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OBJECTIVE

This document provides a situational update on importation and customs processes.

Being aware of and complying with the measures put in place by Customs administrations leads to a reduction in delays at customs entry points.

Humanitarian activities are guided by humanitarian principles: Humanity, Neutrality, Impartiality, and Independence.

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Process to import non-food items (source: HAC)

Current Customs Clearance process at Port Sudan (by air)

1. Write a letter to Humanitarian Aid Commission (HAC) informing about the incoming shipment, arrival, details of the cargo, purpose, etc. In case you will be handing over the cargo to HAC, the forthcoming step would not be required as HAC would be undertaking the whole process.
2. Write a letter of Undertaking to the General Manager, Red Sea Customs for approval. The letter will be undertaking that "Form 10" that is normally received from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) can't be submitted in the prevailing situation and will be provided once possible. The letter could either be submitted directly to the General Manager after organizing a meeting or be left at the General Manager's Executive Office. The former way is quicker.
3. For cargo related to telecommunication, inform the National Telecommunication Corporation (NTC) about the incoming cargo in advance along with the copies of shipping documents to ensure that they are available on the ground to inspect and accordingly report on the cargo to the customs authorities.
4. For cargo related to health e.g. medicines and equipment, inform the National Medicines and Poisons Board (NMPB) in the Ministry of Health about the incoming cargo in advance along with the copies of shipping documents to ensure that they are available on the ground to inspect and accordingly report on the cargo to the customs authorities.

Current customs clearance process at Port Sudan (by sea)

1. In addition to the above steps, write a letter of undertaking to the General Manager Sea Port Corporation (SPC). The letter will be undertaking that the exemption letter that is normally received from the Federal Ministry of Finance can't be submitted in the prevailing situation and will be provided once possible. The letter could either be submitted directly to the General Manager after organizing a meeting or be left at the General Manager's Office. The former way is quicker.

Importation of Medicines and Medical supplies

Step by step guide for 'pre-clearance' in Port Sudan:

- Write a letter (duly signed and stamped by the official representative of your organization) to the Customs administration asking for the pre-clearance of the container, through your clearing agent.
- Add to your letter a copy of the Airway bill, Packing List, Certificate of Origin, Proforma invoive, etc
- Hand it over to your customs clearing agent.

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If the donation is to MoH and approved by the MoH, MOH is responsible for clearance.

A representative of the Ministry of Health will be deployed to Metemma.

Useful link: Sudan | AUDA-NEPAD- AMRH

Additional information

- It is recommended to contact the Embassy of Sudan from the export country. The Embassy will contact the Customs administration to get the approval to import.
- Administrative Resolution No. 25 of 2023: Extension of the validity of registration certificates until the end of September 2023.

REPUBLIC OF CHAD

From the point of view of customs regulations, the two points of entry are said to be legal: border on the Chad-East side: Adré (exit) on the Sudan side: Eldjinéné (entry) and Chad borders, further southeast: Gosbeida (exit) and on the Sudan side: Forbarnga (entry).

Importations can pass via N'Djamena from the Port of Douala in Cameroon or by air directly to N'Djamena.

From N'Djamena, there is the corridor N'Djamena - Abéché - Adré (Border) and Eldjininé (Sudan) with a distance of about 912 km and, N'Djamena - Abéché - Goz Beïda (Border) and Forbaranga (Sudan) with a distance of about 960 km.

Along these corridors, there are the Customs offices of N'Djamena, Abéché and the two border offices Adré and Goz beïda;

Humanitarian Assistance with final destination Sudan must pass through these areas to enter Sudan.

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Procédure de l'importation des aides humanitaires - Pour les réfugiés soudanais (in French)

Les importations d'aides humanitaires aux réfugiés au ou via le Tchad sont traités sous le principe de la Convention de Vienne, relayées par l'Acte n°02/92-UDEAC-556- SE1 du 30 avril 1992 portant révision de l'Acte n°13/65-UDEAC-35 fixant les conditions d'application de l'article 241 du Code des douanes de l'UDEAC. Elles sont exonérées du paiement des droits et taxes au cordon douanier. Cependant, il y a une procédure à mettre en place pour traiter efficacement les importations à destination du Soudan via le Tchad.

I. Des Préalables

Il faut prévenir et disposer des véhicules pour le transport terrestre jusqu'au lieu de déchargement (Tchad ou Soudan) si les aides seront importés par voie Aérienne.

Mettre en place le système de traitement des cargaisons admis à la douane du Tchad : (Les heures légales du Travail au Tchad commencent de 7h à 15h30mn lundi à jeudi et le vendredi de 7h à 12h). En dehors de ces heures ci-dessus indiquées, il faut une demande au bureau de douane pour traiter les importations moyennant de frais accessoires appelé « travail Extra Légal » (TEL).

II. Pour sortir les cargaisons de la douane :

Souscrire l'IM8 transit auprès du service de douane et mettre sous l'escorte jusqu'à la frontière, premier poste d'entrée au Soudan (frais escorte à supporter) ;

Souscrire un enlèvement Direct (ED) ou la soumission cautionnée D48 et faire escorter jusqu'au lieu de déchargement.

Faire décharger dans un magasin identifiable par le service de douane et ensuite, régulariser l'opération au bureau de douane par une IM4 dont est jointe une attestation de franchise.

III. Stockage (Entrepôt) :

Le régime de l'entrepôt sous douane permet le stockage des marchandises sous certaines conditions, en suspension des droits et taxes de douane. La Firme d'Expertise d'Entreposage en Douanes réglementation et la taxation applicables lors de la sortie du régime de l'entrepôt de douane sont celle en vigueur à la date de cette sortie (art 231.1 Code douane CEMAC).

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Désigner le lieu de stockage Entrepôt (N'Djamena, Abéché, Adré ou Goz Beida).

Le lieu de stockage doit respecter les normes de sécurité (vol) Mettre en place la gestion d'entrepôt en comptabilité matérielle en commun accord avec le service des douanes.

Faire agréer par le Directeur National des Douanes et fermer à double clef ;

Supporter les frais d'exercice de l'entrepôt par le concessionnaire ;

Se faire souscrire une caution contre le risque de perte ;

Les cargaisons qui y seront admis seront traités sous le régime de IM7 ;

A leur sortie pour mettre à la consommation chez les réfugiés au Tchad sous IM4 et pour réexporter au Soudan, souscrire IM8.

[Source : FEXED - Cabinet d'expertise des questions douanières et logistiques, recommandé par la Direction Générale des Douanes du Tchad. L'une de ses missions est l'appui aux commissionnaires agréés en douane, partenaire à l'opération de dédouanement pour éviter les irrégularités réglementaires douanières. Email : dgfexed1@gmail.com]

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FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA

[Official source: ECC]

Transit procedures

When the goods arrive in Bole Airport and transported to Sudan by land transport:

- An outward transit declaration with guarantee is required, until the goods leaves Ethiopia.
- The guarantee will be refunded up on re-exportation of the goods from Ethiopia

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By law, 4 types of guarantees exist in Ethiopia: letter guarantee, cash deposit, bank guarantee and insurance bond.

Goods bought in Ethiopia and exported to Sudan

- Entrepot trade is not allowed in Ethiopian law.
- An importer does not have the right to re-export unless the special permit is provided for such types of export.
- Export is 100 % free from customs duty and taxes.
- To export food items from Ethiopia, a special permit from the Ministry of Trade may be needed.

Requirement for trucks to cross Metemma into Sudan or Vice versa

Permit is required from Ministry of transport after submission all the required documents (drivers passport & driving licence , truck details, cargo details etc).

Vehicles

Ethiopian plated trucks can enter Sudan if they have COMESA certificate and valid passport (driver).

Passengers on arrival

[source: INGO partner]

1. UNHAS Arrival passengers in transit will be escorted to Ethiopian Airlines (ET) customer service desk in the international terminal for their onward flights check in.

2. Passengers whose final destination is ADD can go directly to immigration and then proceed to collect their bags from arrival area.

3. If onward flight is other than ET, passenger will be escorted to the international terminal and will have to go to ET customer service desk for check in 3 hours before their flight.

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CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

It is practically impossible to import and export at present via the corridor in Birao and Am Dafok. (source: customs Administration of CAR – 22 May 2023)

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

According to customs administration of DRC, it is possible to pass through the Kengezi Base post - Congolese border post on the borders of Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) - located some 120 km north of Aru.

If you have any questions or if you have information to add to this bulletin on CIQPs,

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