
Country Presentation
Customs Authority of Israel

Item 8: Customs Declarations
Customs Declarations – Revised Kyoto Convention, Single Administrative Document and relation to IMTS

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Clearance Time

Computerized Customs Clearance

Bottom Line in

- Rapid Clearance: 10%
- Examined at point of entry: 90%
Importation Entry

- The “Backbone” of customs in all importation operations
- Gives customs value, description, classification of goods as well as information on legality of importation, tax payment etc. for all importation shipments.
- Submitted by the importer or a customs broker who is connected to the operative computer or using the service bureau.
Significance of Entry

- Receipt of tax payments
- Authorization for Clearance
- Evidence for drawback claim
Background

• **NITS – New Israeli Trade System**
  – Planned for Q4 of 2008
  – Will Implement New Technologies, Concepts and Interfaces between members of the Trade Community as well as new internal procedures and policies.
  – Concept - Improving and accelerating the current customs procedures along with balancing between trade facilitation and law enforcement.

Objectives

Objectives Of NITS

- **Improve Trade Facilitation**
- **Improve Law Enforcement**
- **Paperless Environment & Simplified Procedures**
- **Data Analysis & Risk Assessment**

Balancing
### Law Enforcement vs. Trade Facilitation

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### Basic Principles – T.F

**Paperless Procedures**

Minimizing the use of non digital information used in the computerized system. Computerizing procedures and performing most processes in an electronic manner.

**The Use of Electronic Signature**

- New law was legislated in Israel in this matter.
- Plans on using Electronic Signature to attach major custom documents to the computerized system.
Simplicity and Ease of use to the trade community

- Collaborating information/messages between all foreign trade participants.
- Retrieving information from Governmental agencies and the business community, thus reducing time risks and costs.
- Exchanging information with a single official office - One Point contact.

Maximum Flexibility

Workflow Based Process

Modern Technology

Adaptation of International Standards
Main import clearance procedure – Principles

• Generic Modular procedure
• Working based on electronic documents
• Workflow Oriented procedure
• Pre-clearance ability
• Emphasizing on knowledge sharing

Profiling Sub System

- **Definition** - The Profiling sub system, is a computerized risk assessment process which goal is to prevent crimes and smuggling. To do so it focuses on high risk entities and routes them to examination.
- System goals
- Main uses
- Flexibility
- Self Study
- Data parameters
- Risk Profiles
Who earns from this

• Trade Community
  – Importers
  – Exporters
  – Customs Brokers
  – Carriers
  – Port Authorities

• Government Trade Agencies:
  – Admissibility and Import/export control
  – Statistics and analytics
  – Trade promotion

The current Israeli customs Internet Site

http://www.mof.gov.il/customs

• Pre-Ruling information request regarding the classification of good.
• Customs updated Tariff (Hebrew/English)
• Customs guides for tourists
• Information and publications for the trade community
• Contact information
• Forms Database
Request For Early Information - Classification of Goods

From Abroad

Name:

Address:

Email:

Description of goods:

Commercial Description & additional information:

Submit Cancel
CUSTOMS GUIDE FOR TOURISTS

"Thank You"