

KARACHI CUSTOMS AGENTS ASSOCIATION



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General Notice

Compliance of Section 79(1)(aa) of Customs Act, 1969 read with Rule 433A of Customs Rules 2001

It is brought to the attention of all general members of KCAA that the office of Chief Collector of Customs, Appraisalment (South), Custom House Karachi has informed that most of the customs agents filing import goods declaration under Section 79(1) of Customs Act, 1969 are not uploading the mandatory documents at the time of submission of the goods declaration as required under Section 79(1)(aa) of Customs Act, 1969 which states that the documents mandatory for assessment of the goods shall be uploaded by the importer or his agent with the goods declaration, as may be prescribed by the Board.

The Board has already notified Rule # 433A of SRO 450(I)/2001, Customs Rules 2001, wherein it is mandatory for the importer to upload necessary documents mentioned therein with every goods declaration filed under Section 79(1). Rule 433A is reproduced hereunder for ready reference:

"433A. (1) It is mandatory for the importer, in terms of clause (aa) of Section 79 of the Customs Act, 1969 (IV of 1969) to upload following documents with every declaration in relation to each consignments, namely:-


- (i) master bill of lading and house bill of lading or master airway bill and house airway bill as the case may be;
 - (ii) commercial invoice;
 - (iii) letter of credit or bank contract;
 - (iv) packing list — container-wise in case of containerized cargo and package wise in case of miscellaneous goods consignments;
 - (v) previous chemical analysis and lab test report, if any;
 - (vi) mill test certificate issued by the manufacturer in case of prime quality steel product;
 - (vii) certification as per requirement of Import Policy Order;
 - (viii) Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) or Free Trade Agreement (FTA) certificate of origin, if claimed; and
 - (ix) any other documents or requirements specified by the Board from time to time.
- (2) In addition to above, for shipments originating from UAE and China (excluding imports under PTA and FTA regime certificate of origin shall be uploaded as under:-
- (i) for shipments of fabric (all types i.e. finished, unfinished and grey etc.) and artificial jewellery originating from UAE and China (excluding import under PTA and FTA regime) certificate of origin issued by the manufacturer; and
 - (ii) for shipments originating from Iran and Afghanistan and arriving through land customs station, the certificate of origin issued by the relevant Iranian Government agency and by Afghan Chamber of Commerce and Industry respectively."

Any violation of Rule # 433A shall attract penalty in terms of Section 156(iii) of the Customs Act 1969 which is also reproduced hereunder:

156(iii) If any person fails to attach or electronically upload mandatory documents required under section 79 or 131 of the Customs Act, 1969-	Such person shall be liable to a penalty as under:- 1 st time Rs.50,000/- 2 nd time Rs.100,000/- 3 rd time Rs. 150,000/- 4 th time Rs.200,000/- 5 th time Rs.250,000/- and onwards
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In this regard members are hereby advised in their own interest to ensure uploading of documents at the time of submission of goods declaration to avoid such penalties and unnecessary inconvenience.

Thanks & best regards,


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