

Current market situation

As you are already aware of, the transport sector is facing many adversities in the daily handling, which can be seen in the sea ports. Meanwhile also the inland terminals are impacted.

Many port terminals in Europe are fighting with congestion, due to the fact of late arrival of the deep sea vessels. Following, the flow of goods cannot be handled on time any more.

Container are only allowed to be delivered within a Cargo Opening Times timeframe. In case of any further delay, it might often happen that Container need to be stored in an external depot until delivery is approved and possible.

No improvement of the situation is expected at the time being.

Extra costs resulting from the delays cannot be taken over by the service providers.

We keep an eye on the development and keep you informed.

Egypt – Advanced Cargo Information (ACI)

Today we would like to inform you about the following upcoming change regarding the import of goods at Egyptian Customs.

Pursuant to Decision No. 38/2021, Egyptian Customs is implementing a new pre-registration cargo information system called "Advanced Cargo Information (ACI)".

ACI aims to simplify and speed up the procedures for customs risk assessment and release of goods upon importation. It also helps to consolidate and verify exporters' and importers' information through a single single-window portal, "Nafeza".

The trial implementation (pilot phase) of the Advanced Cargo Information System for inbound shipments to Egyptian seaports will start on 01.04.2021, with the mandatory implementation currently scheduled for 01.07.2021

The information we currently have on the exact process of pre-registration as well as the division of responsibilities between the parties involved (importer, exporter, freight forwarder, customs) is not final at this stage. The following explanation of the application of the new system is therefore only given in broad outline and is without guarantee.

Application of the ACI system

- The new system requires the importer or its agent to register its data, exporter's data and shipment data through the electronic portal of the National Single Window System for Foreign Trade "Nafeza". – This registration should be done before the goods are shipped.
- An Advanced Cargo Information Declaration number (ACID) will be assigned by the Nafeza system. Current knowledge is that the ACID will subsequently be emailed to both the importer and exporter.
- Forwarders must be notified to ensure that the ACID number, as well as the parties' bill of lading identification numbers, are included on all shipping documents.
- Relevant shipping documents must be mandatorily uploaded by the exporter via the "Nafeza" certified blockchain service provider CargoX (see below or in Appendix 2 for registration links). These uploads must include the relevant ACID number and must be completed at least 48 hours prior to the vessel's arrival at the port of destination in Egypt.

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Important: If the ACID number is not included in the shipping documents, the goods will not be cleared through customs. Rather, the goods will be returned without unloading at the Egyptian ports at the expense of the carrier or its agent.

For any further information please do not hesitate to contact us at any time.

Kind regards

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