



Kenya Revenue Authority

Customs Department

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General Information

The Trade X system enables both Shipping and Clearing Agents to lodge their manifests and entries electronically without having to move out of their offices. Thus, it definitely reduces paperwork and accelerates the clearing process, inasmuch as the time formerly spent by agents on lodging their entries has markedly been cut short.

I. Manifest Module

The Manifest Module enables Shipping Agents to lodge their manifests and is fitted with an EDIFACT tool enabling to automatically transfer electronic manifest messages into the system, which permits to avoid the tiresome and recurrent capture of consignment data. Yet, in case the manifest does not cover a big number of consignments, the Shipping Agent can capture all the data thereof into the system.

Among other functionalities, the module enables Shipping Agents to seek amendment or cancellation of their registered manifests by sending a corresponding request to customs, which actually reserves the right to either approve or reject them.

II. Declaration Module

As far as Clearing Agents are concerned, the user-friendly system has been designed to facilitate and ease their operations in that, Trade X features many relevant functionalities addressing the basic clearance transactions. With the module designed to cater for their operations, Clearing Agents can electronically lodge their entries and monitor their state of progress without having to spend long hours in the usually irritating queues in customs stations.

III. Customs

III.1 Processing and Verification

Trade X enables customs officers to process entries registered by Clearing Agents. Through the system, customs officers deal with the usual inspections and verifications. Checkpoints are included in the system, as one customs official can send a report to his agents down the line to require a painstaking inspection on a given entry, in addition to the in section channels set in the system.

III.2 Accounting

A landmark module is integrated into Trade X to enable the relevant customs officials to manage and monitor the accounting statements of a given customs station, period (monthly, quarterly or annually).

III.3 Payment

Payment is made by Clearing Agent at the bank, which routs at a prescribed time interval all the payment data to the Customs server. Then, officers can, from their interface, examine all payment details related to a given transaction (Bank, Teller N^o, Cheque N^o, Amount etc) before validating the corresponding entry.