

Processes to Transit Humanitarian Aid from Egypt to support the Gaza Response



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SCENARIO 1 OPTION 1 – ERC is the consignee and ERC will clear the shipment

Organisation registers in Egypt

The ERC recently signed a protocol with the Egyptian Customs Authority (ECA) to formalize the cooperation between the two entities regarding the facilitation of clearance of imported humanitarian aid on behalf of all actors including the UN.



Inspection of Goods

Any transit shipment will be subject to prima facie verification or x-ray scanning to shorten the clearance time.



How to Proceed

Before the organisation starts shipping, an email should be sent to ERC (gaza.ops@egyptianrc.org) and Yassir Abdullah in CC (yassir.abdullah@egyptianrc.org) providing all details of the agent with ERC. ERC needs one week to make a declaration and power of attorney on the shipment, for the clearing agent that was provided by the organisation.



Customs Clearing

Customs clearing agents will handle customs clearance and transport operations on behalf of the organisations and that will be at the organisation's cost.



Costs

For the shipments with ERC as consignee no customs duties required. Other fees such as: handling charges, fees of customs broker, penalty charges (in case of delay), Nafeza charges, and transportation charges are still required.



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SCENARIO 1 OPTION 2 – ERC is the consignee and ERC will NOT clear the shipment

Organisation registers in Egypt

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Inspection of Goods

Any transit shipment will be subject to prima facie verification or x-ray scanning to shorten the clearance time.



Customs Clearing

Humanitarian organizations can do the importation and Customs process on their own, with their customs clearing agent. In this situation, humanitarian organizations should inform ERC accordingly, and before the shipment arrives, since they are the recipient of the containers (= ERC is the consignee).



Costs

For the shipments with ERC as consignee no customs duties required. Other fees such as: handling charges, fees of customs broker, penalty charges (in case of delay), Nafeza charges, and transportation charges are still required.



How to Proceed

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SCENARIO 2 – ERC is the consignee but INGO is not registered Egypt

Organisation is not registered in Egypt

The ERC recently signed a protocol with the Egyptian Customs Authority (ECA) to formalize the cooperation between the two entities regarding the facilitation of clearance of imported humanitarian aid on behalf of all actors including the UN.



Inspection of Goods

Any transit shipment will be subject to prima facie verification or x-ray scanning to shorten the clearance time.



Customs Clearing

Customs clearing agents who have a declaration and power of attorney on ERC shipments will handle customs clearance and transport operations on behalf of the organisations and that will be at the organisation cost.



Costs

For the transit shipment no customs duties required. Other fees such as: handling charges, fees of customs broker, penalty charges (in case of delay), Nafeza charges, and transportation charges are still required.



How to Proceed

An email should be sent to ERC (gaza.ops@egyptianrc.org) to inform them of the shipping schedule to Egypt, and request the approval of ERC to send the items. Before shipping, organisations must receive the ERC approval.

- When ERC approves this request, the next step depends on the INGOs country of origin:
 - a) Either ERC will ask organisation to provide a letter from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the country in which organisation is registered or
 - b) ERC will ask to provide a letter from the Embassy in Egypt.



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SCENARIO 3 – UN Agency/INGO is registered or not registered & ERC is not involved

Organisation registered/not registered in Egypt

Your organisation is registered/not registered in Egypt and ERC is not the consignee of goods



Inspection of Goods

Any transit shipment will be subject to prima facie verification or x-ray scanning to shorten the clearance time.



How to Proceed

If the organisation has not received an approval for exemption from MOFA, and wants to transfer shipment to ERC, the importer will be required to send a donation letter to ERC, in order to transfer the ownership of the shipment to ERC.



Costs

If the organization do not have exemption from customs charges by MOFA, it will be required to pay all customs charges which are:

- Customs duty.
- Customs legalizations.
- Customs inspection.
- Handling charges.
- Nafeza fees & charges.



Customs Clearing

If ERC is not the consignee, each organization will need to use customs clearing agent and transportation agent services

