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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

In line with the East African Community consultative meeting of Heads of State held via video conference on 12th May 2020 and the bilateral meeting between the Republic of Rwanda and the United Republic of Tanzania held on 15th May 2020;

The Government of Rwanda wishes to inform truck owners, importers and the general public of the following measures regarding cargo handling:

1. All incoming cargo destined for Rwanda shall be offloaded at designated areas at points of entry, namely Kiyanzi (Kirehe) and Kagitumba (Nyagatare).
2. For cargo that cannot be offloaded at designated areas at the points of entry, trans-shipment service where containers are exchanged from one truck to another is recommended and availed.
3. For cargo that cannot be offloaded or transshipped, like petroleum products and perishable goods (list attached), trucks will be escorted to their destination at no cost. Drivers will be allowed to stop only at designated resting stops for health breaks.
4. Truck operations will be allowed only between 06:00 am and 18:00pm local time. For this to be met, it is imperative for the consignees to ensure that facilities for offloading are made available before the drivers' departure from the points of entry, in order to protect the drivers from COVID- 19 as well as curtail any possible spread to other people in the community due to overstaying.
5. In the event that offloading for the escorted trucks cannot be completed within the mandated above-mentioned operations time, the drivers shall be accommodated at designated accommodation facilities at importer's cost. These designated facilities will be guarded to protect the drivers and the community from the spread of COVID-19.
6. Rwanda will make available mandatory testing facilities for all transit truck drivers and those who will be escorted with fuel and perishable products destined for Rwanda.

7. Transit cargo will be escorted upon entry up to the final crossing point. Truck drivers will only stop at designated points for health breaks.

Note:

1. Storage and parking fees:

- i. All Customs services as well as inland cargo depots and warehousing facilities are availed at border entry points to ensure safety of drivers, trucks and cargo.
- ii. Considering that these entry points are transit dry ports, all goods should be cleared and evacuated in one (1) day. Failure to do so will lead to additional storage fees of 2 FRW/kilogram/day in addition to the normal storage fees as well as parking fees (2 FRW/kilogram/day).
- iii. After three (3) days of delay, offloaded goods will be transported to Kigali warehouses at the importer's cost (transport and insurance).

2. Customs clearance:

- i. Importers are required to ensure that their clearing agents do pre-clearance of their goods before shipment using Single Customs Territory clearance framework.
- ii. Declaration of documents of cargo must be submitted electronically to Customs.
- iii. All importers must use electronic invoicing system (EBM version 2).

Done at Kigali on 19th May 2020.



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ANNEX:

LIST OF CARGO TO BE ESCORTED

1. Petroleum products,
2. Perishable goods,
3. Dangerous cargo which cannot be stored with other items,
4. Medicine and medical equipment.