



Intermodal Transshipment Facilitation Scheme



With the implementation of the Road Cargo System (ROCARS), Customs and Excise Department launched the “Intermodal Transshipment Facilitation Scheme” (ITFS) in November 2010 to provide clearance facilitation to air-land and sea-land transshipment cargoes.

Enhanced Efficiency

Under ITFS, the transshipment cargoes, if being selected for inspection, will normally be inspected either at the point of entry or exit. Time is saved by reducing repeated inspection which will expedite the flow of transshipment cargoes.

Criteria for Enrolment

Participation in ITFS is on a voluntary basis. Interested parties shall fulfill the following criteria:

- participants and their vehicles shall be the registered users of ROCARS and ITFS; and
- their vehicles shall be installed with accredited electronic lock (e-lock) cum Global Positioning System (GPS) equipment.

Cargo Security

For northbound air-land intermodal transshipment cargoes, after import clearance at the Airport, cargoes will be conveyed to the land boundary exit point by a truck secured by the e-lock and GPS equipment. To safeguard against any unauthorized access to the cargoes in the journey, Customs officers will monitor the status of the e-lock and track the routing of the vehicle via a real-time online platform.

Coverage

The following items can be conveyed under ITFS:

1. General goods which are not controlled by any licence or permit;
2. Dutiable commodities with permits;
3. Controlled chemicals with permits; and
4. Cargoes under the Transshipment Cargo Exemption Scheme.

Registration

Completed registration form shall be returned to the ROCARS Research and Support Group at Room 3005, 30/F, Customs Headquarters Building, 222 Java Road, North Point, Hong Kong. Registration form can be downloaded from www.rocars.gov.hk.

Enquiries

Please visit www.rocars.gov.hk or call 3669 0000.