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Minister of Finance,

After Preamble



DECREES THE FOLLOWING:

Article - 1

The shipping documents (commercial invoice – packing list – bill of lading) shall be accepted in electronic format, as received according to the advance cargo information (ACI) system, among the customs release documents of the cargo, upon recording the customs manifest in ledger no. 46 "Egyptian Customs", as long as the importer or agent thereof has approved them as shipping documents using the electronic signature. The foregoing shall take place provided that such electronic documents shall be kept in the secure electronic archive approved pursuant to the Law on Electronic Signature with NAFEZA platform, without prejudice to the right of the competent customs to demand any documents or data in hardcopy or softcopy that may be necessary for completing the final customs release process as legally prescribed.

Article - 2

The customs release shall be proceeded with according to the certificate of origin received in electronic format, provided that the original hardcopy of such certificate shall be submitted before the final customs release. In case the original hardcopy of this certificate is not available, the release shall take place as per the rules prescribed in this regard, pending approval of the procedures of accepting it in electronic format.

Article - 3

The following phrase shall be included in the customs manifest form:

"The documents and data submitted by the importer, exporter or shipper according to the ACI system shall be deemed an integral and complementary part of this manifest, and shall be subject to all the



provisions, rules and effects prescribed for the customs manifest and attachments thereof, by virtue of the Customs Law promulgated by law no. 207 of the year 2020, and other relevant laws".

Article - 4

This decree shall be published in Al-Wakaye Al-Mesreya/ Government Bulletin, and shall be enforced as of the day following its date of publication.

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**Minister of Finance
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