date: 05/05/2012

customs notice no (8/2012)
concerning e-freight initiative between airports

having perused the common customs law of the gcc states; and pursuant to article (46) thereof and;

considering dubai customs’ approval for supporting the international air transport association (iata) to implement e-freight initiative between airports and;

complying with e-freight initiative between airports requirements for availability of an integrated and interrelated electronic environment through which different freight and trade documents are exchanged and;

for the purposes of supporting and facilitating trade movement between dubai airports and other international airports through e-freight initiative on goods;

the following have been decided:

article (1)
the e-freight initiative between airports shall be applicable to air cargos in accordance with the following business rules:

1. the imported/exported cargos carried by air to and from airports of countries where e-freight initiative is implemented and logistically managed by approved freight/forwarding customs broking air cargo companies.

المادة (1)
تطبيق مبادرة الشحن الإلكتروني بين المطارات على الشحنات الجوية وفق قواعد الشروط والأوضاع وقواعد العمل التالية:

1. البضائع المستوردة/المصدرة المنقلة جوا من وإلى مطارات الدول التي تطبق مبادرة الشحن الإلكتروني بالمثل، والتي تديرها لوجيستيا شركات الشحن/التفليشي الجمركي الجوي المتممة.
2. The imported/exported goods applying e-freight initiative must be owned by commercial companies licensed and registered in UAE and managed by Freight Forwarding/Customs Broking Companies licensed and registered in UAE being affiliated with e-freight initiative between airports and registered therein.

3. Goods in transit or being transshipped must be managed by approved Freight Forwarding/Customs Broking Companies licensed and registered in UAE having the liability for the goods while in Dubai.

4. The approved Freight Forwarding/Customs Broking Companies shall be required to have an automated and secured archive system for maintaining documents to be agreed and approved by Customs. The Customs shall have the right to review the archive system and verify its efficiency, whenever needed, and to cancel the registration whenever the archive system found to be dissatisfying the required specifications.

5. The Customs shall have the right to refer to all documents deposited with Freight Forwarding/Customs Broking Companies and records thereof, review, access and request them from such companies at any subsequent time within a period not exceeding five years from the issuance date of the customs declaration.
6. Freight Forward/Customs Broking Companies shall undertake to submit all documents to the Customs upon every application within the prescribed period and provide every assistance that may so be required in facilitating the Customs’ access to the records.

Documents Covered Under the Initiative

Article (2)

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- Import
- Import for re-export
- Export
- Transit/Transshipment
- Transit in to Free Zones
- Transit in to Customs Warehouses.
- Temporary Admission

The Customs reserves the right to request any other local documents required for the purposes of customs clearing such as import permits, industrial inputs exemption forms, certificates of origin from GAFTA Member States or any other documents deemed to be necessary for the purposes of the satisfaction with the necessary proof elements.

Spanish translation: (Arabic)

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Documentos cubiertos por la iniciativa

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- Importación
- Exportación para re-exportación
- Exportación
- Transporte de retransmisión
- Transporte a zonas libres
- Transporte a almacenes aduaneros.
- Admisión temporal

La autoridad aduanera reserva el derecho a solicitar cualquier otro documento local requerido para los fines de la liberación de bienes, tales como permisos de importación, suministros industriales, certificados de origen de GAFTA Estados Miembros o cualquier otro documento considerado como necesario para la satisfacción de los requisitos legales correspondientes.

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Registration Procedures

Article (3)
- All companies wishing to accede and register in the initiative must submit an application for the same to the Customer Services Management at Airport Zone containing an express acknowledgment accepting all rules and procedures provided for hereunder.

- The application shall be referred to the Information Technology Department at Dubai Customs, which shall verify in collaboration with the Customs Audit Department the availability of the archive system referred to in Para (4) of Article (1) hereof, and approval for the same shall be issued from both Departments.

- The application shall be returned to the Customer Service Management at Airport Zone for completing the initiative registration and accession procedures.

General Provisions

Article (4)
- The business rules and customs procedures for the purposes of claiming and recovering customs duties paid under cash or bank guarantee shall remain unchanged including production of discharge certificates and all other documents established by Dubai Customs policies or, as applicable.
- Dubai Customs shall have the right to inspect and examine the cargos and goods in accordance with the rules, procedures, risk criteria and business processes applicable in Dubai Customs.

- In the event of violating the provisions contained hereof or failure to comply with them wholly or in part, the penalties provided for in the Common Customs Law of the GCC States will be applied, and in all cases Customs is entitled to withdraw or suspend the facilities, as applicable.

Final Provisions

Article (5)
Subject to the roles and responsibilities of the other customs departments, the Customer Service Management at Airport Zone shall be the component department to implement the provisions of this Notice.

Article (6)
This Notice shall come into force as from the date of issue.

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Executive Chairman
Director General of Dubai Customs

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