

Regarding: Handling of NT1 documents will be stopped

Dear customer,

APM Terminals Maasvlakte II aims to offer terminal users maximum efficiency, without unnecessary stops or paperwork. A mere 20% of import cargoes are currently processed using the **external Community transit procedure (NCTS/Transit/T1)** and according to **normal procedure**, better known as **NT1**. As has been communicated before, we have been supporting this arrangement on a temporary basis. However, we have now decided to cease NT1 handling, effective as of **1 March 2016**. This letter is intended to inform you of the contributing factors in our decision.

Logistical impact of normal procedure

In the normal T1 procedure, the transport document for each container must be processed by Customs before the container leaves the terminal. This results in delays in the logistical process as well as extra handling at the terminal.

Streamlined procedure as an alternative

For containers for which a transport declaration (=NCTS) must be submitted, this handling can be completed automatically using the simplified procedure (TA = IE29) at the terminal. When this type T1 document (=RTO code MRN) has been correctly submitted in a pre-announcement, hauliers will no longer need to stop at Customs in order to present documents by hand. This will speed up handling significantly, helping to minimize the driver's stay at the terminal.

Transport period and guarantee effective immediately

A disadvantage of the simplified procedure is that, under the current system, it causes the transport period (and therefore the guarantee) to come into effect immediately. Partners in the supply chain have been working together for several years to resolve this issue. A structural solution is imminent, involving the development of the pre-announcement TA (IE15) by Customs and a compatible, generic system solution from Portbase. This solution is expected to become available in early 2017.

Exception

Until the structural solution has been fully implemented, we are prepared to continue supporting the NT1 procedure for excisable goods due to the potential impact of these goods on guarantees. We will grant this exception only when it can be justified as strictly necessary.

Reduced presence of Customs

From 1 July 2016, there will no longer be a Customs official present at the Rotterdam container terminals during the night shifts (23:00-07:00). Customs will most likely continue to phase out their physical presence in the future. This, again, means we will no longer be able to accommodate the normal procedure.

In light of all factors listed above, we will cease to facilitate the normal procedure as of 1 March 2016.

Kind regards,

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Concerning: discontinuation handling of Customs Transit Documents (normal procedure)

Dear relation,

Currently, for a small number of the import cargo, the Customs Transit **regulation (NCTS/Transit/T1) in the normal procedure** is being used. At the terminal a.m. documents are being printed by Customs upon departure of the container from the terminal.

As per July 1st 2016 the Customs will not be present at the terminals anymore during the nightshifts (23:00-07:00 hrs).

Additionally Customs aim to withdraw their Officers in full from the logistical process on the terminals in time.

As a result Customs Transit Documents, lodged in the normal procedure cannot be handled anymore at the terminals. APM Terminals Rotterdam has therefore decided to stop the acceptance of same effective March 1st 2016.

Simplified procedure remains in place

For containers, where a carriage under Customs Bond is required, the Customs Transit regulation under the simplified procedure can be used. Transit documents issued under the simplified procedure have to be pre-announced in Portbase under the code MRN (=code used in the administration of the temporary storage keeping facility/terminal). Once correctly registered, no manual Customs handling shall be needed at the terminal. Container will be released automatically the handling of containers will be speeded up substantially, which will result in a less longer stay on our terminal for trucks.

Starting transit period and security

We would like to stress that the transit period for the simplified Customs document will be effective immediately as well as the Customs guarantee for same. It is the responsibility of the person who lodged the document to monitor this closely.

Sincerely,

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