

PROCEDURES CIRCULAR NO. (18) FOR THE YEAR 2021

With reference to:

- The Customs Law No. 207 for the year 2020.
- The Executive Regulation of the Customs Law issued by Ministerial decree No. 430 for the year 2021.
- The decree of the Minister of Finance No. 38 for the year 2021.
- The instructions of the Director General of the Customs Authority No. 54 for the year 2021.
- The WCO and WTO international standards regarding the Advance Cargo Information System “ACI”.
- In light of the instructions of the Director General of the Customs Authority regarding overcoming the obstacles that may face the shipping and maritime agents with regards to operation under BACK-TO-BACK bills of lading whether the bills are ONE TO ONE or MANY TO ONE in light of operation under the ACI system.
- In light of the instructions of the Director General of the Customs Authority regarding the procedural cycle for operation under BACK-TO-BACK bills of lading system dated 16/10/2021.

The following shall be complied to:

For FCL/FCL bills of lading where the consignment is from one exporter to one importer (ONE TO ONE) or a group of exporters to one importer (MANY TO ONE), the customs procedures shall be carried out as follows:

- (1) The Egyptian importer shall log in on Nafeza platform (ACI) and register the data of the exporter(s) and the data of the shipment(s) pursuant what is followed in the Executive Regulations of the Customs Law to obtain an ACID.
- (2) The Egyptian importer and Nafeza platform shall report to the exporter(s) abroad the ACID to register same on the relevant cargo documents.
- (3) The Egyptian importer shall send the ACID issued for his shipment(s) to the Egyptian agent of the shipment (Freight Forwarder).
- (4) The Egyptian agent of the shipment (Freight Forwarder) shall log on Nafeza platform to register the shipment request (MASTER) and then obtain MASTER ACID for the shipment by virtue of the ACID for the importer’s shipment(s).

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- (5) The Egyptian agent of the shipment (Freight Forwarder) and Nafeza platform shall notify the agent of the shipment (Freight Forwarder) abroad of the MASTER ACID as well as the ACID for the importer’s shipment(s).
- (6) The agent of the shipment (Freight Forwarder) abroad shall log on the verification service through Nafeza system to ascertain the integrity of the MASTER ACID data as well as the ACID of the importer’s shipment(s).
- (7) The agent of the shipment (Freight Forwarder) abroad shall issue HOUSE BILL(S) OF LADING where the shipper on each house bill of lading is the actual exporter of the cargo and the consignee is the Egyptian importer and the agent of the shipment (Freight Forwarder) shall list the ACID of the shipment thereon as well in addition to deliver the house bills of lading to the actual exporters of the cargo.
- (8) Each actual exporter shall send his house bill of lading electronically among the cargo documents through Cargo X platform to Nafeza platform as per followed procedure.
- (9) The agent of the shipment (Freight Forwarder) abroad shall notify the line who shall transport the shipment from the port of export to the port of arrival with the MASTER ACID to be listed on the Master Bill of Lading.
- (10) The line or maritime agent abroad shall log on the verification service through Nafeza system to ascertain the integrity of the MASTER ACID data issued in favor of the Egyptian agent of the shipment (Freight Forwarder).
- (11) The line or maritime agent shall issue Master Bill of Lading where the shipper is the agent of the shipment (Freight Forwarder) abroad and the consignee is the Egyptian agent of the shipment (Freight Forwarder). The Master Bill of Lading must contain a Master ACID.
- (12) The line shall list the loading list electronically to the Customs Authority through Nafeza platform during the legally set period (48 hours before the arrival of the means of transport or 24/12 hours before the arrival of the means of transport for nearby ports) that includes the Master Bill of Lading which includes the ACID thereon and the identification number for the parties of the shipment (the agent of the shipment (Freight Forwarder) abroad and the Egyptian agent of the shipment (Freight Forwarder)) as well as the numbers of the House Bill(s) of Lading.
- (13) The Egyptian importer in the House Bill of Lading shall apply before the Egyptian agent of the shipment (Freight Forwarder) to obtain a letter of waiver addressed to the line (by virtue of the procedures newsletter issued granting him practicing the activity of combined bills of lading) to waive the shipment in favor of the actual importer.

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(14) The competent line or maritime agent shall issue the delivery order of the Egyptian importer pursuant to the provisions of Article (223) of the Executive Regulations of the Customs Law so that the Egyptian importer can commence registration in record No. 46 and move forward with the consignment release procedures.

Important remark – the agent of the shipment (Freight Forwarder)s abroad must register on Cargo X platform so that their data are recognized.

The above has been sent for your kind knowledge and to be thoroughly implemented.

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