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MEMORANDUM

As part of the facilitation and dematerialization of customs operations in accordance with **Standard 3.25 of the Kyoto convention**, the Ministry of Finance and Budget hereby informs the customs service and users of the obligation of Prior Import Declaration (PID) from **March 1, 2019**, for all imports of goods in Republic of Congo whose value is greater or equal to one million CFA Francs.

As of **February 1, 2019**, the PID is submitted electronically on the e-CUSTOMS website, the new customs electronic services portal, available at douanes.gouv.cg

The Prior Import Declaration must be made at least forty-eight (48) hours before the arrival of the ship or twenty-four (24) hours before arrival for other modes of transport.

The documents to be provided for the PID are:

- 1- The Import Declaration (ID), the Import Authorization (IA) or the validated import special authorization (ISA);
- 2- The final bill;
- 3- The ticket;
- 4- Any other document required for the customs clearance of goods.

The electronic prior import declaration is free of charge.

The customs administration carries out the pre-verification of the PID before the arrival of goods intended to accelerate clearance procedures. The PID validated by the customs administration will be sent electronically to the importer or his authorized customs broker.

The validated PID data will then be used to generate import declarations without additional entry in SYDONIA World.

The practical terms of use of the Prior Import Declaration will be communicated through the eCUSTOMS website and during various seminars and training sessions.

The authorized customs brokers and importers will be able to submit their secured access account request to the e-CUSTOMS system directly online.

This memorandum takes effect from the date of its signing.

Done in Brazzaville, on January 14 2019

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The Minister