

General Authority for the Suez Canal Economic Zone

Resolution No. 76 of 2020

Issuing Work Rules and Procedures for the Special Customs System

For the Suez Canal Economic Zone

Chairman of the General Authority for the Suez Canal Economic Zone

After perusal of Customs Law No. 66 of 1963 and its Executive Regulations,

Law No. 118 of 1975 on Import and Export and its Executive Regulations, Companies Law No. 159 of 1981 and its Executive Regulations,

Law of Economic Zones of Special Nature No. 83 of 2002 and its executive regulations,

Presidential Decree No. 72 of 1995 on Accession to the World Customs Organization Agreement,

Presidential Decree No. 334 of 2007 on Accession to The International Convention on the simplification and harmonization of Customs "Kyoto"

Resolution of the Minister of Finance No. 40 of 2017 on the Work Regulations for the customs single administrative document form (SAD)

The approval of the Board of Directors of the General Authority for the Economic Zone of the Suez Canal by a Resolution No. (13) dated 8/9/2020.

Decided

Article 1

General Provisions



In applying the provisions of this Regulation, the following words and phrases shall have the meaning indicated next to each of them:

Law: Law No. 83 of 2002 and its amendments regulating the investment system environment "economic zones of a special nature".

Authority: The General Authority for the Economic Zone of the Suez Canal entrusted with managing the investment system for the SCZONE in order to develop it and attract investments.

SCZONE: The Suez Canal Economic Zone which was issued a Presidential Decree No. 330 of 2015 for its establishment.

Board: Board of Directors of the General Authority for the Suez Canal Economic Zone

Chairman of the Authority: Chairman of the General Authority for the Suez Canal Economic Zone

Competent Minister: Minister of Finance

Projects: the projects established and authorized to operate in accordance with the Law of Economic Zones of a Special Nature No. 83 of 2002 and within the geographical scope of the economic zone of the Suez Canal, whether it takes the form of an individual establishment or a company in accordance with the Companies Law No. 159 of 1981 and its amendments, or branches of a foreign company, provided that the actual practice of the activity is carried out through a practice permit issued by the Authority and renewed annually.

The Customs System of the Economic Zone of a Special Nature: It is one of the special customs regulations contained in the law of economic zones of a special nature and its executive regulations and the executive regulations of the customs law. This Regulation applies to the Authority and projects in the economic zone of the Suez Canal.

General Rules of the Customs System for the SCZONE: It is the general framework of the special customs system for the economic zone of the Suez Canal.

Separation between Release and Clearance: Taking prior customs clearance procedures, taking into account the provisions of Article (42) of the law regarding taxes and assessed fees.

SCZONE Scope: It is the geographical scope of the economic zone of the Suez Canal, which is defined by the coordinates provided by the Presidential Decree No. 330 of 2015 divided administratively into sectors. It is permissible for customs to divide the geographical borders of the sectors for smaller areas as customs circles, and after presentation by the Executive Director of the SCZONE Customs to the Chairman of the Authority and divided after the approval of the Minister of Finance.

The Customs Office of the SCZONE: A customs department is established by a decision of the Minister of Finance that includes its limits and dimensions, and customs procedures are carried out in it, and it conducts its work under the supervision of the Supreme Customs Committee.

The Customs Compound of the Zone: A designated place inside the customs department to carry out the customs procedures. The Authority provides the Compound with all laboratories, equipment and devices. In addition, the Authority shall provide the Compound with comprehensive mechanization, which ensure that all customs procedures are being carried out accurately and rapidly. The Customs Compound is located inside the Upgraded Logistic Center of the Suez Canal Economic Zone.

The Upgraded Logistic Center : A Center established by virtue of a decree from the Authority's chairman. The Center aims to serve the projects and coordinate between the concerned governmental entities and the Customs Compound. The Center personnel shall be assigned to the following services:

Providing electronic services for the technician the customs compound.

Carrying out electronic processing duties concerning the customs clearance documents and customs declaration (before arrival of the shipment in case of importation) or (before departure in case of exportation), which are submitted by a company's agent or a customs agent.

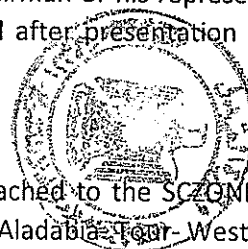
Supreme Customs Commission: The supervising committee on applying the implementation quality of the customs' system of SCZONE, the policies and resolutions issued by the Authority's board of directors.

Executive Director of the Customs Department: The Executive Director of the Customs Department shall be appointed by virtue of a decree from Authority's Chairman after the approval of the finance minister. The Executive director shall be in charge of managing and executing the general rules and customs policies of the customs departments inside the geographical scope of the SCZONE.

Customs Compound Director : The customs employee assigned by the custom Authority's Chairman of the customs authority to be responsible of managing the customs compound and carrying out the customs procedures concerning the projects existing inside the SCZONE sectors.

Logistic Center Director : An Official follows the Authority in Managing the Upgraded Logistic Center . He is assigned by the Authority's Chairman .

Project's Customs Committee: The Authority's Cahirman-or his representative- may form a special committee upon the Project's request and after presentation before the Supreme Customs Committee.



SCZONE Harbors : They are the main harbors attached to the SCZONE . laid down by the presidential decree no. 330 of year 2015 (Sokhna – Aladabia – Four – West Port Said – East Port Said – Areesh) , or any new harbors .

Public Customs Warehouses: Stores laid down by a joint license from SCZONE and the Customs Authority. They are allocated for goods depot in favor of third party under supervision of a custom committee. The project shall pay the due guarantees and royalties according to the customs law and its regulations . The storage duration shall be one year . It may be extended for another period , but shall not exceed one year by virtue of decree of the SCZONE Board of Directors or its representative . The extension shall be for purposes of storage , packing, packaging, division, reshipment and abroad shipment , also for having and organizing exhibitions . However, the goods and merchandise shall be guaranteed by the entity, which operates the warehouse and under supervision of a special customs committee.

Special Storage Arenas: A place for storage purposes outside the productive project and another rented site inside the geographical borders of the SCZONE. In such all terms and controls are met for storing the project's products , provided that the Executive Director shall inform the customs department and SCZONE for approval.

Logistic Zones : Lands attached to SCZONE fixed and fenced by the SCZONE and located outside the borders of the six harbors attached to the SCZONE. The purpose of such lands is to support the harbors' role as transit stations , which is their main role, not as storage arenas.

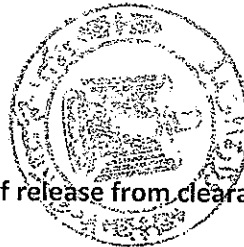
Article 2

Designation of the special custom system of SCZONE

The customs system of SCZONE is applied by a fee " fee of economic zones with special nature on all projects established under the auspices of the investment system of economic zones with special nature, based on rules and procedures set forth herein , provided that such projects shall be located inside the geographical scope of the SCZONE or inside the attached harbors .

Article 3

Mechanisms of "prior release " and "separation of release from clearance"



Mechanisms of prior clearance shall apply on all the SCZONE projects , and what involves the prior clearance embodies the principle of "separation of release from clearance acts" , once the stipulated terms are met, in order to complete revision acts and the procedures by the SCZONE upgraded logistic center , and without prejudice to the provisions of the customs law and its regulations on public customs warehouses .

(Article 4)

Customs Departments

Upon the proposal of the President of the Authority and after the approval of the Minister of Finance, special customs departments shall be established outside the port in the industrial zones of the SCZONE, to execute the procedures of customs system which is related to the SCZONE.

(Article 5)

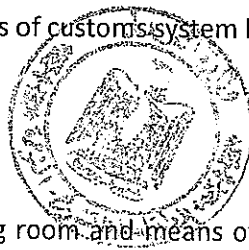
The Upgraded Custom Logistics Center and Supporting Logistics Services

An upgraded custom logistics center shall be established in every sector at the SCZONE affiliated to the Authority and shall provide the logistics services where a custom compound shall be determined therein. The center aims to automatize the customs actions in all stages and provide the updated devices and programs to transfer information and exchange documents by an electronic and secure ways. It aims to facilitate the trade and to expedite the export and import business and to co-ordinate by an automated link to flow the information between all the concerned governmental devices inside the custom compound. The center also has the competence to provide the necessary data and statistics of the projects to the decision-maker for following up the sufficiency of the guarantees and supporting information to administrate the risks system.

A unit for registering the customers at the SCZONE in the customers registry for the Customs Authority, shall be established at the upgraded logistics center.

The upgraded custom logistics center may enable the service of registering the custom data to the companies, by enabling the service of registering data on the Egyptian custom database by the prescribed registration methods.

It shall also work on finalizing the procedures of prior documentary Clearance for all customers with the custom authority, notwithstanding the type of investment system of the project, before delivering the goods to customs of arrival, the rules of visual inspection and examination to the consignment according to the rules of customs system listed in its fees.



The logistics center shall be equipped with a meeting room and means of communications through the public relations at the logistics center, to provide the logistics support to the navigation lines crossing the navigation course and the six ports affiliated to the Authority.

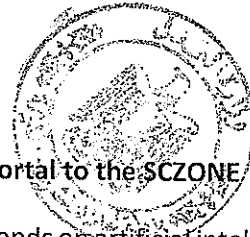
(Article 6)

The Unified Custom Portal Service

"The unified custom portal service" shall be applied inside the Upgraded Logistics Center, aiming to exchange information and entering consignments in electronic order to fulfill all the regulatory requirements related to the imported and exported and crossing consignments "Transit", and facilitate the obtaining of necessary permission, licenses and approvals to finalize the custom actions in due course and through signing protocol with the "portal" system, according to the provisions of the Prime Minister's Decree, no. 20 of year 2019, without prejudice to the custom law and the executive regulation thereof.

(Article 7)

The electronic gateway (SCZONE Trade) a worldwide portal to the SCZONE



An electronic gateway shall be launched (electronic platform depends on artificial intelligence) called SCzone Trade, aiming to provide services to all commercial, logistics and industrial sectors through the unified electronic custom portal, without prejudice to issued decrees by the cabinet related to the portal's project.

The platform provides the link, communication and flowing information to the relevant parties on the exported and imported consignment through transportation, shipment, supplying, storage, clearance and the navigation lines, and attorneys, intermediaries and operators of shipping docks and all the parties outside and inside the community of the port, aiming to organize the work among them.

It shall provide the necessary and prior information that the investor needed in case of inquiries about the investment in the SCzone or clarifying points related to the projects thereof, in case of intending to establish.

It shall also provide the services of electronic payment to the existing projects in the SCzone Trade and the service of advanced inquiry for the consignment and otherwise, also shall provide the right to complain about the custom values by an electronic way.

The SCzone Trade platform links between the unified custom portal with the Portal service of establishment and issuing licenses affiliated to the authority, aiming to integrate between services by unified fictitious environment "Electronic gateway SCzone Trade" to integrate between the nature of the Project's issued licenses and the procedures of releasing.

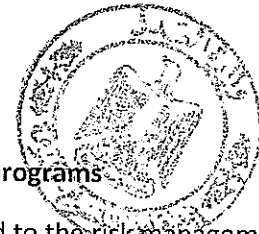
The investor has the right ,through SCZONE Trade platform, to list and send documents (by the scanner) to open an initial custom declaration and to submit the shipping declaration electronically, it is also permissible, through an end terminal that are submitted to all developers, investors, and agents in and out of the region, in case they wish, to list and carry out their work through a computer screens of the company or the project, provided that the original documents of the shipment shall be submitted subsequently to the customs building to be reviewed and checked out in preparation for adopting customs clearance procedures for the shipment before the arrival of the goods to the country.

Examination, detection, and survey tasks shall be carried out at the custom service site in the logistic center in the sector rather than the project site, (unlike the companies adhering to Economic Operator Program or the private customs services or developers for a large areas of the Region for whom an approval decisions are issued according to a specific controls regulating such matter after they submit a reasoned request and also issued according to the availability of the infrastructure for implementation.

A SCZONE Trade platform of Region shall be linked with a Egy Trad platform (window) for the development of the National System of Egyptian Trade (at its launch) to facilitate the negotiation of documents electronically and the right of the Egyptian State to have access to all commercial information precisely.

Article 8

Risk management systems (R.M.S.) and selective programs



Customs System in Region, as a compulsory procedure, is committed to the risk management system(R.M.S.) as one of the customs control procedures compatible with the global trade facilitation mechanisms, which in turn determines the screening path (green- yellow-red) based on the results of the risk management system (R.M.S.).

Authority is committed to providing data and information at its disposal to Customs Authority to support the risk criteria and selective programs used in such system.

To support quality system, the stakeholder may give an opinion - on the outcome of screening path for his consignment from (R.M.S.) - which is submitted to the Executive Director of the Region Customs to be presented subsequently, as an advisory procedure, before the High Committee of the Region Customs to study and send it to the Customs Authority to decide whether or not to do so.

Article 9

Authorized Economic Operators (AEO)

Authorized Economic Operators program or so- called (AEO) shall be applied, as a global standard and one of WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement components, provided that the productive industrial projects only that can enjoy it and that are applied in light of the controls issued by the Customs Authority to serve (AEO) ,also they enjoy all the advantages determined by Customs Authority for such system within the Region.

Article 10

Publication and Information Unit

A unit shall be established inside the logistic center called "Publication and Information Unit" which aims to launch a transparent information environment for the Region Customers to remove all the points of inquiry and confusion thereby ensuring that they complete the customs procedures without difficulties as a result of knowledge, providing a compliance with the laws regulating and contributing to raise the classification indicators of the Region because of their compatibility with the recommendations of the international organizations concerned with international trade.

The following shall be the functions of such unit:

Electronic publication of the legal frameworks for the Region and related regulations, especially the associated laws, regulations ,systems of import& export, transit transport, international trade and logistics services in force .

Respond to inquiries and provide information related to the applicable procedures in the special tax systems for the Region, trade and logistics services, and any changes that occur therein, in a timely manner and before they enter into force, such information shall be published in every possible way.

Tasked with responding to inquiries of investors in the world countries on the electronic portal "SCZONE Trade" and those wishing to invest within Region.

Provide advanced cargo information (ACI) service for the purposes (Customs Valuation Rules, Customs Item Query, Rules of Origin) that customers and all importers &exporters need before carrying import & export tasks.



Supporting The Supreme Committee for Customs to face the problem of Customs valuation , by collecting the world prices from the sources of production abroad and addressing the Egyptian trade representation offices , in addition to the global price lists announced for the company , and other real , non random methods

Article (11) **Customs Valuation**

To estimate the custom taxes due on the imports of the project , the value for customs purposes is determined on the basis of the value of transaction in accordance with the World Trade Organization Agreement – The Customs Valuation Agreement which is the main method of valuation

If the valuation is not possible accordingly , the valuation shall be based on the following methods:

- A- Method of identical goods
- B- Method of similar goods
- C- Deductive method (Evidential)
- D- Computed method



The existing project inside zone has to submit the documents that prove the validity of the value presented in accordance with the requirements of Article (7) in the matter of customs valuation and in full transparency

The Customs Authority has the right to ascertain the validity of elements of the value declared by the project or the elements contained in its documents, this requires the importing project to submit additional documents required by the authority

In the event that the importer refuses to provide the required documents, and the value can not be determined for customs purposes for the imported goods according to the previous methods , the value shall be determined by using the same methods indicated with some flexibility ,without prejudice to the right of the project or its representative to appeal against the customs – accepted value .In case of dispute over

(type – origin – value) of goods ,the facilitation of release procedures shall be taken into account at standard times until grievance is settled and without additional guarantees .The dispute shall be determined by the following the procedures contained in this resolution

Article (12)

Deduction and Balances

A unit shall be established inside the Logistic Center Called (Balances and Deduction Unit) which aims to support the financial and inventory settlements when reviewing the balances of Zone projects to verify their balances with regard to the imports and exports of Zone projects and their conformity with the adequacy of the guarantees provided by the project in favor of the Customs Authority , the due date shall be for all taxes and fees at the time of disposal by sale of the final product if such disposal occurred inside the local market

The following shall be the functions of the Unit :

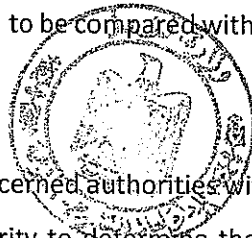
Establishing of developed electronic systems to handle all balances and deduction and entitlement systems

Inclusion ,deduction , following up the balance account of all goods which returned to companies or what is re-exported or what is released into the local market and the confirmation of electronic payment of fees and taxes of what has been disposed by sale to the local market, It is prohibited to carry out the processes of tax reimbursement between the investor and the Customs Service either cash or directly

Periodic inventory of the projects warehouses existing in Zone to ascertain the internal control systems of the project in following - up of the balances and the validity of actual balances in warehouses and their conformity with the accounting documents (electronic / paper form) , of the company stocks to be included on a daily basis , to be compared with the computer balances of The Deduction Unit at The Logistic Center

It is concerned with addressing the governmental and concerned authorities with its duties to coordinate with them , like the Industrial Control Authority to determine the rates of the foreign component in the final product of the factory

It is concerned with making financial and book adjustments with the governmental departments of sovereign revenues (Taxes – Customs) and supplying what is owed to it for Zone projects , without the demand or intervention of investor with these governmental bodies directly , if there are differences , the investor is claimed through Deduction and Adjustment Unit for entitlement from the available guarantees and through the electronic payment to State Treasury in case of immediate non – payment of differences .



A unified bank account shall be established for all the transactions of the customs departments in the region, on which the transaction shall be paid in the name of the company and the number of the dealers or the registration, in order to complete the financial settlement, balance and clearing between the incoming from abroad and the outgoing (local / outside the country)

Article 13

Subsequent Accounting Review

Without prejudice to the provisions of the executive regulations of the Customs Law, the audit procedures are carried out for the audit in the region as a service procedure and a control method together, based on the subsequent review of the declarations through manual or electronic examination of the books, records, documents and business systems and commercial data in all its forms that are in the possession of dealers without the need to use a physical examination by 100% upon release, which achieves a reduction in the time of release of messages the subsequent accounting audit is conducted through a committee represented by the Customs Authority and in the presence of a representative of the Authority to facilitate and accurate implementation procedures

Article 14

Selling to the local market

Importing from the region into the country shall be in accordance with the provisions of Article 20 of the executive regulations of the law. As for the products imported from the region's projects, which include local and foreign components.

The customs tax base for it shall be the value of the foreign components at the prevailing price at the time of their exit from the zone into the country, provided that the customs tax due on the foreign components does not exceed the tax due on the final product imported from abroad.



The foreign components are the imported foreign parts and materials according to their condition upon entering the region without calculating the operating costs in that region. The region is considered, with regard to freight calculation, as the country of origin for the products manufactured in it.

The production projects in the zone may pay the prescribed taxes and fees on the foreign component on behalf of the importers upon release to the local market.

Article 15
Objection and customs issues

The project may object to the customs bond before the dispute settlement center in the region, which has jurisdiction in the case of existing projects in according to the law, if the parties to the dispute agree to resort to it

Through: first by objection before the Higher Committee of Customs of the region

Second: Objection to decisions issued by the Higher Customs Committee for the purpose of disputes over the Customs Conciliation Panel at the Dispute Resolution Center

And according to the following procedures

In the event of an objection from the investor or the project according to the law, to the customs linkage of the messages received for the project in the region (type , value , origin) for the goods, the reasoned objection shall be made to the form prepared for this and the documents shall be attached to it.

The first objection shall be submitted in the name of the Chairman of the Higher Committee of Customs of the Zone, provided that a decision is issued by the Higher Committee in the disputed customs cases within fourteen days from the date of submitting the objection.

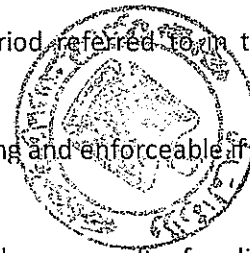
In the event of an investor or project objection to the decision issued by the Higher Committee of Customs, the dispute shall be referred to the Conciliation Authority at the Dispute Resolution Center (with due regard to the provisions of Article 58 of Law No. 83 of 2002 and its amendments), to decide on his objection to the decision of the Higher Committee

The Conciliation Commission at the Dispute Resolution Center shall issue a decision within a period not exceeding sixty days from the date of the objection report

It is not permissible to resort to the judiciary except after the conciliation body issues its decision regarding the objection or the expiry of the period referred to in the previous paragraph

The decision of the Dispute resolution Center shall be binding and enforceable if accepted by the parties

Zone projects may release letters of grievance submitted as a result of a dispute when calculating the value for customs purposes in accordance with the provisions contained in the executive regulations of the customs law regulating this matter.



(Article 16)

Used notification forms

Issuance of the single administrative document in electronic and paper format is used for incoming, outgoing and transit works.

Customs dealings and notifications between dealers, the logistics hub and the customs complex in the region shall be dealt according to the documents that will be prepared in this regard in coordination between the Customs authority and the Authority, provided that they are in an electronic and paper format, with expressive numbers indicating the type of form.

If paper forms are used, a bar-code shall be labeled with to apply identification by using the barcode to facilitate its reading by automatic reader devices to speed up the exchange of information, as well as to prevent scraping and modification of the paper document or to repeat its use again, which will be provided by the authority.

(Article 17)

Establishment of training entity

The authority may establish a training and professional entity through concluding a protocol of coordination and cooperation in the field of training between the customs authority (National Customs Training Institute) and the authority to meet the training needs for employees and dealers with the authority and other training programs, workshops, seminars and others in the fields of customs science, international trade and transport, logistics, supply chains, administrative and behavioral programs and other fields of cooperation that contribute to achieving the objectives of both the Customs authority and the Authority.

(Article 18)

Establishment of logistics zones



Without prejudice to the provisions of the Customs Act and its implementing regulation and Cabinet Decision regarding the National single Window:

The Authority operates by investment by itself or by sharing systems with others in building yards and logistic places, in which it provides various logistical works and prepares all means to achieve its goals such as infrastructure, devices, information networks, meeting rooms, restaurants and all means of support to achieve integrated and logistical supply chain systems.

The information and network link is established between the logistic center and the logistic zones, and the "publishing and information unit" in the logistic center is assigned to provide all necessary support services and information for transit and passing companies according to the role specified for them in advance, even if it is not possible for them to stand on the berths of Egyptian ports, in order to serve the global trade movement and Egypt's leadership, As a global station for transiting ships.

Specialized logistical places are established to achieve cost savings, particularly:

logistics zones for express shipping service, for the e-commerce company as a station for it to carry out the work of packing, warehousing and coding the purchased packages as well as for global express mail companies and international airlines, and provide them with all means of communication and necessary support from the logistics services network (Seaports - land routes - air routes) and public storage areas at competitive prices.

Logistical zones for the Ro-Ro berths outside the port or in storage sites of the trading companies and passing car trading to take advantage of the Ro-Ro berths in the region's ports and their developed capabilities, provided that these berths become just a means of transit and not storage yards inside the port and no local decisions issued regarding the car trade are applied due to the difference in the target in that activity .It is also permissible for it to wait and stay within the logistic zones more than their counterparts of nations of the world at competitive prices. The transit period and the price of services are determined based on a study submitted by the departments concerned with international and customs trade in the authority in this regard for making a subsequent decision by the head of the authority in this regard or any other obstacles related to promoting handling of the roro berths.

Specialized logistical zones for global and international shipping lines companies to carry out their transit work and all transport and packing works. Networking with their sites is done through network terminals to achieve their purposes of booking spaces and renting equipment if necessary and comprehensive service works for them and the human element of the ship to provide all support and comfort such as booking hotels, meeting rooms, and internal transportation in the governorates and otherwise, in order to achieve comfort for the human element of those sites, projects and transient entities.



The six harbors attached to the SCZONE provide full support in field of logistic services, to achieve great savings in the industry of containers movement and costs reduction of the trips upon containers ships anchorage.

Specialized logistic zones for companies and projects of refilling ships (by petroleum and other stuff).

Providing specialized thermal customs warehouses and others for storage operations such as storing foodstuffs, raw materials and otherwise. However the companies investing in this field shall publish their prices, their type of service and abilities on the e-portal: SCZONE Trade.

Article 19

Guarantees

The projects shall provide one of the accepted guarantees by the customs for the customs compound in the SCZONE , and only in cases that require the providing of guarantee concerning payment of taxes and due fees.

Guarantees shall be as follows :

- A. Cash Insurance .
- B. Unconditioned and irrevocable bank guarantee .
- C. Insurance policy according to the certified form of the Egyptian Taxes Authority and Customs Authority , and by virtue of their request , with the value of due taxes . The policy is payable to both authorities upon their request , without considering the objection of the person concerned , however this must be mentioned in the policy.

The SCZONE may submit an undertaking to the Customs Authority to guarantee the payment of due taxes and fees, as long as the undertaking is approved by the SCZONE's president or his representative. On the other hand such projects shall submit a guarantee accepted by the SCZONE of the value of due taxes and fees of the project.



Article 20

Data confidentiality

The personnel of the customs compound and the upgraded logistic customs center affiliated to SCZONE and Customs Authority , and any person related to them are obligated with maintaining the data and information confidentiality , concerning all projects existing inside SCZONE , in order to maintain the competitiveness companies nationally and internationally , also the confidentiality of trading information set forth in the documents , taxes and customs bills of the SCZONE projects.

These data and information may not be circulated except with the knowledge of the competent and legally authorized authorities, the Higher Customs Committee sets the controls to ensure the confidentiality and circulation of data.

Article 21

The Higher Customs Committee and Implementation of quality systems

A Higher Customs Committee shall be established in accordance with Article 22 of the law; the committee is responsible for supervising and ensuring quality systems in the implementation of the customs system for the zone and for customs control of existing projects, and applying the rules, policies and decisions issued by the Authority's Board of Directors in this regard ... The following should be done :

Unifying the designation of a person representing the Ministry of Finance at the Higher Committee for Customs and the Higher Committee for Taxes, to be one head for them, with the aim of unifying standards, linking and coordinating between higher committees to prevent conflict in their decisions.

The Higher Committee for Customs is entrusted with evaluating the studies submitted by the concerned department of the authority, to indicate the customs effect of any project in the case that such effect is requested in advance and before incorporation, or study the ideas that are developed from business models to facilitate trade.

The results of the customs effect studies shall be sent to the Customs Authority in a letter signed by the Chairman of the Higher Customs Committees to be circulated and published in the relevant government departments, in order to avoid the existence of any arbitrary estimates or the lack of prior clarification of the nature of the project to maintain the financial positions of the projects in the region and its stability.

The Higher Committee, based on what is submitted to it by the concerned department of the authority, presents a report to the chairman of the authority on what has been agreed upon with the government departments and authorities and what is new in this regard.



Article 22

Issuance of a guide to unified customs procedures for the region

A guide of customs procedures for the zone shall be issued and attached, explaining the executive steps for implementing the rules and policies contained in the issuance of this decision for being rules to the special custom system for the region.

These steps modernization are reviewed annually or as needed, the authority shall update the issuance of the guide annually, it is issued in January of each year, containing all that has been amended.

Article 23

This decision shall be published in the Egyptian Gazette, and shall come into force from the day following the date of its publication.

Chairman of the General Authority

For the Economic Zone of the Suez Canal

(Signature)

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