



Cycle Advanced Cargo Information (ACI) for Air Cargos



Introduction:

ACI provides cargo data before shipping from the exporting country. As for shipments subject to shipping to Egyptian airports.

The following requirements shall be met in accordance with the Customs Law No. 207 of 2020 and its implementing regulation pursuant to the Minister of Finance's Resolution No. 430 of 2021 and the Ministerial Resolutions governing ACI:

- ❑ The Egyptian importer and the agent thereof shall have active account(s) on the e-portal (Nafeza) and electronic signature unit(s)
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- ❑ Air cargo companies shall have active account(s) on the e-portal (Nafeza); and electronic signature unit(s)
- ❑ The foreign exporter shall have active and verified account(s) on (Cargo X)
- ❑ The foreign exporter shall send the cargo documents and data electronically in accordance with ACI controls, including the invoice's structured data on (Cargo X)



ACI for Air Cargos Cycle:

Phase 1:

1. The importer or the agent thereof (customs brokers) shall upload a request to obtain the shipment ACID on platform www.nafeza.gov.eg. Includes the shipment basic data (Foreign Exporter Number - Export Country Code - Local Bank Data - Commodity Data – HS codes) at least 8 hours before the means of transport takes off the export airport.
2. ACI shall electronically assess the initial risks of cargo, fulfill the required import and regulatory controls in accordance with the applicable integrated tariff appendices. The importer or the agent thereof (customs agents) shall upload the prior import approvals, if any. The system shall accept or reject the cargo along with providing the reason for rejection and immediate issuance of ACID in case of approval.
3. ACID shall be sent electronically (via email) to the foreign exporter (the details of which are shown on the cargo) and to the Egyptian importer or the agent thereof (customs brokers).
4. The importer or exporter shall send ACID to the airlines or Freight Forwarder companies to record such number on the cargo shipping documents.
5. Nafeza Platform www.nafeza.gov.eg provides a service tool to verify the validity of ACI basic data (Egyptian importer's identification number, foreign exporter identification number and ACID). The airlines / shipping agents are obligated to send the "verification" list at least 4 hours before take-off.
6. The foreign exporter shall upload the electronic data and shipment's documents upon availability, and the foreign exporter shall mention the ACID and the identification numbers of both the Egyptian importer and the foreign exporter on (Cargo X) on (the commercial invoice and Air waybills) and mention the ACID on the other cargo documents.
7. The importer or the agent thereof (customs brokers) may modify the basic data except for both parties of the trade (foreign exporter and Egyptian importer) before shipping.
8. The importer or the agent thereof (customs brokers) shall review and confirm the validation of all data and documents and approve the cargo documents using the electronic signature to initiate the cargo pre-clearance procedures upon the request of the concerned party.
9. The officials of the other governmental inspection boards and the regulatory authorities shall implement the documentary inspection procedures after initiating the pre-clearance procedures of cargos in the first phase before the cargo arrives to match and complete the documents required for shipment.

Phase 2:

1. The ground handling agents on behalf of (airlines / freight forwarders / direct irregular flights «Charter» or through the agent in Egypt) shall upload the electronic data of Manifest on (Nafeza) immediately after take-off for short flights that take less than four hours, and within two hours after take-off for the rest of flights, provided that the manifest of the flight should contain both Master and House air waybills.
2. Air cargo companies (companies/airlines) shall access (Nafeza) to submit requests for amendments to the bills of lading «in accordance with the Customs Law and its implementing regulation», if any.
3. Air cargo companies (freight forwarders/airlines) shall handle the electronic delivery order of each cargo on (Nafeza).
4. Customs officials identify the package to be prepared for customs inspection and send them to the warehouses.
5. The officials of the other governmental inspection boards and the regulatory authorities shall implement the regulatory inspection procedures for phase 2 after the cargo arrives.
6. The remaining customs procedures shall be completed until release in accordance with the Customs Law and its implementing regulation issued by the Ministerial Resolution No. 430 of 2021.



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