

Instructions
of the Director General of the Customs Authority
No. (81) for the year 2022

In light of the importance of the role of the Advance Cargo Information system for shipments in organizing and governing the import process from abroad, and in view of the lack of commitment of some traders to upload the prior import approval when applying to obtain an ACID number for shipments that require so, or to get around this procedure by uploading a blank paper on the system.

In order to achieve the desired goals of applying this system, and in the event that the importer does not provide the correct prior import approval when applying to obtain the ACID number in the cases that require so, the following procedures shall be undertaken:

- Non-claiming or allowing the importer to submit the prior approval for the shipment after registering the customs declaration as long as it was not submitted upon applying to obtain the ACID number before import or shipping. In the event that the importer requested submission before the customs release, it shall not be taken into account except after presenting it before the Ministry of Trade and Industry to advise on the following steps to be taken together with the application of the provisions of Article (72) of the Customs Law No. 207 for the year 2020.
- Dealing with the importer, evidenced to have failed to submit the prior import approval, shall be suspended upon applying to obtain the ACID number of the shipment that requires so before being imported or shipped from abroad, or submitting a document that does not represent the correct approval, on all future shipments of the said importer for a period of three months that may be renewed for other periods in the event of repetition the violation.
- The General Administration of Risk Management Systems and the Central Administration of the Authorized Economic Operator shall be notified of the uncommitted importers that fail to submit their prior approval when applying to obtain their ACID number to stop the customs privileges that were granted to them - if any - for a period of six months as of the date of committing the violation, which may be renewed for other periods with justified reasons.

These instructions shall be implemented thoroughly to avoid being held liable.

Kind regards,

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