

Advanced Cargo Information

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The Egyptian Customs introduced a new system regarding the pre-registration of cargo information called “Advanced Cargo Information (ACI)”, which aims to simplify the procedures for releasing goods and moreover, which contribute to verify exporters and importers, all through a single window online portal. The trial implementation of the Advanced Cargo Information system for incoming shipments at seaports starts from 01/04/2021, and the compulsory binding implementation starts from 01/07/2021.

The new system obliges the importer or his agent to register their data, exporter data, and shipment data through the electronic portal of the National Single Window System for Foreign Trade (Nafeza) <https://www.nafeza.gov.eg>. Relevant shipment documents need to be uploaded and marked with an Advanced Cargo Information Declaration (ACID) number prior to the shipment to Egypt.

Application:

- The ACID number is sent to both the importer and the exporter by email.
- The Customs registration of incoming shipments into Egypt through “Nafeza” requires the invoice to be submitted electronically by the importer.
- Carriers must be notified to include the ACID number on all shipping documents, as well as the identification numbers of the parties to the bill of lading.

If this number is not included in the shipping documents, the goods will not be cleared, instead be returned without discharge at the Egyptian ports at the expense of the carrier or his representative.

In the event of further questions please contact the German-Arab Chamber of Industry and Commerce (AHK) in Cairo.

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