1007: Simplified customs clearance for small sea cargo

1. Outline

Simplified customs clearance for small sea cargo is an import clearance procedure that allows customs brokers, handling sea cargo that meets certain conditions, to file an import (tax) declaration omitting certain declaration items (HS code, etc.). It will start on Oct.12, 2025.

2. How to use

For shipments handled by sea cargo customs brokers that meet all of the following conditions, an import (tax) declaration omitting certain declaration items (HS code, etc.) may be filed. For details, please contact the customs office where you plan to file import declaration.

- (1) Online ordering items (※1)
- (2) Items subject to the duty exemption system for goods at a total customs value of 10,000 yen or less
- (3) Items not subject to "domestic consumption tax other than consumption tax" (i.e., liquor tax, tobacco tax, etc.)
- (4) Items that do not require certification or confirmation under laws and regulations other than the Customs Law
- (5) Items that are not labeled false or misleading indication of place of origin
- (6) Items for which advance information is provided (**2) before the import declaration or pre-arrival declaration, and then declared through NACCS (Nippon Automated Cargo and Port Consolidated System)
- **1 Online ordering items: Items transacted through EC platforms and then shipped from a foreign country by a seller, etc. to an individual or a corporation in Japan.

(Reference: *Japanese text only*)

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*2 Providing advance information: For proper and prompt customs clearance, it is necessary to provide information related to the seller, consignee, cargo, etc. prior to import declaration (Which information to provide is to be coordinated between the customs office and the user at the time of *3).

- *3 Advance offer: At least three months prior to the planned to start this simplified clearance, please submit a request form for the customs office where you plan to file import declaration.
- 3. Flow chart to use simplified customs clearance

Simplified customs clearance
will start on Oct.12, 2025.

(Consultation for use) ①Advance ②Trial use ③Official use offer

- ① After coordinating the items of advance information between the user (customs broker) and the customs office, the user shall submit Advance offer (described in 2. How to use (※3)) to the customs office, and the customs office registers the user and advance information in its system. Advance offers will be accepted starting on Oct.12, 2025.
 - * Consultations regarding the use of simplified customs clearance are accepted in advance at the customs clearance division of the customs office where you plan to file your import declaration.
- ② After ① above, Trial use will be conducted using NACCS's dedicated operation for simplified customs clearance for small sea cargo. The customs office confirms whether advance information is appropriately provided during the trial period.
- ③ If there are no problems during the trial period, official use will begin.

(Reference: *Japanese text only*) 個別通達:海上小口貨物に係る簡易通関について Q&A (海上小口貨物に係る簡易通関)

Regarding the 7th Generation NACCS in which is related to operations for simplified customs clearance for small sea cargo, the connection tests between system users and NACCS and comprehensive operation tests to confirm the overall functions of NACCS are planned. For details, please refer to the materials on the NACCS information website.