

## **Frequently asked questions:**

**17/10/2021:**

Q 1 - What is the document required to authorize brokers to perform customs clearance for the private sector shipments?

- According to the provisions of the Customs Law No. 207 of 2020 and its Executive Regulations No. 430 of 2021, it is obligatory to submit an official power of attorney through the Real Estate Registry or an electronic authorization through NAFEZA platform.

Q 2- What is meant by the official power of attorney accepted by the Customs Authority for government departments, public bodies and holding companies?

- An official power of attorney acceptable to the Egyptian Customs Authority is a power of attorney approved by the competent Minister or heads of government departments, public authorities and holding companies that bear the seal of the Republic logo issued to customs brokers taking customs clearance procedures on the goods of those bodies.

Q 3- What are the conditions for accepting power of attorneys issued by embassies or consulates operating in the Arab Republic of Egypt for customs clearance of their shipments?

- Power of attorneys issued by embassies or consulates operating in the Arab Republic of Egypt is accepted, provided that the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs approves the seal of the embassy or consulate regarding the power of attorney for customs brokers on behalf of those agencies to take customs clearance procedures on their shipments.

Q 4- Is it required to submit an official power of attorney for postal forms that pertain to personal baggage?

- It is not required to submit an official power of attorney for the postal forms that belong to personal baggage, and customs forms for them are used instead of the postal forms at the request of the competent control authority for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of the other control authorities, except for cases of requesting the release of parcels or postal consignments under any of the special customs regimes or Exemptions or those that represent commercial quantities or exceed the value specified in the Executive regulations of the provisions of the Import and Export Law.

Q 5 -what happens if electronic shipping lists are reviewed and there are bills of lading not including the ACID?

- The Central Manifesto Departments shall take the necessary measures to send electronic notification to the competent port authority and the unloading company in order not to unload the items included in these bills of lading.
- All the legal measures are taken in accordance with the provisions of Article (39) of the Customs Law No. 207 of 2020 by re-shipping the goods that don't have ACID number outside the country without unloading them inside Egyptian ports and posts, at the expense of the carrier or his representative.
- These instructions shall be applied to what is shipped from abroad to Egyptian seaports as of 10/1/2021.

Q 6 - How do we register and get the ACID number for shipments of indirect transit through the Egyptian seaports to reach the final destination of the goods in the foreign countries?

- The ACID number for imported shipments is obtained after the foreign importer make a registration in the customs customers database by submitting the following documents:

1- A document authenticated by the importer's country in which the name of the company and the legal representative is registered, and certified by the Egyptian embassy or consulate.

2- A copy of the passport of the owner or manager of the importing company, authenticated by the Egyptian embassy or consulate.

3- A power of attorney from the importer or foreign exporter for his Egyptian representative or agent, authenticated by the Egyptian embassy or consulate.

4- A copy of the national ID card of the client.

Provided that the foreign exporter has an active account(s) on CargoX platform, taking into account the fulfillment of the requirements necessary to access the electronic portal (NAFEZA) to issue the shipment identification number( ACID) in accordance with the regulating instructions.

Q7 - Are all customs items included for shipments of used automotive spare parts?

- All customs items are included if a detailed packing list is available, and in the absence of a detailed packing list, one (or more) customs items are included, and customs officials specify the actual customs tariff items when conducting the inspection and detection processes.

Q 8 - There are still some pending shipments due to Covid 19 conditions or the closure of some ports and other reasons, so, has the deadline been extended?

- Extension of the exceptional period is granted in the sixth clause of Instructions Circular No. 54 of 2021 until 31/10/2021 due to the existence of long trips or until the completion of these cases, whichever is sooner, provided that documents indicating that they have started their movement from the first port of shipment before 1/10/2021 shall be presented. (Such as The bill of lading and an official statement from the intermediate port or the shipping agency of their arrival at the port and their inability to move before 1/10/2021 for any reason).

Q 9 - Is the importer or his legal representative required to submit an invoice approved by the Chambers of Commerce?

- The importer or his legal representative is not required to submit an invoice approved by the Chambers of Commerce, but it is only sufficient to submit a detailed commercial invoice in accordance with the provisions of Article 232 of the Executive Regulations of the Customs Law No. 207 of 2020 issued by virtue of the Minister's of Finance Decree No. 430 of 2021 and the instructions Circular of the Head of the Customs Authority No. 57 of the year 2021.

Q10 - What happens if the data of companies exporting to Egypt (companies located in countries that fall into war or disaster areas) cannot be registered OR verified on CargoX platform?

- In the event that the data of companies exporting to Egypt (companies located in countries that fall into war or disaster areas) cannot be registered OR verified on CargoX platform, the following shall be adhered to:
  - o The Egyptian importer obtains copies of the documents for each exporting company he deals with (commercial register - tax card -

bank account statement for the company approved by the bank) and submits a pledge that the documents and data provided are authenticated and certified with the validity of a bank signature, and all the aforementioned documents are authenticated by the embassy of the exporting country or its commercial representation office in Egypt, then they are submitted to MTS company to take the necessary steps towards registering and activating the company's account data on the (CargoX) platform.

Q 11 - What are the procedures for the ACI system for shipments in the seaports that do not currently operate in the "NAFEZA" system?

- With regard to seaports that are not currently operating in the (NAFEZA) system:

- MTS, in coordination with the technology sector of the Egyptian Customs Authority, has made the system available on a screen in each port so that the customs employee can verify the issuance of the ACID number as of the mandatory operation of ACI system on 01/10/2021.

Q 12 - Are direct transit shipments and empty containers need to be registered in the ACI system?

- Direct transit shipments from one means of transport to another inside the ports and the empty containers that come from abroad to be used for packing are not subject to the ACI system.

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