

Decree of the Minister of Finance Number (490) for the year 2021

Minister of Finance

- Following perusal of the Customs Law No.207 for the year 2020;
- The Executive Regulations No.118 for the year 1975 issued by the decree of the Minister of Trade and Industry No.770 for the year 2005;
- The Executive Regulations of the Customs Law issued by the decree of the Minister of Finance No.430 for the year 2021;
- The Decree of the Minister of Finance No.328 for the year 2021 regarding the commencement of the actual mandatory implementation of the Advance Cargo Information System “ACI” as of 1/10/2021 in seaports;
- The report of the formed committee by virtue of the decision of the Minister of Finance No.442 for the year 2021;
- In facilitation of those dealing under the Advance Cargo Information System (ACI);
- What has been submitted by the Director General of the Customs Authority;
- And for the greater good.

Decided (Article One)

The cargo documents (the commercial invoice, the loading list, the bill of lading) shall be accepted electronically which are inbound according the Advance Cargo Information system (ACI) within the Customs Clearance documents for the shipment upon registering the customs statement in the ledger No.46 so long as the importer or his agent ratify same as the cargo documents by using the electronic signature provided that the documents are maintained electronically in the secured and ratified electronic archive according to the provisions of the Electronic Signature Law at the Nafeza system without prejudice to the competent Customs’ right in requesting any documents, hardcopy or electronic data that is necessary to complete the final customs clearance operation as stipulated by law.

(Article Two)

The Customs clearance procedures shall commence according to the inbound origin certificate electronically provided that the original hard copy is submitted before the final customs clearance, in case the original hard copy of the certificate is not available the clearance shall be made pursuant to the stipulated regulations in that regard until ratification of the procedures of its acceptance electronically.

(Article Three)

The following sentence shall be inserted into the customs statement form:

“The documents and data submitted by the importer, exporter or shipper according to the Advance Cargo Information System (ACI) shall be considered as an integral part of this statement and complementary to it and subject to all rules, regulations and stipulated effects of the customs statement and its attachments by virtue of the customs law No.207 for the year 2020 and other relevant laws”.

(Article Four)

This decree shall be published in the Egyptian Gazette and shall be in force starting as of the next day of its publication.

Minister of Finance,

Dr. Mohamed Moyat

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