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**Subject: "Egypt Monitoring Security Threats: Advance Cargo Information
Becoming Mandatory from 1st of July 2021"**



Summary: According to the Egyptian Ministry of Finance, Egypt has become the first African country to implement Advance Cargo Information (ACI), requiring by law all import shipments and carriers to validate ACI-related information prior loading from the first load port.

- 1. Mandatory Implementation of the ACID:** The Advance Cargo Information was adopted by the World Customs Organization (WCO) back in 2005 to identify high-risk cargo prior to loading and/or arrival on any trade lane between member states. Egypt is set to implement a new law designed to protect its territory from supply chain security threats. Following a decree issued by the Ministry of Finance in February, all importers in the country will be required to declare all cargo before leaving the port of origin when the new Advance Cargo Information Declaration (ACID) system takes effect come July 1. Under the new law importers will be required to declare full information about goods to be shipped to Egypt before actual loading from the exporting country. The move is aimed at monitoring any security threats that goods entering the country could pose.
- 2. Requirements for Importers:** In accordance with the new Egyptian customs law #207 and its following related decrees, Advance Cargo Information is becoming mandatory for all Egypt import shipments starting from 1st July 2021 (see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9NjimuIYyUs>). Under the ACI system, a unique number called ACID number (Advance Cargo Information Declaration) must be issued for each shipment. More specifically, according to the ACI system cargo data and documents (Commercial invoice, Packing list, Bills of Lading and Cargo Manifest) are required to be submitted at latest until 48 hours before the vessel departure from the loading port. To be

noted that ACID is not required if international transshipment – both discharge and load- is done at one single Egyptian terminal.

3. **Maritime Activities Consultants S.A.** will further on closely monitor in conjunction with its Agents Network the implementation proceedings of the Mandatory Implementation of the ACID focusing upon potential side effects for the shipping and marine industry and inform its international customers and registries as appropriate.



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