

## **Advance Electronic Reporting of Sea Cargo Manifests.**

Sri Lanka Customs informs all shipping Agents, Non Vessel Operating Common Carriers(NVOCC) and Freight Forwarders that a new electronic manifest receiving system, Cargo Targeting System (CTS) developed by World Customs Organization will be implemented in Sri Lanka from 15.05.2014, in order to obtain advance sea cargo information for risk management and trade facilitation measures. In fact, Advance Cargo Information has become an essential tool and also a prerequisite to implement Governments recent initiatives to combat drug menace utilizing the CTS.

Cargo Targeting System accepts electronic manifests in UN/EDIFACT format. Participation Guidelines, Data Model explaining the data elements required and a sample manifest file prepared in UN/EDIFACT Format along with a presentation slides on the system are published on the Customs official web site under the heading 'Cargo Targeting System'.

All shipping lines, NVOCC and Freight Forwarders hereinafter called as Cargo Reporters are required to report inward electronic manifests related to cargo arranged to be carried on the ship on the voyage in the aforementioned format not later than 72 Hours prior to the arrival of the vessel at the first port of call in Sri Lanka. The report shall contain the details of all import, transit and transshipment consignments.

In cases where the duration of the voyage from the last port outside Sri Lanka to the first port of call in Sri Lanka is less than 72 hours, it shall suffice to report the manifest on the departure from the last port outside Sri Lanka.

Electronic Export Cargo Manifest shall be reported by respective cargo reporters related to the cargo arranged to be carried on the ship on the voyage by the cargo reporter, on the departure of the vessel from its last port of call in Sri Lanka.

This system will be maintained in parallel to ASYCUDA World's manifest module and at the end of the pilot run a decision will be taken to phase out one of systems eliminating the requirement for multiple reporting.

In order to obtain user credentials or for any other clarification with regard to the implementation of the system, you may contact Mr. G.H.G.A.Lankadeva (DDC –ICT & Narcotics Control) on his mobile: 071-8175268 or to [lankadeva@customs.gov.lk](mailto:lankadeva@customs.gov.lk)



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