

Alexandria on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2021

**Messrs. Members of the Alexandria Chamber of Shipping**

**Dear Sir,**

With reference to the meeting held on Thursday corresponding to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 via Video Conference in coordination between the Maritime Transport Sector, the Egyptian Customs Authority and the Misr Technology Services "MTS" (the company implementing the Advance Cargo Information System) with the participation of the Maritime Agents members of the Chamber with respect to the ACI system, in light of the instructions issued by Admiral / Reda Ahmed Ismail, Head of the Maritime Transport Sector, in that regard and the alert to commit to the implementation of the regulations of the provisions of the Customs Law and the Decree issued by H.E. the Minister of Finance No.38 for the year 2021 pertaining to the commencement of the trial implementation of the Advance Cargo Information "ACI" system for shipments inbound to maritime ports as of 1/4/2021 (first phase) and the actual binding implementation for this system shall commence as of 1/7/2021.

Where the chamber noted that the maritime agents has started to send out their instructions abroad to stop receiving shipments inbound for Egypt unless the shippers obtain an Advance Cargo Information Declaration "ACID" number first.

In that respect, we wish to clarify that the aforementioned system shall be applied on trial basis as of now and shall not be binding except for shipments incoming to Egyptian maritime ports as of 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021.

Therefore, kindly notify all agents of your companies abroad to accept all shipments destined for Egypt without an ACID for now until actual binding implementation for shipments to be loaded on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021.

The aforementioned has been sent to your kind selves for your kind knowledge and reference.

**Kind regards,**

**Walid Badr  
Secretary-General**

