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AN, PN, TS system

Q & A guide

How can I apply for access to the system?

First, you need to contact the Customs Training Unit to attend the AN, PN, TS training session. Once you have completed the training, you need to access the MTCA portal, select Customs – more info, and from the Electronic Systems subheadings select Customs Systems Queries. You will find the relevant application form to be completed online.

How can I access the AN, PN, TS system?

The link to the new AN,PN,TS system can be found on the MTCA portal under 'Customs Electronic Systems.

How can I conduct testing to familiarise myself with the system?

You can log on:

https://iam.test.mtca.gov.mt/realms/eCustoms/protocol/openid-connect/auth?response_type=code&client_id=edapps

Contact TSMU for a test username.

Given the large volume of declarations we need to submit, do you offer a system-to-system solution?

We have a B2G system, and the system specifications can be found on the Customs portal under the AN, PN, TS section.

How can I conduct testing to familiarise myself with the system to system?

TEST URL is:

<https://edapps.test.mtca.gov.mt/customs-ucc-portal/anpn-ts-gateway/api/v1/anpn-ts/submitMessage>

If we encounter technical issues during the deployment of the B2G system, whom should we contact for assistance?

You should send an email to Ms. Stephanie Ruggier at stephanie.ruggier@gov.mt , providing a detailed description of the issue. If possible, please include screenshots and systematically provide the complete payload of the request you sent, as well as the full payload of the response you received.

If I have queries regarding business procedures, what steps should I take?

You must send an email to an-pn-ts.helpdesk.mtca@gov.mt with a thorough explanation of your issue.

Where can I find information on the AN, PN, TS system?

You can refer to the AN, PN, TS section on the MTCA Portal, where all the necessary information is available. This section is regularly updated.

Where can I find the list of authorised Temporary Storage Facility numbers?

Please refer to the AN, PN, TS section on the MTCA Portal. If the authorisation number you are looking for is not listed, kindly contact the company directly, as this indicates they have chosen not to make their number public.

What is the purpose of the Arrival Notification, and where can it be submitted?

The Arrival Notification (AN) must be submitted in ICS2 when the means of transport arrives at the first port of call in the EU.

What should be declared in the Presentation Notification?

The Presentation Notification (G3) must reference the ENS MRNs it represents and include the airway bills or Bills of Lading associated with that ENS. A Presentation Notification is to be submitted for every ENS presented in Malta.

Who is responsible for lodging the G4+G3 declaration?

Please refer to the AN, PN, TS section on the MTCA Portal, where a detailed explanation can be found. Additionally, it is the importer's responsibility to decide who will handle the TSD. We advise the importer to communicate with the freight forwarder, etc., to clarify the allocation of tasks.

Does the TSD has a time limit to be settled by an import declaration or re-export notification?

If the goods have not been placed under a customs procedure or re-exported within 90 days, the customs authority will confiscate the goods.

Can you confirm that C-status are exempt to submit a Temporary Storage Declaration?

C-status goods do not require a Temporary Storage Declaration(TSD) and an import declaration, previously known as 'outside the manifest,' will be adequate for customs clearance. On the other hand, excisable C Status goods in a groupage mixed container must be declared in the TSD.

Are there any other scenarios where a Temporary Storage Declaration is not required?

Yes, a TSD is not required in the following cases:

- Non-Union goods being imported against a TAD document (N.B. as soon as TAD is closed at Destination, economic operator must decide to either lodge a TSD declaration or an import declaration quoting the TAD MRN number in the “previous document” data element.)
- C-status goods as long as they are not loaded in a groupage container.
- Consignments of aircraft parts for Aircraft Maintenance Companies authorised to use the immediate release simplified procedure until the introduction of the pre-lodged declaration.
- Accompanied non-EU cargo
- Non-EU accompanied cargo/goods arriving by RSS without a Customs office – such as by Catamaran
- ATA Carnet
- Oral or simplified temporary admission declaration

Is authorisation from Customs required for the scenarios mentioned above (except the last two) to be declared ‘outside the manifest’?

No authorisation from Customs is required.

Under what circumstances would a holder of goods be expected to lodge a temporary storage declaration after the transit procedure concludes?

The holder may choose to lodge a TSD if additional details are required or if the transit data does not fully satisfy the conditions for temporary storage.

What is the next step once the G4+G3 declaration is submitted and the MRN is generated?

You must use the MRN to access the declaration in the Import system. You will need to enter the TSD MRN and the EORI number. Additionally, ensure that you tick the 'Re-Use of data from TSD' box so that the data from the TSD is automatically populated in the import declaration.

Can I submit a temporary storage declaration before the arrival of the goods?

You can submit a G4 – Pre-lodged temporary storage declaration, and when the goods arrive in Malta, you will only need to complete the presentation notification within the same TSD. Please note that a pre-lodged TSD has a time limit of 30 days. Once this period has elapsed, the declaration will be automatically discarded, and a new declaration will need to be created.

Can I submit a pre-lodged TSD for groupage consignments?

No. G4 – Pre-lodged TSD is not applicable for groupage consignments.

What is the procedure for bulk cargo?

- Bulk cargo unloaded into shore tanks or silos at a temporary storage facility requires a TSD, unless the goods are intended for immediate placement into free circulation after unloading.
- Bulk cargo transported directly to quarries, without being placed in a temporary storage facility, must immediately be placed under a customs procedure (either free circulation or warehousing).

Is it possible to amend a TSD after submission?

Yes, you can perform the necessary amendment and submit an electronic amendment request to TSMU from the AN, PN, TS system. TSMU will either accept or reject the amendment request. It is important to note that nearly all data elements can be amended, except for the HS code.

What should I do if I mistakenly declared an incorrect HS Code?

You must submit an invalidation request for the TSD to TSMU. TSMU will either accept or reject the invalidation request. If the invalidation is accepted, you will need to input the entire TSD again with the correct HS Code. If the invalidation is rejected, you must proceed with the import declaration, and the releasing customs officer will handle the post-entry process.

Possible Scenarios

C status goods arriving in Malta via regular shipping line or intra-EU flights

C status goods arriving in Malta via a regular shipping service (RSS) or intra-EU flights do not need any customs formalities in AN, PN, TS system.

C status goods subject to Excise duty arriving in Malta via regular shipping service / flights

C status goods arriving in Malta via RSS or intra-EU flights do not need any intervention in the AN, PN, TS system. Authorised excise traders shall proceed with the lodgement of the customs declaration in the import system.

C Status goods arriving in Malta via non-EU flights

C Status goods arriving in Malta via non-Union flights do not need to be declared in AN, PN, TS. Goods are cleared from customs against the relevant T2L.

C Status goods arriving in Malta via non-regular shipping lines/flights

If the entire shipment is classified as C status, regardless of whether the goods are excisable, it does not need to be declared in the AN, PN, TS system.

Full load trailer containing non-Union goods covered by a T1 (Transit document) reaches Malta via regular shipping lines?

A TSD is not required for goods covered by a T1 transit document if they are to be released for free circulation immediately, as the T1 document serves the purpose of the TSD. However, if the goods are not being released for free circulation, a temporary storage declaration must be submitted.

Trailer arriving in Malta on an RSS containing C status goods mixed with non-EU goods under the Transit procedure

Goods covered by a T1 (Transit document) can transit to the Office of destination stated on the document without the need to lodge a TSD.

Groupage containers exiting Freeport

- A G4+G3 declaration must be lodged with multiple items, each item representing a consignment per importer. Additionally, Union goods must also be declared, with each item created per T2L. The same declaration must indicate the customs office of presentation as MT00600 and the location of

goods, the authorisation number reflecting the temporary storage facility where the container will be unstuffed.

- Print the first two pages of the G4+G3 in "accepted" status and present it at the Malta Freeport gate to exit the terminal.
- Customs officer at Freeport gate will seal the container and stamp printout of TSD noting the seal numbers attached to the container.
- Once the container reaches the Hal Far Groupage Complex, the same printout must be presented at the Customs Office.
- Afterwards, the agent must lodge an ND5 for each item declared in the previously submitted G4+G3 declaration.

Containers unloaded at Freeport and need to be move to LABW

- A G4+G3 declaration must be lodged with the customs office of presentation as MT00109 and the location of goods, the authorisation number reflecting the temporary storage facility where the container will be unstuffed.
- Print the first two pages of the G4+G3 in "accepted" status and present it at the Malta Freeport gate to exit the terminal.
- Customs officer at Freeport gate will seal the container and stamp printout of TSD noting the seal numbers attached to the container.
- Once the container reaches the LABW, the same printout must be presented at the Customs Office.

Split consignments arriving on different dates.

- For air incoming consignments, the economic operator must lodge a single G4+G3 temporary storage declaration covering the total packages and weight of the consignment, followed by the import declaration.
- For full load or groupage incoming cargo, since the goods are imported using different transport equipment, a temporary storage declaration must be lodged for each part of the consignment being received. An import declaration must be submitted for each temporary storage declaration lodged.

A Motor Yacht is being loaded on a non- Regular Vessel from an EU country directly to Malta. The Yacht is not vat Paid & no T2L is issued. What procedure should we adopt?

If the yacht is reaching Malta against a T1 transit document, the AN, PN, TS system is out of scope. An import declaration is to be lodged immediately.

A Motor Yacht is Being Loaded on a non-Regular Vessel from an EU country. The Yacht is Vat Paid and a T2L is issued.

The AN, PN, TS system is out of scope. T2L must be presented to Customs prior to the release.



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