

**Instructions of
the Director General of the Customs Authority
No. (78) for the year 2021**

With reference to:

- The Customs Law No.207 for the year 2020 and its Executive Regulations promulgated by the Decree of the Minister of Finance No. 430 for the year 2021;
- The Decrees of the Minister of Finance No. 367 and No.490 for the year 2021;
- Within the framework of the guidelines of the Minister of Finance to incentivize the users to follow the procedures of advance clearance;
- Instructions of the Director General of the Customs Authority No. (4) for the year 2021;
- and in unification of the procedures;

All different customs checkpoints and logistics centers shall adhere to the following regulations upon conclusion of the procedures over the customs data under the Advance Cargo Information system “ACI”:

First: To allocate Customs committees for ACI before and after the arrival of cargoes with the mission of concluding the procedures for Customs data over Nafeza platform to complete the mission, fulfill business at the logistics centers, and survey and inspection yards. The procedures shall be executed as follows:

Before arrival of cargo:

- The concerned person or his representative shall electronically sign the release documents and bill of lading and shall send it electronically with the ACID written thereon over Nafeza platform to complete the procedures under the ACI system. Customs statement shall be registered in record 46 and the statement shall be sent to the competent authorities to act accordingly and to the allocated customs committees for ACI for pricing, review and move forward with the procedures of application of preferential conventions and customs exemptions, if found, together with the commitment to present the original evidence of origin before final release.
- The taxes, fees and inspection fees under settlement shall be collected before arrival via electronic payment methods. Payment of 30% of the preliminarily estimated taxes and fees can be made before the arrival of the cargoes provided that final settlement and payment of full due taxes and fees are made after the arrival of the cargo according to the applicable customs tariff at the time of release.

After the arrival of the cargoes at the ports:

1- In case of release via the green path:

The manifest shall be electronically connected to the customs statement over Nafeza Platform. All competent security and control committee shall automatically fulfill their requirements through submission before the joint inspection committees. The differences in the inspection fee shall be collected, if found. The statement shall be sent to the head of the Tariff for completion of the procedure and the payment shall become final. Then, proceeding to the release department shall be required for review and receipt of the cargo. In case there is no committee to submit the manifest to, it shall be sent to the tariff head for completion of the procedures and payment shall become final. Then, proceeding to the release department shall be required for review and receipt of the cargo.

2- In case of release via the red path:

The manifest shall be electronically connected to the customs statement over Nafeza Platform. The customs statement shall be sent to the survey and inspection committees for verification, checking the conformity with the actual inbound over the stipulated items, reviewing the electronically submitted documents, checking the validity of the item, the customs value and import regulations, electronic fulfillment of the requirements of the security and control committee through submission before the joint inspection committees and collection of the differences in the due fees and inspection fees, if found.

- In case of conformity, the statement shall be sent to head of the tariff for conclusion of the procedures and payment shall become final. Then, proceeding to the release department shall be required for review and receipt of the cargo.

- In case of difference and non-conformity of the survey and the inspection, the due amendments for the items, the value and the import regulations shall be made. All competent control committee shall automatically fulfill their requirements through submission before the joint inspection committees. The statement shall be sent to the head of the Tariff for completion of the procedure. The differences in the inspection fee and due fee shall be collected, if found and the payment shall become final. Then, proceeding to the release department shall be required for review and receipt of the cargo.

3- In case the concerned party or his representative submitted a complaint on the customs statement for advance clearance regarding any procedure other than that related to the item, the value and the origin, the complaint shall be sent to Nafeza platform electronically clarifying the reasons of the complaint. A customs committee shall look into the complaint and resolve the complaint immediately within a duration not exceeding 24 hours of the date of submitting the complaint over Nafeza platform for speedy response and solution upon evidencing the right of the complaint bearing in mind the provisions of the Executive Regulations of the Customs Law in respect of the complaints.

Second: In case of re-exportation of cargoes that their advance clearance procedures were already made in their regard or have been destroyed according to the legal stipulated procedures, the Customs Authority shall commit to return the monies that has already been collected for these cargoes as soon as the cargoes are re-exported or destroyed without set off between these sums and any other sums that belong to other cargoes.

Third: Full cooperation and coordination between the Central Administration for Information Technology, the Misr Technology Services (MTS), Assistant Director-General of the Customs Authority for advance clearance, Heads of the Ports Central Administrations, General Heads, and Heads of logistics centers shall take place for the implementation of the abovementioned procedures, detecting and solving obstacles that may arise out of the application of Nafeza or the advance clearance system already in place or at the logistics services, the survey and inspection yards for quick decision making to implement it immediately so as to decrease the rates of the release period on the level of all ports and logistics centers.

Fourth: Technical Support, Follow-up and replies to inquiries on advance clearance shall be provided via e-mail on: info.prearrival@customs.gov.eg

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