

# customer advisory

## Seafreight Export Egypt Advanced Cargo Information (ACI)

Dear valued Customer,

the Egyptian Customs introduced a new system regarding the pre-registration of cargo information.

From July 1st, 2021 (arrival date), all shipments exported to Egypt by sea have to be registered as follows:

**Importers** of goods are obligated to register their data, exporter data and shipment data through the electronic portal of the National Single Window System for Foreign called „Nafeza“ (<https://www.nafeza.gov.eg/en>) **prior sailing.**

After successful registration and acceptance of the cargo by Egypt customs, the importer (as well as the exporter as per current status) will receive an Advanced Cargo Information Declaration number (ACID) issued by the Nafeza system via e-mail.

**Exporters** have to mention the ACID number **within all** shipping documents (commercial invoice, packing list, Bills of Lading etc.) and must ensure to provide the ACID number to their nominated freight forwarder.

Furthermore, exporters require a mandatory registration at **CargoX** (<https://cargox.io/>), the block-chain service provider approved by Egyptian authorities.

**Such uploads need to be marked with the respective (ACID) number and completed latest 48 hours prior to the arrival of the vessel at the port of destination in Egypt.**

**If this number is not included within the shipping documents, the cargo will not be released, but returned at the expense of the goods without unloading in the Egyptian ports!**

**Freight Forwarders** request the ACID number by the exporters and add them to the description of goods at time of booking at SACO Shipping. Furthermore the ACID number has to be mentioned in the B/L instructions, we prefer underneath the description of goods.

**Without the ACID number we can not ship the cargo to Egypt!**

The Egyptian customs recommend to start with the above mentioned procedures, as the Nafeza system is already in a trial period and possible problems can be solved in advance before the procedure will be mandatory from July 1st, 2021.

We also ask our customers to discuss the new customs procedure with their clients already now and recommend to start with the above mentioned procedures as of ETS June 1st, 2021.

For further information please contact your local SACO Shipping Team.