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REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON

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Order No 00 557/MINT of 11 July 2006
To institute an Electronic Cargo Tracking Note

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT,

Mindful of the Constitution;
Mindful of the Merchant Shipping Code of the Central Africa Economic and Monetary Community;
Mindful of the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code;
Mindful of Resolution 183/11/01 of the Maritime Organization of West and Central Africa;
Mindful of Decree No 98/311 of 9 December 1998 to organize the Cameroon National Shippers Council;
Mindful of Decree No. 2004/320 of 8 December 2004 to organize the Government;
Mindful of Decree No. 2004/322 of 8 December 2004 to reshuffle the Government;
Mindful of Decree No. 2005/125 of 26 May 2005 to organize the Ministry of Transport;

HEREBY ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1: Within the framework of monitoring maritime traffic to and from Cameroon, an Electronic Cargo Tracking Note abbreviated (ECTN), is hereby instituted.

Article 2: The Electronic Cargo Tracking Note shall cover the needs related to statistics, identification, control of transport costs, security and tracking of trade and transportation of goods to and from the Republic of Cameroon.

Article 3: The Cameroon National Shippers Council, hereinafter referred to as CNSC, shall be responsible for the issuing of the Electronic Cargo Tracking Note. To this effect, it shall:

- provide Electronic Cargo Tracking Note forms to the shippers or their representatives;
- validate forms filled by the shippers.

Article 4: For all cargo to or from Cameroon, the shipper or his representative shall establish an Electronic Cargo Tracking Note and have it validated by the CNSC or its representative.

However, the following goods shall be exempted from the Electronic Cargo Tracking Note:

- goods in transit
- goods being transhipped

Article 5: The Electronic Cargo Tracking Note issued for each bill of lading shall be presented as follows

- Electronic Cargo Tracking Note for exports issued in Cameroon by CNSC or its representative;
- Electronic Cargo Tracking Note for imports issued abroad by CNSC or its representative;

- Electronic Cargo Tracking Note issued on arrival in Cameroon by CNSC or its representative for shipments without a tracking note from abroad or from a port with no CNSC representative;

Article 6: The Electronic Cargo Tracking Note shall comprise the following information:

- name of the vessel and the ship owner;
- description of the cargo;
- country of origin of the cargo;
- country of destination of the cargo;
- port of shipment;
- port of arrival;
- name and address of the sender;
- name and address of receiver;
- volume/weight of the cargo;
- paid units;
- transportation cost.

Article 7: The Electronic Cargo Tracking Note shall comprise five (5) leaves of different colours presented as follows:

- sender;
- receiver;
- Directorate-General of Customs;
- CNSC agent at the port of shipment;
- Cameroon National Shippers Council.

Article 8 : The procedure of validation of the Electronic Cargo Tracking Note by the CNSC or its representative shall not in any way entitle the latter to impose a change of vessel or liner.

Article 9: The CNSC or its representative shall reserve the right to refuse to validate any ECTN whose information does not seem credible, especially that concerning the calculation of the freight rates.

Such reserve shall not tantamount to a refusal of shipment of the said cargo. However, a new Electronic Cargo Tracking Note shall be established in accordance with the conditions provided for in Article 10 below.

Article 10 : The forms of the Electronic Cargo Tracking Note duly filled shall be signed by the liner or the forwarding agent and shall be presented to CNSC or its representative within five (05) days after the departure of the vessel for exports and within five (05) days before the arrival of the vessel for imports.

Article 11: The following acts shall be considered as violations of the provisions of this Order:

- shipment and/or arrival of cargo without ECTN.
- false information in ECTN. In such a case the ECTN shall be considered null and void.

Article 12 : The shipment of cargo by a liner in violation of the provisions of Article 11 above, shall make such a liner liable to regularization to CNSC of an amount equivalent to the cost of the ECTN plus the regularization charges determined by CNSC.

Article 13: The General Manager of the Cameroon National Shippers Council shall be responsible for the implementation of this order which shall be registered and published according to the procedure of urgency and inserted in the Official Gazette in English and French.

Yaounde, 11 July 2006

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