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Presentation - Ghana Customs
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Electronic Collection of Documents Required for Declaration in Ghana
Outline

- Products & Services
- Eco system
- Systems in use
- Network Coverage
- GCMS Features
GCNet Background

• Ghana Community Network Services Ltd. Incorporated in year 2000
• Public Private Partnership company between the private sector and public sector
• All Institutional shareholders – 38% public / 62% private
• Started operations in 2002 – Mandate to implement TradeNet and Ghana Customs Management System and operate the platform. Technical partner to Ghana Customs
• Mandate extended by Government in 2013 with new and enhanced scope
Products & Services

1. GCMS – Ghana Customs Management System
2. TradeNet – messaging platform
3. FIS – CCVR Interface systems
4. e-MDA – Request and Approval of Permits and Exemptions
5. i-Transit – Tracking and management of Transit goods
6. GICCS – Declaration, manifest and Logistics modules
7. Data Warehousing – Reporting
8. GeReg – Company Registration
9. Trips – Domestic Tax platform
Integration

Private Sector Operators

PAARS

Customs

Financial Institutions

Petroleum Sector

Logistics Companies

MDAs

GCNet

Provide A Single Window For One Stop Lodgement of Data For Multiple Agency Access.
Pre- clearance processes
Pre-Clearance: Unique Consignment Reference (UCR)

- WCO instrument implemented by Ghana Customs

Once issued, the UCR will be referenced in all other trade-related documentation:
- Import Declaration form (IDF)
- Valuation Report (CCVR)
- AWB / BL
- Customs Declaration
- All electronic Permits and Exemptions

- Means to transport edocs to stakeholders
UCR

- e-IDF
- e-Permits
- e-Exemptions
- LOC

e-CCVR

MDA

Customs Declaration
Pre-Clearance – UCR, Permits

1. Declarant / Importer submits an electronic permit/exemption
2. MDA approves request
3-4. Electronic copies are sent to GCMS Permit & Exemption module and other agencies

- >360,000 applications/yr
- 42 OGAs connected and mandatory for connected agencies
- Most agencies gone paperless
- Payment platform
Single Submission of Permit/Exemption Process Flow - Current

1. Declarant Creates UCR
2. UCR Transferred to PAARS
3. Declarant Creates IDF referencing UCR
4. CCVR Transferred to GCMS
5. Status of Permit/Exemption

Government Agencies on GCNet Portal

1. Animal Production Directorate
2. National Petroleum Authority
3. GRA Customs Division
4. Energy Commission
5. Ghana National Chamber of Commerce
7. Plant Protection and Regulatory Services
8. Food and Drugs Authority
9. Ghana Standards Authority
10. Ghana Free Zone Board
11. Veterinary Services Department
12. Timber Industry Development
13. Environmental Protection Agency
14. Ghana Investment Promotion Centre
15. National Communication Authority
16. Minerals Commission
17. Ghana National Petroleum Corporation
18. Ghana Museums and Monuments Board
19. Wildlife Division of Forestry
20. Ministry of Foreign Affairs
21. Ministry of Trade and Industry (Exemption)
Pre-Clearance Stages – Valuation Reports

1. Trader Creates UCR on eMDA
2. UCR Transferred to PAARS
3. Trader creates IDF Referencing UCR
4. CCVR Transferred to GCMS

- 2 days average processing time
- >160,000 approvals
- Import Declaration form (Automatic)
- Mandatory for goods >3,000USD
Pre-Clearance Stages – Cargo Manifest

1. Electronic manifest (EDI, XML, ASCII) is received by Shipping Line/Agent
2. Shipping Agent uploads Manifest into GCNet Web app and submit to Customs
3. Manifest is validated by Ghana Customs Management System (GCMS) and a rotation number is issued.
4-6. Copies of accepted Manifest (XML) are sent electronically to Ghana Ports & Harbors Authority (GPHA), Ghana Shippers Authority (GSA) and Freight Stations.

- 2 seaports, 1 airport
- >7,000 cargo manifest /yr
- >200 Shipping & forwarding agents
- Mandatory for all vessel or aircraft arrivals
- 48hrs before vessel arrival at sea ports
- Submission after aircraft arrival at airport
- Amendment and De-consolidation applicable
1. Shipping Line submits Manifest via GICCS and specifies Co-loader where applicable
2. Co-Loader retrieves Rotation Number and adds BL
3. Manifest is electronically sent to GCMS with Copies to Ghana Ports & Harbors Authority (GPHA) and Ghana Shippers Authority (GSA)
4. Where applicable, Consolidator submits House Manifest
5. Container discharged to Terminal
6. Terminal submits Outturn/Tally to GICCS
IDF - Import Declaration form
CCVR - Customs classification and Valuation report
Clearance Processes
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- Covers all Customs Regimes
- 99% of official trade
- >0.5m import declarations/yr
- >900 Declarants
- 2 seaports, 1 Airport, 7 Border post, 10 regions
- >600 Customs users
- Paperless process for 2 main ports and trader does not have to visit Customs office during declaration processing
GICCS – Web Based BOE

• Over 55% reduction in Data Entry and errors
  – Reuse of pre clearance data FCVR, BL, Permits and Exemptions, GCMS code tables.
• Secure, available anywhere anytime (24/7) over the Internet – PC, tablet, Phone
• Improved efficiency in declaration submission
• In use at all Customs sites
GCMS Features

- Cargo Declaration
- All Customs Regimes
- Inspection
- Revenue Collection
- Business Rules/Workflow
- Integrated Customs Tariff (CET implemented)
- Post Clearance Audit
- Enhanced Bonded Warehouse
- Vehicle Registration (Transit & Warehouse)
- WCO Data model compliant

- Business Intelligence
- Gold Card Scheme
- Paperless capability
- Transit
- Electronic Cargo Tracking System (ECTS)
- Resource Planning
- Document Management (UCR)
- Integrated Border Management (Customs –Customs data sharing, TVI, Headloads etc)
- Single Window Capability
- Risk Management
Declaration Processing by Customs

1. Declarant submits an electronic Customs Declaration
2. Declaration is validated by GCMS
3. Bank confirm payment of Duties and taxes
4-6. Declaration is sent for Customs Compliance, Examination and Released
7-10. Electronic message is sent to appropriate agencies from TradeNet

Ecobank / GCB

Compliance

Examination

Release

- Declarant
- TradeNet
- GCMS Declaration Module
- Shipping Agent
- Freight Station
- DVLA
- SIC
- Insurance
1. Declarant prepares declaration
2. Declarant/Importer makes payment
3. Compliance officer vets the document and sends for examination
4. Shipping Line releases the consignment after payment of charges
5. Examination is performed on consignment and released to terminal
6. Terminal releases consignment to importer
7. Consignment is released into Home consumption, Warehouse, Freezone or Transit
Logistics Processes
Container Movement Request

1. **Shipping Line** submit Import Container List (ICL) to Off Dock Terminal (ODT) on GICCS
2. ODT submit a Container Movement Request to Customs for Approval
3. CMR is approved by Customs
4. Container Terminal Operator (CTO) receives approved CMR and authorizes release of containers
5. Containers transferred from CTOs’ premises to ODTs’ premises. ODT gates in containers received
1. Shipping Line submit Container List to Inland Container Depot (ICD)
2. ICD confirms List
3. Terminal Officer approves ICL
4. Containers are gated out of Terminal enroute to ICD – Gate out data updated on GICCS
5. Containers are physically moved to ICD
6. ICD gate in Container to Acknowledge Receipt – Gate in data updated on GICCS
Logistics: Electronic Delivery Order

1-2 Customs Compliance routes Declaration for Examination
3-5 Examination results are sent to Terminal Operators, Declarant and Shipping Line
6 Shipping Line send an electronic DO to Terminal Operator authorizing the release of cargo

- All shipping Lines
- All Terminals
- Mandatory use for all Master BLs at Tema Port
Business Intelligence

Total Revenue USD (M)

Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec

2007 2008 2009 2010 2011

> 17 Government Agencies connected
Countrywide Geographical Coverage

- 64 GRA Customs offices / DVLA / Banks
- 11 GRA DTRD sites (45 by end of 2015)
- 4 RGD sites
- 5 Data Centers
- Web-enabled systems that can be accessed from anywhere in Ghana or globally
- Infrastructure supported by GCNet
- 3rd Party Network service providers dependency
- National reach of GCNet services
Questions & Answers