

PRESS STATEMENT

CARGO TRACKING NOTES WILL IMPROVE PORT CLEARANCE PROCEDURES

The Association of Ghana Industries (AGI) notes with concern, recent developments and agitations following the announcement of the Cargo Tracking Note (CTN) coming into force effective September 2018.

Port efficiency and the current reforms at our ports constitute critical drivers for trade and economic growth. For a system that seeks to bring sanity to port procedures, providing the GRA with pre-information about containers to Ghana, AGI believes, will inure to the benefit of the business community and Ghana as a whole. We remain committed to ensuring that doing business in Ghana using CTN does not attract any undue additional cost and therefore the assurance from the GRA that the implementation of CTN comes with no fees or charges to the importer or shipper is welcome.

AGI will therefore not endorse attempts to retard progress in the roll out of the reforms being introduced at the ports.

The opportunity to deepen stakeholder consultation is in the right direction. Therefore, while the date for implementation is re-scheduled to October, AGI will quickly like to see further consultation of all relevant parties to find a workable solution to the impasse over the implementation of the CTN. The implementation of the CTN must be a win-win situation for all stakeholders so that no party is unduly disadvantaged to the detriment of their business operations.

It is our expectation that the stakeholder consultations leading to the implementation of the CTN on the re-scheduled date will enhance compliance.

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For and on behalf of Association of Ghana Industries

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