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ROYAL MONETARY AUTHORITY OF BHUTAN

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Public Notification

The Royal Monetary Authority of Bhutan jointly with the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue & Customs), Ministry of Industry, Commerce & Employment (Department of Trade, and Department of Industry) and all commercial banks, would like to inform the general public that the cross-border trade application systems, namely the **Bhutan TradeFin Net System (BTFN)** and the **Electronic Customs Management System (eCMS)**, are now integrated and will be operational from **November 05, 2024**. Following this date, all parties involved in international trade must secure the necessary licenses and permits stated below, through the BTFN system before declaring goods in the eCMS.

To complete goods declaration in the eCMS, the status of the following licenses and permits in the BTFN system must be showing “approved”:

1. Generate a Unique Consignment Reference (UCR) number.
2. Obtain an Import License if importing from third countries.
3. Complete Import Registration if importing from India.
4. Acquire a Certificate of Origin(Coo) if exporting goods to third countries
5. Complete export registration if exporting to India.
6. Receive bank application approval from domestic banks.

The eCMS will validate the information with the BTFN to allow traders to declare goods in the eCMS. The declarations will be declined if the required licenses and permits are not obtained and approved in the BTFN system beforehand, or if there are any discrepancies in the data between these two systems (such as different TPN Number or Citizenship Card Number etc).

Any discrepancies or last-minute application submission in the systems may lead to extra processing time or delays in the release of goods from customs checkpoints.

This integrated system will act as a common platform for Government Regulatory Agencies to oversee and ensure the authenticity and fairness of cross-border transactions relating to both goods and foreign currency flows.



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