Export Declaration and Clearance Process

Similar to the e-Import system, once the Export Declaration data has been entered into the Customs computer system, it will be subjected to automatic processing, for example, such as data validation, data matching, release status, etc. and the cargo is released. Generally, the export clearance processes include 4 stages:

1. *Submission of a Declaration*: The export procedures start when an exporter/broker submits an Export Declaration in ebXML message to the e-Customs system.

2. *Verification of a Declaration*: The second stage is automated verification of the Declaration. As soon as the e-Customs system receives the Export Declaration data, such data is preliminary validated. In cases where the validated data contains no error, the Goods Declaration number is generated in conjunction with the e-Payment system (if export taxes and duties are applicable.). The response message, then, is transmitted to the exporter/broker. In addition, the selectivity profile system will validate the transmitted data and classify the Goods Declaration into two categories: Green Line and Red Line.

3. *Payment of Duties and Taxes*: The third stage is payment of applicable duties and taxes and/or guarantee. There are currently 3 means for payment of export duties and taxes: payment at the Customs Department, payment via e-Payment system, and payment at banks.

4. *Inspection and Release of Cargo*: The last stage is to inspect and finally release cargo from Customs custody. At this stage, a freight forwarder loads cargo into containers and electronically sends a cargo control report to the e-Customs system. The e-Customs system validates the data, and reports any error for immediate online correction. If no error is found, the cargo control report number is automatically generated by the system and the response message is sent to the freight forwarder and the exporter/broker. The freight forwarder then prints out the cargo control report with its number and removes the cargo to the port of exit. At this stage, the Customs officer at a sub-gate checks whether the declaration is a Red Line or a Green Line.

4.1 In case of the green line,the Declaration is cleared within a few minutes. After the cargo is exported, a shipping company/agent is required to submit, the manifest information to the e-Customs system. The system then automatically loads the Goods Declaration and transmits the response message back to the exporter/broker.

4.2 In case of the red line, the cargo is removed for physical inspection.