

Subject: EGYPT'S NEW CUSTOMS FACILITATION SYSTEM "NAFEZA "

Egypt has launched the **National Single Window for Foreign Trade Facilitation ("Nafeza") system** on April 1, 2021, to facilitate and expedite the review and release of foreign shipments upon their arrival at a port of entry within Egypt.

The initiative is implemented by the Egyptian Customs Authority to modernize and automate customs administration, simplify procedures, and reduce clearance times. It is expected to facilitate and expedite the review and release of foreign shipments upon their arrival at a port of entry within Egypt.

"Nafeza" uses an integrated information platform to coordinate all necessary shipping information between foreign exporters and Egyptian importers. This system requires importers to submit all necessary shipping documentation and transaction data (customs duties, import controls, port of entry, etc.) via an online "e-portal" in order to facilitate the release of the importers goods from ports in Egypt.

If further information is needed don't hesitate in contacting and refer your request to the email: mtstrainingcoordination@gmail.com and also visit their website: www.nafeza.gov.eg/en

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ACI System Q&A

What are the implementation steps for the system? What are the training procedures?

- ❑ Under Ministerial Decree No. 38/2021, the pilot implementation shall commence on 1 April 2021 and the mandatory implementation shall commence on 1 July 2021. The pilot implementation period shall be extended until 30/9/2021 in accordance with Resolution No. 328/2021. The required procedures are
- ❑ The importer shall register on Nafeza platform, then obtain the digital signature Misr Al Makasa or Egypt Trust and enter the shipment data before shipment departure. The exporter shall register on the Blockchain CargoX platform to upload the shipment documents electronically.
- ❑ Training materials are available on the Nafeza platform YouTube channel through the following link:
<https://www.youtube.com/NafezaEgypt>

Should the HS Code be included in invoices?

- ❑ Yes, according to Minister of Finance Decree No.

For goods that do not have a GS1 barcode such as fresh fruit, can the part number not be mentioned in the invoice?

- ❑ According to procedure No. 6 of the Minister of Finance Decree No. 222 of 2021 "clarify the contents of the shipment in terms of the data of the items including the international code for each item (standard numbering system (GS1) or any other standard international numbering system (Part Number))".

How will the ACI system be implemented in the case of LCL & LCL/FCL?

- ❑ According to the Decree on Procedures No. 11 of Customs Authority, each stakeholder importer of sub-bills of lading shall apply for a separate ACID number, and the numbers of the sub-bills of lading and the ACID number shall be included in the main consolidated bill of lading.

Is there any other export system?

- ❑ The system applies only to the sea borne imports in accordance with Decree No. 38/2021.

What happens in the case of increase or decrease in the number of packages?

- ❑ Customs Law No. 207 of 2020 concerning decrease or increase shall be applied.

Single Window Concept For Foreign Trade.





Nafeza is the only National single window for trade in Egypt. We are honored to welcome our stakeholders of the commercial community to submit their documents and transactions one single time through any of our & logistics service centers or Nafeza portals across Egypt in order to meet the business needs of the commercial & international trade stakeholders.

Nafeza works in accordance with international control and standards to facilitate all the procedures in order to release the goods of our stakeholders timely & effectively.

In order to transform the whole system of ports procedures in Egypt to a unified electronic portal system, Nafeza is based on two axes:

- Business process reengineering.
- System tools development in the form of digital portal, logistics applications, central integrated system, logistics services centers.



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ACI System Q&A

How many digits does ACID number include?

- ☑ 19 digits (numbers only).

Can the invoice number be changed?

- ☑ The invoice number can be changed before shipment.

How can Nafeza system be accessed?

- ☑ By creating an account on Nafeza platform, for more information please visit the website: <https://www.nafeza.gov.eg>

Is the ACID number the same for all shipments if they have one total proforma invoice that was split for more than one shipment?

- ☑ ACID number is issued for each shipment separately.

Can the broker add data for the stakeholder?

- ☑ Yes, pursuant to a delegation by the stakeholder to the broker.

Who enters data for shipments sent to ministries?

- ☑ The person who enters data of the shipments sent to ministries or government entities is the representative of the stakeholder or a broker be authorized electronically.

Who enters data for personal shipments?

- ☑ Personal baggage shipments are excluded from the ACI system according to Decree No. 38.

Is there a maximum limit for ACID numbers that can be issued?

- ☑ There is no limit.

How can the foreign exporter register on Block Chain CargoX platform, and what is the number of registrations allowed?

- ☑ The foreign exporter registers its data and its company data on BlockChain CargoX platform for one time only at the following registration link: <https://cargox.io>.

ACI System Q&A

What are the procedure for issuing the ACI number?

- ❑ All information is available on Nafeza website:<https://www.nafeza.gov.eg>

What is the broker's role in the ACI system?

- ❑ In accordance with the the Minister of Finance's Resolutions No. 38 and No. 222 of 2021, the customs broker can apply for the ACID number and complete the pre-clearance procedures after obtaining the required e-authorization from the stakeholder.

Can we submit all the documents in the initial phase to obtain the ACID number?

- ❑ All documents and data can be uploaded by the foreign exporter on the BlockChain CargoX platform.

What are the procedures followed for issuing the ACID number for LCL containers and who is responsible for submitting documents?

- ❑ As per Customs Decree No. 11 of 2021, if the data of the foreign exporter and the Egyptian importer differ on the consolidated bills of lading, separate ACIDs must be issued for each sub-bill. The foreign exporter is the one who is responsible for uploading documents on the BlockChain CargoX platform.

What happens if a shipment is rejected wholly?

- ❑ In case of rejection of the entire shipment, a new ACID number shall be applied for, with amendment of the previously rejected data by the Egyptian Customs .

Shipping Agent

How can a shipping agent get an ACID for the shipment and how can it verify its validity?

- ❑ A shipping agent can obtain an ACID number through the foreign exporter or the shipping documents including the name of the agent before shipment. The agent can also access Nafeza platform to check ACID and know the expiry date thereof.