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Decree No. (38) for the year 2021
regarding advance registration of cargo information “ACI”

Minister of Finance

Following the perusal of No.118 for the year 1975 regarding the import and export and its executive regulations;

The Civil Aviation Law issued by law No.28 for the year 1981;

The Maritime Trade Law issued by law No.8 for the year 1990;

The Trade Law issued by law No.17 for the year 1999;

Law on Organizing electronic signature and the establishment of the Information Technology Industry Development Authority (ITIDA) issued by law No. 15 for the year 2004 and its executive regulations;

The Investment Law issued by law No.72 for the year 2017 and its executive regulations;

The Customs Law issued by law No.207 for the year 2020;

The decree of the Prime Minister No.20 for the year 2019.

Decided:
(Article One)

The importer or owner of the cargo or his representative of customs clearance agents shall be bound by the following:

- 1- Presenting digital data and documents related to the cargo to the Customs Authority via the platform “Nafeza” before shipping into the country for annotation by the Authority with a preliminary customs registration number “Advance Cargo Information Declaration – ACID”.

- 2- Notifying the shipper with the abovementioned ACID number in the previous item to be registered on all shipping documents of the cargo.
- 3- Using the electronic signature to insert data and electronically submit the documents including the invoice upon registering the customs data related to ACI via (Nafeza) platform.

(Article Two)

The carrier or vessel's masters, pilots of airplanes and other means of transport or their maritime agents or their representative shall be bound by the following:

- 1- Presenting information, documents and manifest of the loaded cargo to ports inside the Country electronically to the Customs Authority via the platform "Nafeza".
- 2- Registering the abovementioned ACID number in Article One of this Decree on the shipping documents of the cargo inbound to the Country as well as the identification numbers of the parties of the bill of lading.

(Article Three)

The regulations and procedures that shall be abided by for the ACI system shall be determined as follows:

- 1- The ACI system is based on making the shipment data available before shipping from the country of import. The aforementioned requires from the importer or owner of the cargo or his representative of customs clearance agents to register an account on the electronic portal of (Nafeza) who has the right to electronically sign.

- 2- The importer or owner of the cargo or his representative of customs clearance agents shall register the data of the foreign importer “at the country of import” via (Nafeza) platform provided that the data shall include (the country the importer is registered to – the registration number of the importer – the commercial name of the importer – type of importer (producer, branch of a company, other) – the detailed address – the e-mail of the importer and other data of the importer).
- 3- The importer or owner of the cargo or his representative of customs clearance agents shall register the initial essential data of the shipment to be imported provided that this data shall include (the registration number of the foreign importer – code of the country of import – code of the port of import – data of the commodity – the integrated 10-digit customs tariff item – data of the invoice and other data of the shipment).
- 4- Following the completion of execution of the mentioned formalities in the previous items by the importer or owner of the cargo or his representative of customs clearance agents, the system shall evaluate the preliminary risks of the elements of the shipment then fulfill the required import and supervisory restrictions according to the affixed integrated customs tariffs to verify the validity of the import type. The Customs Authority shall respond by either accepting and issuing a preliminary ACID number or rejecting the application and clarifying the reasons of the rejection. Then, the data of the shipment shall be made available once the ACID number is issued to all competent supervisory authorities (pursuant to the item and the type) to use accordingly.
- 5- The preliminary ACID number of the shipment shall be sent to the importer or owner of the cargo or his representative of customs clearance agents – as the case may be – and the foreign importer via email.

- 6- It is a requirement for registering before the Customs for inbound shipments to the Country under ACI system that the importer or owner of the cargo or his representative of customs clearance agents shall submit the cargo invoice electronically including the electronic signature. It is a further requirement that the tax registration number of the importer, the registration number of the foreign importer “the importer”, the preliminary ACID, the customs tariff item “HS CODE” and the standard code for the type(s) are registered on the said invoice.
- 7- The data of the shipment may be amended after the issuance of the preliminary ACID except for the data on the parties of the commercial transaction (importer or owner of the cargo – foreign importer) before shipping bearing in mind that a full reevaluation of the data of the file shall be made according to the standards of the preliminary risks of the elements of the shipment, the import and supervisory restrictions listed on the affixed integrated customs tariffs in force.

(Article Four)

The trial implementation of the Advance Cargo Information “ACI” system for shipments inbound to maritime ports shall commence on 1/4/2021 (first phase) and the actual binding implementation for this system shall commence on 1/7/2021.

(Article Five)

This decree shall be published in the Egyptian Gazette.

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