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## **PROVIDING THE SECURITY DATA: COMMERCIAL CONSIGNMENTS CARRIED BY PASSENGERS**

As of 1 January 2011, it has been obligatory to submit security data to Customs on all goods crossing the border of the EU before the goods enter or leave the Community. For goods entering the EU, the security data is to be submitted using an entry summary declaration and for goods exiting the EU, the security data is to be provided as part of the export declaration.

However, it is not necessary to submit security data on passengers' personal goods. Hence, for instance, arriving passengers need not submit security data declarations for the goods which they bring with them and which they as private persons declare. In addition, a security data declaration need not be submitted for arriving goods for which an oral customs declaration is permitted.

This instruction is applied to commercial consignments carried by passengers.

### **Export goods carried by passengers**

Flight passengers present the goods and the EAD form related to the electronic export declaration at the Passenger Customs at the airport, where the customs officer discharges the export procedure and the customer receives a decision on release with exit confirmation. If the passenger carries the export consignment as hand luggage and changes aircraft at another EU airport, the goods and the EAD form must be presented and the export procedure is discharged at the last EU airport.

Correspondingly, a passenger travelling on a vessel to a non-EU country must present the export goods and the EAD form to Customs at the port. Passengers travelling on the Allegro train are to present the goods and the EAD form to the customs officer during the customs inspection carried out on the moving train and passengers travelling on other trains are to present them at Vainikkala Customs when the train stops at the border. In road traffic, the export goods and the EAD form are to be presented to Customs at the point of exit at the border.

### **Commercial consignments carried by passengers upon arrival**

If a passenger who arrives in Finland from outside the EU brings with him or her a commercial consignment which is cleared for import or cleared in the name of a company, an electronic entry summary declaration must be submitted for the goods. Primarily, the entry summary declaration is to be submitted in advance and electronically to the AREX system of Finnish Customs.

If a declaration has not been submitted in advance electronically, the passenger can also provide an entry summary declaration to Customs at the point of entry at the airport / port / land border or on a document to the customs officer on a moving train. It is recommended that paper-based declarations are submitted using a “Security and Safety Document” (SSD) form in accordance with the EU standard. The form is available on the Finnish Customs website (only in Finnish)

<http://www.tulli.fi/fi/yrityksille/sahkoinenasiointi/lomakkeet/poikkeustilanelomakkeet/lomakkeet/890s.pdf>

Other paper-based administrative or commercial documents can also be accepted. The requirement is that the document shall contain the security data as specified in Annex 30A of the Customs Code Implementing Provisions.

With regard to the goods that passengers bring with them, the transport company is not indicated in the entry summary declaration. The company in whose name the next customs clearance of commercial goods will be carried out is entered as the declarant. The company must be registered for EORI.

Import customs clearance must be carried out at Customs at the point of entry before the goods can be carried further by the passenger. If the entry summary declaration has been submitted electronically, the reference number (MRN) of the entry summary declaration provided by Customs must be entered as the previous document on the import declaration.

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