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Waiver Control

ECTN HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!

Please note that the implementation of the ECTN has been postponed until further notice following a decision of Ministry of Transport. We will keep you informed of any further development. You can find here under letter from the Ministry of Transport on this subject.

- An Electronic Cargo Tracking Note [ECTN] / Electronique Bordereau de Suivi Cargaison [BESC] will be required from 1st November 2013 [Bill of Lading date]. This is mandated by the Ministry of Transports and Communications under a decision dated 10/05/13

- An ECTN/BESC is compulsory for all cargo to/from Mozambique and must be produced to clear Customs.

- The scheme has been entrusted to Agência Moçambicana de Carga e Transportes / Mozambique Cargo Tracking Agency [MCTA] a private company that will represent the government on all things related to the ECTN/BESC.

- The MCTA has entrusted Phoenix Europe Express with its international representation for the tracking and validation of ECTN/BESC.

The information given has been given in good faith and believed to be correct at the time of writing. Please verify these facts with other relevant sources before using this as the basis of any action taken as we regret we cannot accept liability for any consequences due to inaccuracies in this information.
ECTN/BESC for **exports** is issued in Mozambique by MCTA. ECTN/BESC for **imports** is issued abroad by the MCTA with Phoenix Cargo Security [Department of Phoenix Europe Express] as its agents via www.phoenix-europe.fr

- A copy of the signed official MCTA document appears as an Appendix.

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- Fax. 01.48.14.53.08
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- www.phoenix-europe.fr

**Responsibilities & Cost**

- The responsibility relating to the issuance of the ECTN/BESC and all costs is with the shipper.

**Documentation Requirements**

- You must ensure that the ECTN/BESC reference number is indicated clearly on the B/L and on the cargo manifest.
- If this number is missing you will be liable to a penalty fine at destination.
- Failing to input correct details may lead to the decline of the application. [eg type of cargo / cargo value...]
- Documents must be supplied by the shipper prior to the vessel's arrival at the port of discharge.

**Pre-Shipment Inspection**

- PSI is not required.

**Prohibited Imports**

- Please find a list of Import and Export Rules and Regulations as an Appendix at the end of this document.
NOTICE

Implementation of the Electronic Cargo Tracking Note (ECTN)

Article 1: pursuant paragraph “d” of Article 4 of Presidential Decree No. 3/97 of 11 November;


A “Cargo Tracking Note” is established under the decision of the Ministry of Transports and Communications of 10 May 2013, within the context of the tracking of maritime traffic from or to Mozambique, an active member of the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

Article 2: The "Electronic Cargo Tracking Note - ECTN" governs the admissibility of manifests subject to customs and port authorities. It is the reference document in Maritime matters.

Article 3: Any vessel FROM or TO the ports of the Republic of Mozambique must comply with the requirements of the ISPS Code and comply with the procedures of the "Electronic Cargo Tracking Note", as from 1st November 2013 (date of Bill of Lading).

Article 4: The Electronic Cargo Tracking Note issued for each Bill of Lading exists in the following formats:

- Electronic Cargo Tracking Note for exports, issued in Mozambique by the Mozambique Cargo Tracking Agency;
Electronic Cargo Tracking Note for imports, issued abroad by the Mozambique Cargo Tracking Agency with Phoenix Cargo Security, a Department of Phoenix Europe Express, as its agent via the following website: [http://www.phoenix-europe.fr](http://www.phoenix-europe.fr)

**Article 5:** Validated ECTN will be a mandatory document being part of the (transit) custom clearance at Mozambican Ports; cargoes arriving without ECTN will be blocked for delivery until the validation of regularization ECTN by the competent authorities.

**Article 6:** The following will be considered as non-compliant and charge against strict payment of regularisation with the provisions of this order:

- reloading and/or discharge of cargo without an ECTN;
- false declarations relating to the information on the ECTN. In this case, the ECTN will be null and void.

Maputo, 15 October 2013.

[Signature]

Antonio Jose Filipe Saia

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Circular relativa a instalação de um dispositivo para o acompanhamento de carga de e para os Portos de Moçambique nos termos da implementação do ISPS CODE


_Nestes termos é criado o documento de acompanhamento de carga marítima “Cargo Tracking Note” como formulário de preenchimento obrigatório por todos os importadores/exportadores de carga marítima sempre que tiverem de a despachar e beneficiarem de serviços de acompanhamento através da MCTA, empresa autorizada a exercer esta atividade de acordo com o Despacho do Ministro dos Transportes e Comunicações datado de 10 de Maio de 2013, no cumprimento das recomendações da Organização Marítima Internacional – IMO;_**

**Artigo 2.** O documento de acompanhamento de carga “Cargo Tracking Note” controla a admissibilidade de manifestos sujeitos às Alfândegas e Autoridades Portuárias. É um documento de referência em matérias marinhas.

**Artigo 3.** Qualquer navio que venha ou parta nos portos da República de Moçambique deve satisfazer os requisitos do Código Internacional de Segurança-ISPS e cumprir com os procedimentos estabelecidos no documento de acompanhamento de carga;

**Artigo 4.** O documento de acompanhamento de carga emitido por cada factura existe sob os seguintes formatos:

- Documento electrónico de acompanhamento de carga para exportação, emitida em Moçambique pela MCTA;
- Documento electrónico de acompanhamento de carga para importação, emitida à partir do exterior pela MCTA em parceria com a Phoenix Cargo Security, que providencia assistência técnica;

**Artigo 5.** O não cumprimento dos requisitos de segurança marítima estabelecidos pela ISPS é passível de penalizações a serem determinadas por autoridades apropriadas.

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1 Código Internacional de Segurança para os Navios e Instalações Portuárias
As penalizações a serem impostas serão fixadas entre os $100.000 e $500.000 (USD, dolares norte-americanos).

**Artigo 6.** O documento de acompanhamento de carga deve conter os detalhes seguintes:

- Nome, endereço, telefone e fax do armador, agente transitário, entidade receptora da carga e despachante;
- Nome, endereço, telefone e fax do importador;
- Nome e data de partida do navio;
- O itinerário completo do navio;
- O porto de carga e descarga;
- Descrição, volume, peso da mercadoria;
- Número e tipo de contentor;
- Fretador marítimo e taxas adicionais;
- Número da factura;
- O preço FOB da mercadoria;
- Cobertura do seguro (em dolares ou Euros);
- Qualquer outra informação a ser solicitada pelo Ministério dos Transportes e Comunicações.

**Artigo 7.** As práticas seguintes serão consideradas como não cumprimento das disposições da presente circular:

- Carregamento ou descarregamento sem o documento de acompanhamento da carga an CTN;
- Falsas declarações relacionadas no preenchimento do documento de acompanhamento da carga. Em caso de falsas declarações a carga será considerada nula.

**Artigo 8.** O Ministério dos transportes e Comunicações terá o direito de cobrar 25% das receitas provenientes das taxas colectadas pela MCTA resultantes da actividade de acompanhamento da carga.

**Artigo 9.** A MCTA obriga-se a ainstalar um terminal na Direcção nacional de Segurança dos transportes onde será feito através de meios informáticos o acompanhamento da actividade.

Maputo, aos ...de Junho de 2013

DIRECTOR NACIONAL
TAXAS APLICÁVEIS AOS SERVIÇOS DE ACOMPANHAMENTO DE CARGA DE E PARA MOÇAMBIQUE AS REGIÕES DA EUROPA, ÁSIA, AMÉRICA DO NORTE, AMÉRICA DO SUL, MÉDIO ORIENTE, OCEÂNIA E OUTRAS

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Maputo, aos 25 de Junho de 2013

O MINISTRO DOS TRANSPORTES E COMUNICAÇÕES

Paulo Zucula
### Board I – Import - Merchandise prohibited

1. Merchandise with factory logos or with false origin ex: Books, Art effects, tapes and other merchandise that is not authentic
2. Objects, photos, discs, sound and image recordings of pornographic material or other material that is considered offensive, immoral and derogatory
3. Medication and products that are harmful to public health
4. Distilled alcoholic drinks with known harmful chemical products such as: Aldehyde benzoic, Badia, ether silicitos, hissopo and tuinana.
5. Stupefacient and other drugs except when imported for hospital use.
6. Other merchandise that are prohibited for importation that are also established by special legislation

### Board II – Export - Merchandise prohibited

1. Consumables products that do not satisfy the requirements established by the current legislation
2. Merchandise that have false logos and do not abide by current rules and regulations
3. Ivory or Ivory art effects saved when the exportation was authorized by special legislation
4. Money used in legal transactions in the country above the rules and regulations by the Bank of Mozambique
5. Collectives and art effects that make part of the patriotic national art and culture noted on the article 47 of the present decree
6. Other merchandise which exportation is prohibited by special legislation

### Board III – Import - Merchandise with special conditions

1. Animals, animal remains and animal by-products that cannot be imported without the authorization of a veterinary service
2. Plants, roots, tubercles, bulbs, poles, branches, shoots, seeds, fruits, honey and other agricultural produce as well as their respective packaging which will be subject to thorough inspection before exit
3. Game cards that must be sealed according to current legislation
4. Medication that is authorised by department of health or the veterinary in some cases except for those transported in baggage for personal use
5. Guns, explosives, pyrotechnic weapons and gun powder that are authorised by internal affairs
6. Merchandise where importation can be accustomed by this or any other legislation
7. Merchandise that is exempted from special treatment could be conditioned for its use and could also have other uses according to current legislation
8. Merchandise that is imported between countries that have commercial arrangements and agreements
9. Stamps, surveyors used in a country that can only be used by the state
10. Toxic, dangerous and poisonous substances can only be imported with the authorization of the department of health and a veterinary
11. Used clothes accompanied by fumigation certificates
12. Gold, silver, platinum coins, bars that can only be imported by the Bank of Mozambique according to the current legislation
13. Foreign Money when imported by the Banking institutes must be authorized accordingly
14. National Money used in legal transactions in the country that can only be imported by the Bank of Mozambique
15. Merchandise entering the country to be repaired, improved and re-exported
16. Used and refilled tyres as indicated in the register 40 12 10, 40 12 11 00, 40 12 12 00, 40 12 13 00, 40 12 19 00, 40 12 20 10, 40 12 20 90, 40 12 90 10 and 40 12 90 90
Board IV - Export - merchandise with special conditions

1. Animals, animal remains and animal by-products that cannot be imported without the authorization of a veterinary service
2. Merchandise, stamps, coins, weapons and other objects of historical value or archaeological value that is authorized by the department of arts and culture
3. Gold, silver, platinum in dust form and bars exported with authorization by the Bank of Mozambique and as long as they follow the inspectors rules and regulations
4. Toxic, dangerous and poisonous substances can only be imported with the authorization of the department of health and a veterinary
5. Precious stones and wood either rough or cut that can only be exported with previous authorization of competent entities except artefacts noted on article 47 from the present decree
6. Merchandise subject to excess tax according to current legislation
7. Minerals according to the agreements secured by the legislation in place
8. Other merchandise with special policies in exportation are determined by special legislation.

Board V – Merchandise subject of reduction of import duties

1. Goods destined for official diplomatic use, Counsel posts, international organisations and their accredited agencies in Mozambique according to the specific legislation in the matter
2. Goods destined for diplomatic agents or counsel, international employees according to the legislation
3. Samples that are isolated or a collective that are accordingly branded and in no way show peculiar characteristics and that have no commercial value
4. Awards received in public and sport competitions
5. Luggage mentioned and specified according to this
6. The human remains can be imported as long as they are properly packaged e.g. caskets or tombs
7. Items that are destined to be displayed in public museums
8. Items that have historic value that are overviewed by the department of arts and culture
9. Gifts destined for war prisoners according to article no.3 at the Geneva convention signed on 22 July 1929 related to the treatment of the prisoners of war.
10. Scientific films destined for ministries and known institutes
11. Raw materials and uniforms destined to be used by officials forces from the department of Defence and security
12. Exempt merchandise is foreseen by arrangements and agreement signed and acknowledged by the government of the republic of Mozambique
13. Products brought in small quantities by people from neighbouring countries for consumption
14. Material and scientific equipment destined for tertiary education that are properly specified by the department of education
15. When foreign notes and coins are imported by banking institutions they have to be properly authorized
16. Notes and coins imported by the bank of Mozambique for legal purposes in the country
17. Import documents from airlines, railway lines, ships as well as port reports, passenger tickets and baggage identification stamps
18. Documents of work reports, proposal of contests and architectural sketches
19. Catalogues in paper or in magnetic support
20. Goods destined for a determined industrial use which approved and regulated in a specified legislation

Entities responsible for the above mentioned terms and conditions:
Board VI – Merchandise allowed for temporary import

1. Breeding animals - 180 days
2. Merchandise, Animals destined for competitions, expo’s, holidays and public concerts including re-claimable goods
3. Merchandise that is part of expo’s that do not have commercial value according to marine law between countries for demonstration purposes - 30 days
4. Vehicles escorted but not towed, Tractors and other vehicles, Caravans, boats, motorcycles, on the period mentioned on the board IX
5. Aeroplanes and jets used for tourist and business trips - 30 days
6. Temporarily imported merchandise to be repaired, completed and improved which will then be re-exported - 90 days
7. Discs and other sound and image support equipment destined to audio and visual media that belong to an authorised media organization - 90 days
8. Damaged goods or goods not used as merchandise – 90 days
9. Instruments, films and material for scientific and study purposes
10. Machines, tools and equipment for temporary use in agricultural, industrial and construction - 360 days
11. Equipment and material needed for production and making of films and photographic documentaries - 90 days
12. Portable equipment for the transmission of media reports and property of foreign information organisations - 90 days
13. Equipment and material, instruments, tools, vehicles, camping equipment and other artefact destined for the execution of State and Government projects accompanied by deposits and copies of the contract and other documents from Alfândegas - 360 days
14. Cinematographic tapes to show in public and recreational places.
15. Hunting weapons with rights and approval from the Department of Internal affairs
16. Other merchandise acceptable by special law regulations - 360 days

Entities responsible for the above mentioned terms and conditions:
- President of tributary authority for numbers 5 and 13
- Managing Director of Alfândegas for numbers 1, 6 and 10
- Regional Manager for numbers 2, 3, 9, 11, 14 and 16
- Marine affairs managers for numbers 4, 7, 8, 12 and 15

Board VII – Merchandise or goods allowed for temporary Export
1. Merchandise exported temporarily
2. Publications and building of companies registered in Mozambique according to Law
3. Certified Merchandise originally from Mozambique that is returned with a valid and justifiable reason
4. Non certified merchandise originally from Mozambique that can be proven that it was indeed exported from Mozambican seas returned back with a valid and justifiable reason
5. It is possible for merchandise with defects that occur during exportation to proceed as long as they have identification
6. Other merchandise that can be re-imported and is also acceptable under special Law regulations

Entities responsible for the above mentioned terms and conditions:
Managing Director of Alfândegas for numbers 3 and 4
Regional Manager for numbers 1 and 6
The Manager of sea affairs for numbers 2 and 5

Board IX- Time period of temporary import of Vehicles

1. Light passenger vehicles that belong to or that are driven by foreign citizens visiting for tourism and business purposes have 30 days which if needed can be increased by 30 more days
2. Ambulances and hearses that are on duty have 30 days which can be increased by 30 more days

3. Commercial Vehicles transporting passengers and international merchandise whether alone or in a group without residency in Mozambique as well as authorization

4. Vehicles and tractors destined for state or government projects according to the contract in place

5. Vehicles and tractors destined for projects approved by government according to contract for a minimum of 2 years

6. Vehicles with or without special features and belongings of non-citizens in Mozambique working on contractual basis

Entities responsible for the above mentioned terms and conditions:

- Vehicles referred to on numbers 1, 2 and 3: Entrance in the country – the manager of sea affairs, extensions and Regional manager

- Vehicles referred to on numbers 4, 5 and 6: Entrance in the country – the manager of sea affairs, extensions and the managing director of Alfândegas

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