

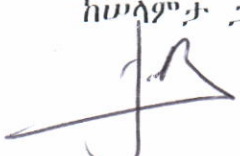
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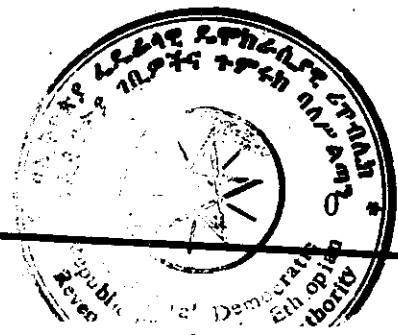
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**SIMPLIFIED CUSTOMS PROCEDURES APPLICABLE
TO
AUTHORIZED ECONOMIC OPERATORS**



**Directives Providing For Simplified Customs Procedures
Applicable to Authorized Economic Operators
No. 65/2011**

Preamble

Whereas, the contemporary increase in import and export trade activities in Ethiopia calls for the adoption of specialized customs facilitation procedures whereby the Ethiopian Revenues and Customs Authority can provide importers with improved facilitation services on the basis of reliability and level of compliance;

Whereas, the Authority has, as a result, established a special customs facilitation scheme in which certain categories of importers are selected and classified as Authorized Economic Operators entitled for a privilege to take advantage of such special customs facilitation procedures;

Whereas, the implementations of such special customs facilitation procedures need to be backed by sanctions and penalties to be applicable where there are instances of abuse of the privileges granted;

Now therefore, the Ethiopian Revenues and Customs Authority has hereby issued these directives in accordance with Articles 14(2) and 112(2) of the customs proclamation.

**PART ONE
General**

1. Short title

These Directives may be cited as "Directives Providing for Simplified Customs Procedures for Authorized Economic Operators No. 65/2011."

2. Definition

Unless the context requires otherwise;

- 1) "Authority" means the Ethiopian Revenues & Customs Authority.
- 2) "Company" means a company having an AEO status.
- 3) "AO7" means Simplified initial import declaration.
- 4) "IM4" means detailed final import declaration.



- 5) "Threatened Revenue" means the amount of customs duties and taxes that would have otherwise been foregone by the government due to the vices of the information provided by the importer or his/her agent.

3. Scope of application

These directives shall be applied only on some specified chain of imports of companies having the status of Authorized Economic Operators.

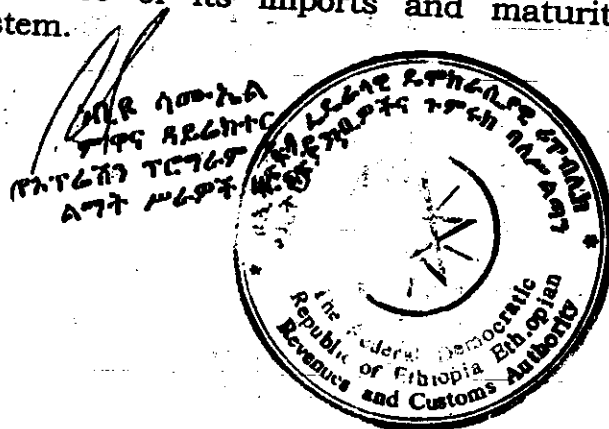
4. Simplified Customs Facilitations

Simplified Customs facilitation means:

- 1). controlling less at clearance level and in depth, when necessary, after the release of goods.
- 2). Allowing self assessment privileges to Authorized Economic Operators (AEO hereafter) with corresponding responsibilities to which they are put answerable in time of mis assessment and non compliance.
- 3). Clearing and promptly releasing of the goods of AEO in priority to other non AEO importers with regular follow up of their compliance.

5. Level of compliance and the privilege to priority control

- 1) No Company or importer shall be allowed to take advantage of the simplified customs facilitation schemes unless the level of its compliance is found to be above satisfactory; and the regular and normal customs procedures shall apply on such category of importers until their compliance reach at the required level and meet other formal requirements to be accredited as AEO.
- 2) Any Importer not yet admitted to AEO Status may at any time apply to benefit from the simplified customs facilitation scheme and conclude an agreement with the Authority up on satisfying the Authority of the level of its compliance, credibility, reliability, significance of its imports and maturity of its management system.



- 3) The normal and ordinary customs procedures shall as well apply to companies already accredited to AEO status which still maintained a mere minimum compliance level.
- 4) Notwithstanding sub article (3) of this article, all AEOs alike shall be given priority to other non AEO importers throughout or at any level of customs processes.

6. Acceptance of the declaration

For the purpose of simplified customs procedure, the customs declaration is deemed to have been accepted when the simplified import declaration is submitted to the Authority with copy documents.

7. Levels of compliance

After evaluating the degree of their compliance, the Authority provides the companies with certificates of:

- i) Bronze
- ii) Silver, or _____
- iii) Gold _____

According to which imports of the companies are facilitated for immediate clearance.

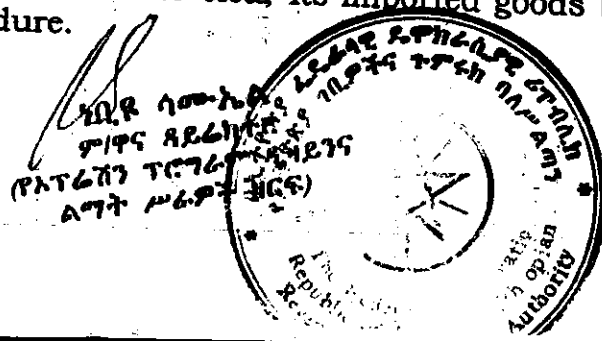
8. The normal and ordinary customs procedures

The imports of a company having an AEO status with minimum compliance level shall, among others, pass through the following customs processes:

- i) Declaration attached with original documents and self assessment
- ii) Physical inspection
- iii) Payment of taxes & duties
- iv) Leveling of risk band
- v) Examination of documents
- vi) Release of goods and of declaration.

9. Simplified customs procedures;

- (1) A company whose compliance level is satisfactory or more than satisfactory is allowed to clear its imported goods by simplified import procedure.



- (2) Simplified import procedure requires the company at first step to present;
 - i) A simplified import declaration (AO7).
 - ii) Copied documents.
 - iii) Cargo release letters from a bank or shipping lines (if necessary), and proceed to self assessment of the declaration and payment of taxes & duties.
- (3) The simplified import declaration is subject to risk band selectivity.
- (4) The simplified AO7 declaration shall automatically be routed to BLUE and goods shall be released forthwith without further scrutiny of documents or examination of the cargo whatever is the risk band.
- (5) Within 30 days, after the release of goods, the declarant should lodge detailed import declaration (IM4) including the presentation of original documents and shall proceed for self assessment of the declaration and payment of additional duties & taxes, if any.
- (6) The Customs Officer, if necessary, checks whether additional payments of duties and taxes has been effectively made and registered in the system.
- (7) Where all checks are satisfactory, the officer triggers the risk selectivity on IM4 declaration of which whatever results shall automatically be routed to blue for immediate release of the IM4 declaration.
- (8) After the appropriate customs officer checks the consistency between the copied and original documents, the customs system triggers the regularization function in ASICUDA++ between the simplified AO7 declaration and detailed IM4 import declaration and updated report on any potential discrepancy is delivered.
- (9) The detailed simplified customs procedures are as described in the AEO procedures guide line to be enforced in accordance with these directives.

10. Compliance Management

The Authority shall develop and employ compliance based risk management system and every import activities of the companies must be recorded at every stage of the customs process.

