

**Business Facilitation Advisory Committee
Wholesale and Retail Task Force**

***Mainland-Hong Kong “Single Submission for Dual Declaration”
Scheme on cargo***

Purpose

This paper is to provide information to Members on:

- (i) The operation and procedure of the “Single Submission for Dual Declaration” Scheme; and
- (ii) The advantages, current situation and future development of the “Single Submission for Dual Declaration” Scheme.

Background

2. In November 2023, the General Administration of Customs of the People’s Republic of China (GACC) and Hong Kong Customs signed the Co-operative Arrangement on Smart Customs Development between the GACC and Hong Kong Customs, designating the “Single Submission for Dual Declaration” Scheme on cargo as one of the key co-operation projects. Subsequently, the two sides launched the Guangdong-Hong Kong “Single Submission for Dual Declaration” Scheme on cargo and its extended coverage in February and October 2024 respectively, covering cargo passing between the Mainland and Hong Kong through the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Port. On 29 November 2024, the two Customs administrations officially launched the Mainland-Hong Kong “Single Submission for Dual Declaration” Scheme on cargo (the Scheme), further extending the coverage of the existing “Single Submission for Dual Declaration” Scheme on cargo to all land boundary control points connecting the Mainland and Hong Kong. Simultaneously, the Scheme has been upgraded to a central standard application within the “China International Trade Single Window”, which can be used across all single window platforms.

Procedure (Registration for the Hong Kong Importers/Exporters)

3. The registration procedures for the Hong Kong importers/exporters are as follows:

- (i) Log in to the Road Cargo System (ROCARS) using the Responsible Person account.
- (ii) Click “Apply for the Consent Number” to apply for the Scheme.
- (iii) Agree to the disclaimer of the Scheme and upload relevant digital certificate for application.
- (iv) Obtain the Consent Number.
- (v) Notify the Mainland exporter offline:
 - (a) User Account Number of ROCARS
 - (b) Consent Number

Procedure (Data Transmission)

4. The Scheme is a trade facilitation measure built on the China International Trade Single Window (Mainland Platform) and the Hong Kong ROCARS (Hong Kong Platform). Under the Scheme, export cargo information declared by Mainland enterprises through the Mainland Platform will be encrypted and sent to the Hong Kong Platform, where Hong Kong importers can retrieve the relevant cargo information for submission to the Hong Kong Platform for completion of a local Customs declaration.

Advantages and Current Situation

5. The Scheme allows enterprises to submit cargo information direct in one go through its automatic cargo information sharing function. It not only helps enterprises save time and cost from repeated data inputting, but also offers an electronic means for enterprises of both places to achieve efficient Customs declarations. The function of the Scheme ensured the accuracy of cargo information, enabling more enterprises to benefit from the completion of Customs declarations for both the Mainland and Hong Kong sides by making a single submission of road cargo information.

6. With the comprehensive promotion of “Single Submission for Dual Declaration” Scheme by the Customs in both regions, as of 25 March

2025, a total of 154 enterprises from Hong Kong registered to participate in the Scheme.

Current and Future Development

7. Hong Kong Customs is actively collaborating with the GACC with plans to further extend the coverage of the Scheme to cargo exported from Hong Kong to the Mainland by the second quarter of 2025, thereby providing comprehensive coverage of road cargo clearance between both places.

Advice Sought

8. Members are invited to note the content of this paper for information.

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