This shall require the importer, the owner of the goods, or his customs clearance agent to create an account on the (NAFEZA) system portal. It shall also have the right of an electronic signature.

- b- The importer, the concerned person, or his customs clearance agent shall record the data of the foreigner exporter "in the country of export" through the (NAFEZA) platform, provided that the data shall include (The country in which the exporter is registered - the exporter's registration number - the exporter's trade name, exporter type "producer, branch of the company, etc..." - detailed address – exporter's e-mail and other data of the exporter).
- c- The importer, owner of the goods or his customs clearance agent shall register the basic primary data of the shipment to be imported electronically, provided that this data shall include (foreigner exporter registration number- export country code - export port code - commodity data- Customs tariff HS code - invoice data and other data of the shipment).
- d- After the importer, the owner of the goods or his customs clearance agent carries out the procedures stipulated in the previous two clauses, the system shall evaluate the initial risks for the items of the shipment, then fulfill the import and control registrations required according to the appendices of the integrated customs tariff in order to verify the validity of importing the item. The Authority shall respond, whether by acceptance and issuing the Initial Customs Registration Number (ACID) or by rejection, along with an explanation of the reason for rejection with a maximum of forty-eight hours. As soon as this number is issued, then its data for the shipment shall be made available to all the competent regulatory authorities (according to the item and class) to take the necessary action towards them.
- e- The importer, the owner of the goods, or his customs clearance agent could file a grievance within three working days from the issuance of the Authority's decision to reject it, supporting his grievance with supporting documents. The authority studies the grievance within two working days and decides either by accepting the grievance and issuing the initial customs registration number for the shipment (ACID) or by rejecting it with an explanation of the reason for the refusal.
- f- The Initial Customs Registration Number (ACID) of the shipment shall be sent to each of the importer, the owner of the goods or his customs clearance agent, as the case could be, and the foreign exporter by e-mail.
- g- It is required for the customs registration of incoming shipments to the country with Advance Cargo Information System (ACI), the importer, the owner of the goods or his customs clearance agent shall submit the invoice of goods in electronic form, including the electronic signature. This invoice shall include the importer's tax registration number and the foreigner exporter's registration number "the supplier", the Initial Customs

Registration Number (ACID), the item of the customs tariff "HS CODE" and the standard code for the item (s).

- h- Amendment of the shipment data after issuing Initial Customs Registration Number (ACID) shall be permitted except for the data of the two parties to the commercial transaction (the importer or the owner of the goods - the foreigner exporter) before shipping, taking into account the re-evaluation of the entire file data according to criteria of initial risks systems of the shipment items, and the listed control and import restrictions stipulated in appendices to the integrated tariff in effect.
- i- The validity of the ACID identification number extends for a period of six months from the date of registration, provided that the foreigner exporter is obligated to notify the carrier in order to include it on the shipping documents (Manifest - bill of lading) of the goods. It is permissible for justified reasons to extend the validity of the aforementioned identification number for a similar period with the approval of the Minister or his delegate.
- j- The foreigner exporter or the producer shall send the shipment data and documents electronically (commercial invoice- Packing List- bill of lading...etc) attached with the shipment identification number (ACID) to the platform (NAFEZA) through (BLOCKCHAIN) platform which secured and accredited from the authorities concerned.
- k- The carrier or his representative shall send a list of all shipments that intended to export to the Arab Republic of Egypt electronically in a period of time not exceeds 24 hours from the time the ship left the export port, which have to include the data of each shipment (Bill number of lading, shipment identification number (ACID), identification number of the importer)
- l- The electronic list which includes all shipments intended to be exported to Egypt will be received on the platform (NAFEZA) in order to verify the integrity of all its data and send the verification whether positive or negative to the carrier or his representative electronically.
- m- The importer or his customs clearance agent are notified automatically through (NAFEZA) to receive the data and the documents of shipment through platform (BLOCKCHAIN) aforementioned in clause No. (10) of this Article.
- n- The importer or his customs clearance agent shall enter the (NAFEZA) platform and view the shipment file by the identification number (ACID) and approve the shipment documents using electronic signature.
- p- It is obligatory to send the commercial invoice data in an electronic format, indicating the shipment in term of item data, the global code for each item (Global Standard System GS1 or any other international numbering system), if there is no Global Standard Code Number

(GS1) for any item, the Part Number is specified according to the kind of the incoming goods.

The importer or his customs clearance agent could proceed with customs procedures with the (pre-clearance) system through the platform (NAFEZA).

The rest of the releasing procedures of the shipment will be completed through the (NAFEZA) platform, in accordance with the provisions of the law and this regulation.

Section II

Advance Clearance

Article (199)

Advance clearance procedures could be taken if the importer or his agent expressed interest and paid customs taxes, other taxes and fees estimated by a Minister decree before the arrival of the goods to the territory of the country. The final settlement of the taxes shall be made after the goods have arrived, inspected and matched. The established control and import rules shall also be fulfilled according to the customs tariff in effect at the time of the release .

Without prejudice to the advantages given to the AEO, the ACI gives priority in finishing the customs procedures of final release.

Article (200)

The importer or his agent shall electronically register the customs declaration according to the advance clearance procedures at any customs office, other than customs release office, and customs procedures shall be made at arrival customs office taking into account the following:

- a- Goods must be new, with the exception of goods allowed to be imported, used in accordance with the list of rules implementing the provisions of the import and export law, clearly described and listed in the submitted digital documents (not vague)
- b- Goods shall have actually been shipped.
- c- Copies of the documents related to the consignment shall be submitted in case the original documents are not available, provided that the original documents and the shipping delivery permit shall be submitted at arrival customs office.
- d- The original or copy of the bill of lading shall be submitted.

Article (201)

The following customs procedures shall be followed in case of advance clearance:

- a- After shipping and before the arrival of goods:
 - 1- The importer or its agent shall apply to register the customs declaration in accordance with the advance clearance procedures along with the evidence which proves that the goods have been shipped from abroad, via submitting the original or a copy of the bill of lading after making sure of the availability of Initial Customs Registration Number (ACID), which is registered in the shipping documents before shipping.