THE TECHNOLOGY OF ELECTRONIC PRELIMINARY INFORMING OF CUSTOMS BODIES OF THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS

ТЕХНОЛОГИЯ ЭЛЕКТРОННОГО ПРЕДВАРИТЕЛЬНОГО ИНФОРМИРОВАНИЯ ТАМОЖЕННЫХ ОРГАНОВ РЕСПУБЛИКИ БЕЛАРУСЬ

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Preliminary informing is a procedure of providing information on goods and vehicles before their actual arrival at the customs territory of the EAEU. This action is intended for carrying out preliminary check of certain data, and also reduction of registration time of freight at the border [1].

The customs authorities of the Republic of Belarus operate an automated system of preliminary information (ASPI).

The advantages of using the ASPI system of the customs authorities of the Republic of Belarus are: optimization and acceleration of customs operations; reduction of queues at crossing the customs border of the EAEU; elimination of preconditions for substitution of documents; increased efficiency in the implementation of customs control; reduction of the influence of subjective factors on the decision of the customs authority official to issue permission for customs transit at the point of entry. The use of ASPI and the receipt of a unique transport number means that the provided information is sufficient to obtain customs transit permission.

In order to use the ASPI system, you must have the following elements: software and hardware that provide interaction with information systems of the Customs authorities of the Republic of Belarus for the exchange of preliminary information; Internet access; inclusion into the register of interested persons who submit preliminary information to the customs authority.

For rendering the service on preliminary informing of Customs authorities of The Republic of Belarus, it is necessary:

- 1. to apply to one of the structural subdivisions of RUE "Beltamozhservice" and make a contract for the provision of services on electronic preliminary informing of the Customs authorities of the Republic of Belarus.
- 2. not later than 3 hours before the planned time of arrival of the vehicle to the Republican Customs checkpoint (RCC) send by means of communication or by e mail the following documents: commercial and transport documents; vehicle documents; identity document of the carrier's representative (driver).
 - 3. a specialist of the RUE "Beltamozhservice" should:

- on the basis of the received documents, form an electronic preliminary message and transmit it to the system of customs authorities
- receive confirmation of registration in the customs system a unique identification number of the carriage.

The electronic preliminary information shall be sent to the Customs authorities' automated system of processing of preliminary information not later than 2 hours before the arrival of the vehicle to the check point at the border. After the arrival of goods preliminary information is compared with the data in transport (transportation), commercial and (or) other documents.

On the basis of the information provided by the interested person, the official of the Customs authority makes a decision on customs control in respect of goods and vehicles using the risk management system in accordance with the customs legislation of the EAEU.

But, from January 1, 2018, the Republic of Belarus provides an opportunity to register electronic preliminary information (EPI) within the Customs authorities through the portal of the National Automated Information System (NAIS) [2].

The introducing of customs documentation through the NAIS is a basic component of the state program for the provision of electronic services. This system is designed to improve the quality of customs declaration and ensure reliable information security of data transmission to the Customs authorities of the Republic of Belarus.

Earlier, providing Customs authorities with EPI took place through e-client programs developed by RUE "Beltamozhservis" using the TIR EPD program, on the EPI portal which was also developed by "Beltamozhservis". TIR-EPD and the EPI portal do not require payment for their services, while the e-client is a paid service. The operation of free software has a certain number of conditions – TIR-EPD is used by carriers only if there is a MTD book, and the EPI portal acts as an interested person on behalf of the Customs bodies of the Republic of Belarus.

Using the TIR-EPD capabilities, cargo carriers are provided free access to the program. But the EPI portal required its own registration number issued by the Customs body. Only representatives of the Customs could provide services to third parties using an individual number.

Free portal is planned to be out of service from April 10, 2018. Provision of EPI and customs declarations, as well as other interaction with customs authorities will be conducted only through the NAIS on a fee basis. In fact, there will be no free services in The Republic of Belarus in spite of the fact that they will continue to work at the territory of the other member countries of the Eurasian economic Union (Russian Federation, Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan).

Since February 1, 2018 two new services are available on the Single Portal of Electronic Services for the submission to the Customs authorities of The Republic of Belarus electronic customs documents and information through the nationwide automated information system. They are:

- 1. Submission of EPI (Electronic pre-information) to the Customs authorities, NISA (National information system of automation) code 3.00.01. Service 3.00.01 provides submission to the Customs authorities of the Republic of Belarus electronic pre-information (in xml format) formed in the information systems of interested persons.
- 2. Submission of the ESD (Electronic Statistical Declaration) to the Customs authorities, NISA (National information system of automation) code 3.00.02. Service 3.00.02 provides submission of electronic statistical declarations (in xml format) to the Customs authorities of the Republic of Belarus, generated and signed by an electronic digital signature in information systems of interested people [2].

If we consider the system of preliminary information in The Kyrgyz Republic, preliminary information can be sent to the Customs authorities of The Kyrgyz Republic using the Electronic Information Portal of the State Customs Service of the Government of The Republic of Kyrgyzstan.

The web-portal of the customs bodies of the Kyrgyz Republic for provision of preliminary information is open to all participants of foreign economic activity without any restrictions. At the same time access to the portal is provided through the usual registration of users [3].

The use of this portal will allow to avoid paid services connected with the supply of preliminary information for commercial companies importing goods to the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union through checkpoints at the border of the Kyrgyz Republic.

When transporting goods using a TIR Carnet, it is recommended to send preliminary information to the Customs authorities of Kyrgyzstan using the free IRU TIR-EPD application.

Preliminary information should be sent to the Customs authorities of Kyrgyzstan not earlier than 30 days and not later than 2 hours before the arrival of the vehicle with the goods at the border crossing point.

Having considered the system of prior information in The Republic of Belarus and The Republic of Kyrgyzstan, one can say that in The Republic of Belarus a free portal is planned to be out of service and the provision of EPI and customs declarations is planned only through NISA (National information system of automation) on a fee basis, while in The Kyrgyz Republic a web portal for providing preliminary information is open to all participants of foreign economic activity without any restrictions and the use of this portal allows to avoid paid services for commercial companies.

Thus, based on the above, it can be concluded that the use of electronic preinformation helps make and facilitate the process of customs clearance and customs control in different countries and it increases the capacity of checkpoints at the State Border.

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