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MISSION:

To protect the society from prohibited items and facilitate the movement of legitimate trade with innovative tools, so as to develop a competitive and sustainable economy.

VISION:

A leading customs administration in protection of society and supporting of the competitive economy.

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- * Ambitious Vision.
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- * Institutional Agility.
- * Happiness and Wellbeing.
- * Knowledge Awareness.

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- * Reinforce customs security.
- * Contribute to the expansion of trade volume.
- * Enhance the quality of services.
- * Ensure institutional evolution.

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The UAE was able to assume a prominent position on the global trade map over the pace of the past fifty years, and now it stands out as an ideal regional trade hub that supports high competitiveness and provides a stimulating and resilient business environment that is open to the whole world. The UAE was also at the forefront and has assumed several advanced positions worldwide in various areas, notably the first place in the Efficiency of Customs Procedures index by the World Competitiveness Center.

This was attainable due to the sincere national efforts made, and still being exerted, by all the competent authorities of the UAE to offer the optimal business environment that encourages investment and doing business and supports trade facilitation, simplification of customs procedures and digital transformation of the customs clearance systems. At this point, Ras Al Khaimah Customs emerges as integral part of the national working system.

The Department, in co-operation with all its strategic partners, is moving on the same direction to boost the competitiveness of the customs sector in the UAE and constantly work on removing barriers for the investors and customers. This is in addition to the standardization and simplification of customs procedures and minimization of the clearance and release times.

Ras Al Khaimah Customs ensures that it is in line with the newly-delivered modern technologies, particularly at its customs centers, where the Department has already been deploying several digital systems and Artificial Intelligence (AI) applications. Such systems are capable of automatically detecting and reading vehicle registration plates and container identification numbers and linking the collected data to the customs declaration, so as to eventually achieve the required advance targeting of persons and items of interest in case of suspicion or if any



UAE is moving towards the upcoming 50 years, behind an inspiring leadership, to follow the path of progress and prosperity in order to enhance its leading position as a global trade center

previous offences are found. Some other sophisticated technologies that support various areas and themes of customs work are currently in use by the Department.

Today and while we are moving towards the upcoming fifty years, we are mindful of the importance of being vigilant as well as the necessity for monitoring and predicting transformations and changes that may arise in the incoming stage in the policies and standards of global trade and supply chains.

We are fully aware of the outcomes of the 4th Industrial Revolution, the Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Blockchain applications, which must be deployed in the optimal manner to enhance the overall customs performance. We are eagerly looking forward to advancing the pace of progress and excel that has been deep-rooted through the prudent directives of the UAE government.

In our race against the future, we are adopting more smart applications and innovations which will support competitiveness of customs work. Our goal is to eliminate the obstacles that the business and investment community may experience and smooth the flow of passengers in order to promote the quality of life level within the society and build a strong and sustainable economy]]

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of the customs broker.



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Customs exemptions includes the import of industrial products such as machinery, equipment, spare parts, raw and intermediate materials and semi-manufactured goods for production purposes.

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Based on the principles of integration, bilateral cooperation, and the deployment of Emirati diplomatic capabilities to promote the investment environment to investors, as well as the desire to upgrade services provided to customers in the industrial sector.

THE Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MOFAIC) and the Ministry of Industry and Advanced Technology (MoIAT) have announced a new era of cooperation to provide supportive digital services, simplify business procedures, reduce costs for investors and owners of industrial businesses, and enhance the investment climate. This collaboration is in line with the goals of the “Projects of 50” to build the best and most active economy in the world, and to consolidate the global reputation of the UAE.

Under this new partnership, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation will support the provision of authentication services to factories through the digital services platform of the Ministry of Industry and Advanced Technology. Authentication fees for industrial



HE: Faisal Issa That cooperation boosts UAE's high ranking in business facilitation indicators, enhances the nation's competitive environment, and creates opportunities to access global markets

investors will also be reviewed.

His Excellency Faisal Issa Lutfi, Assistant Undersecretary for Consular Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, stressed that MOFAIC is keen on integration and cooperation with various government agencies to improve performance and level of services provided. MOFAIC, he said, is working to improve customer experience and facilitate business through a package of upgrades that include digital transformation in line with the directions of the UAE government.

His Excellency added that the next phase will witness ease of digital authentication services for customers in general. This will achieve a strategic benefit to the UAE economy by improving the facilities offered to entrepreneurs in particular. Also, the digital transformation of services will enhance the competitive environment to attract business owners, investors and talents from around the world.

For his part, His Excellency Osama Dr. Osama Amir Fadhel, Assistant Undersecretary for Industrial Accelerators at the Ministry of Industry and Advanced Technology, stressed this new era of cooperation supports the directives of the ministry's leadership to enhance the business environment for local and international investors in the industrial sector, and will contribute to accelerating the authentication procedures in line with the new industrial services platform launched by the ministry to support the performance of the industrial sector.

His Excellency added: The total number of customs exemption transactions and invoices and certificates of origin from factories that required authentication totaled 175,000 in the past year. Simplifying procedures and facilitating invoice authentication services for manufacturers improves ease of doing business and enhances the investment climate in the country

UAE and Kuwait to launch new virtual trade corridor

Abu Dhabi Ports Group announced the signing of a memorandum of understanding with the General Administration of Customs in Kuwait, with the aim of establishing a virtual trade corridor between the UAE and Kuwait, under the supervision of the Department of Economic Development in Abu Dhabi.



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memorandum stipulates that Maqta Gateway, the digital arm of Abu Dhabi Ports Group, and through the advanced platform for trade and logistics (Otlob), will develop the virtual trade corridor, under the supervision of the Department of Economic Development in Abu Dhabi.

Under it, new and integrated policies, procedures and systems will be established that will support the virtual trade corridor, which contributes to simplifying and facilitating cross-border trade. The establishment of this new virtual trade corridor, and the implementation of the associated solutions, provide distinct capabilities for the registration authorities in the two countries, ensuring that they obtain information related to international shipments and goods before their arrival, facilitating the pre-clearance of shipments, and achieving significant savings in the time and cost required to complete them. The memorandum of understanding has many advantages that speed up shipments of perishable goods, and reduce the time required to wait through border crossings on both sides.

The country's ambassador to Kuwait, Dr. Matar Hamed Al Neyadi, said that the cooperation between the Abu Dhabi Ports Group and the General Administration of Customs in Kuwait, in

establishing the first virtual corridor, would contribute more to enhancing trade exchange between the two brotherly countries, serving their goals in digital transformation, and facilitating procedures Shipping in a manner that would further reduce transportation and freight costs, help expand the horizons of economic cooperation, facilitate the movement of supply chains, and encourage businessmen to invest more, using the best digital

solutions and logistics services provided by the virtual trade corridor between the Emirates and Kuwait.

For his part, the Undersecretary of the Department of Economic Development in Abu Dhabi and Chairman of the Logistic Sector Development Committee, the Department of Economic Development - Abu Dhabi, Rashid Abdul Karim Al Balushi, stressed that the establishment of the virtual trade corridor contributes to creating a positive impact on the development of the national economy in the two countries, and supports the efforts made by the leadership in all It also plays an active role in consolidating the position of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi as a global center for trade and logistics services.

In the same context, the Director-General of the General Administration of Customs in Kuwait, Suleiman Abdulaziz Al-Fahd, said that the memorandum of understanding comes within the framework of our strategic plan to develop the capabilities of the customs work system in Kuwait, with the aim of facilitating business, reducing manual reviews to complete administrative and customs procedures, and facilitating the trade community. In both countries through an agreement that takes advantage of the advantages of the global logistics passport]



Dr. Noura Al Dhaheri: Through this virtual trade corridor, we seek to develop policies and procedures and integrate digital systems, which leads to accelerating bilateral trade between the two countries and facilitating the movement of goods



KYOTO CONVENTION ON SIMPLIFICATION AND HARMONIZATION OF CUSTOMS PROCEDURES

By: Yousef Mahmoud Abu Rumi

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World Customs Organization (WCO) has adopted the issuance of the Revised Kyoto Convention, which is considered one of the most important achievements in the customs field of the 21st century. The Revised Kyoto Convention has significantly contributed to the creation of a standardized customs language. It has also transformed the customs procedures from a type of work that is governed by inherited customs traditions and practices tainted by complexity in some occasions or by laxness in the others to a type of work that is based on measurable international principles and standards.

In this article, we will highlight the role of the Revised Kyoto Convention in simplification and facilitation of customs procedures, leading to the overall streamlining of the international trade movement.

Hence, the Revised Kyoto Convention is deemed to be the only reference that lay down the international standards that should be applied by the customs administrations all over the world.

Updating and development of the Convention was commenced in 1974 with the aim to keep up with the requirements of governments and the imperatives imposed by international trade. In 1999, the council of the World Customs Organization approved the Revised Kyoto Convention to settle a set of modern and effective customs procedures for the twenty-first century. The Convention came into effect in 2006, with more than 82 contracting member states.

The Convention has drawn a set of principles for implementing some programs that are aimed at regularly updating the customs procedures, so as to raise effectiveness and efficiency. The following are of the key principles addressed by the Convention:

- The use of modern technology,
- The implementation of new methods and procedures for customs control,
- Stakeholders from the private sector to work with customs as partners within customs process,
- Customs administrations all over the world must demonstrate their commitment to achieving high level of transparency and predictability in customs procedures and operations for both customers and for parties concerned with the international trade,
- The introduction of risk management techniques utilization as a necessity, cooperation with relevant entities and application of best practices, and
- Obligatory implementation, as all contracting parties have to accept these principles under no reservations.

THE KEY RULES THAT GOVERN THE FUNCTIONALITY OF THE AGREEMENT:

1. Standard: which means the provision that every member state has to implement within 36 months as of the date of depositing the instrument of accession with the headquarters of the Organization.
2. Transitional standard: which means the provision that every member state has to implement within 60 months as of the date of depositing the instrument of accession with the headquarters of the Organization.
3. Recommended practice: which means the applications stated in the specific annexes that every member state has to implement within 36 months of the date of depositing the instrument of accession with the headquarters of the Organization, unless reservations on one or more of those applications exist.

The revised Kyoto Convention promotes trade facilitation and effective controls through its legal provisions that detail the application of simple yet efficient procedures. The revised Convention also contains new and obligatory rules for its application which all Contracting Parties must accept without reservation.

UAE JOINING THE CONVENTION:

UAE has fulfilled its commitments within the framework of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and the Gulf Customs Union by joining the Convention before the deadline determined by the end June, 2010. In this context, the UAE is considered the second state of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) to officially join the Convention after Qatar.

After joining the Convention, the Federal Customs Authority (FCA) has formed a national team that comprises representatives from the local customs administration and other competent ministries to take the necessary measures with the aim to put the convention into application. Following the careful consideration of the articles provided for in the Convention and the General Annex and Annex (A), the team was geared up to establish whether the customs procedures that are put into place within the UAE are in compliance with the requirements of the Convention. The team was also tasked with identification of strengths and weaknesses as well as setting an action plan for implementation of the Convention in light of practical reading of the customs procedures reality.

BENEFITS OF JOINING THE REVISED KYOTO CONVENTION CAN BE SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS:

1. facilitation of international trade movement and endorsement of efforts to raise the competitiveness of the UAE.
2. implementation of international security initiatives through the application of risk management.
3. receiving required details in advance in order to apply relevant standards to identify high risk commercial transactions.
4. implementation of the most secure information technology systems, in addition to facilitation of customs procedures by cancelling policies and procedures that block penetration to the markets or result in increasing unnecessary expenses.
5. facilitating the introduction and identification of market products by coding goods and facilitating customs procedures related to these goods.
6. enhancing the effectiveness of customs procedures by reducing steps that hinder or slow customs clearance]]

The UAE recorded the top score for commodity endowment factors (74%), well ahead of all the other trading hubs, driven by its large natural supply of oil.



UAE MAINTAINS ITS POSITION AMONG TOP GLOBAL COMMODITY TRADING HUBS IN DMCC

UAE has maintained its position among the top global commodity trading hubs, according to the third iteration of the Commodity Trade Index presented in DMCC's latest Future of Trade 2022 report.

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The Commodity Trade Index assesses the role of ten key trading hubs within global trade, ranking these countries in terms of their significance in the global commodities trade. The rankings are based on an analysis of ten indicators across three major factors: locational and trading partners, commodity endowments and institutional factors.

The 2022 Commodity Trade Index sees the United States maintain its position as the top global trading hub, scoring 58% overall, despite not recording the highest score in any of the three individual index pillars. Having led the index in its first iteration in 2018, the UAE stands in the second place with a score of 50%. The Netherlands entered the top three hubs for the first time, scoring 48%. Despite the rankings remaining relatively similar between 2020 and 2022, the spread between the top and bottom hubs became wider, suggesting that the pandemic has widened pre-existing gaps between countries in terms of their importance for commodities trade.



Feryal Ahmadi:
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Feryal Ahmadi, Chief Operating Officer, DMCC, said: "Over the past few years, the commodities market has been heavily impacted by the pandemic and the associated supply chain issues. This has been compounded by additional macroeconomic factors such as heightened geopolitical tensions. The global economic environment remains challenging, however, the Commodity Trade Index proved that the UAE has firmly maintained its position as a world leading trade hub. Building on this momentum, DMCC will continue to prioritise increasing the ease of doing business and promoting the huge commercial potential that Dubai possesses."

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The rankings for the other global commodity trade hubs include, Switzerland (48%), the United Kingdom (45%), Hong Kong (44%), Singapore (41%), China (32%), South Africa (21%) and Nigeria (16%).

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THE ANTI-NARCOTICS COUNCIL DISCUSSES PREPARATIONS AGAINST DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING

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Lt. Gen. Dhahi Khalfan Tamim, Deputy Chief of Police and General Security in Dubai, president of the UAE Anti-Narcotics council, in cooperation with the competent authorities, commended the giant efforts in the UAE to reveal drug related criminal patterns, study the reasons and propose innovative solutions with the cooperation of all partners who constitute the national response to handle the drug issue and neutralize all traffickers and dealers of these toxins.

This was during the 4th meeting of the council for 2022 that His Excellence presided over. The meeting was held this morning with the participation of Brigadier Saeed Abdullah Al Sowaidi, Director General of the Federal Anti-Narcotics General Directorate, Vice President of the council, heads of the national supreme committee under the council, officials and anti-narcotics directors in the UAE.

The Council reviewed the ongoing preparations to celebrate the World Anti-Drug Day, which falls on June 26, and which will be under the slogan "Drugs ... a painful end", in an effort to highlight the country's efforts locally, regionally and globally, and the distinguished cooperation in confronting the drug scourge, and the great efforts of the drug agencies. The fight in cooperation with the relevant authorities in the same field under the umbrella of the Narcotics Control Council.

In addition to the efforts taken in the field of awareness and preventive efforts and programs provided by the social, educational and rehabilitation centers in the country in cooperation with the control agencies to preserve the youth. The council discussed a number of other topics on its agenda and took the necessary decisions in their regard.

Diary of a customs inspector

In the early morning, with full vigor and vitality, the customs officer, Aisha Hassan Mabui, heads to her workplace at Al Dara Border Crossing, where she arranges her agenda and looks at the tasks entrusted to her to prepare for her to carry out them with all seriousness and sincerity.

Aisha has great vigilance and a high sense of security, and stresses the importance of customs inspection and strengthening effective customs control over goods, containers, parcels and modes of transport between customs ports in the country for transit goods and goods transported between the various ports of the country... in order to ensure that all illegal attempts are confronted and preserved State security and safety.

It is a situation where a woman happened to travel with her husband across the border to drive someone else of their acquaintance to Shaam area of Ras Al Khaimah, after which they were supposed to return back. The woman was sitting in the back seat of the car. I approached the car to carry out my normal inspection, but when I tried to open the back door of the car opposite to where the woman was sitting, the door was locked. The woman tried to open the window of that door instead. At that specific moment, the woman's behaviour raised my suspicion, as she looked afraid of something. I asked her if she had any effects or things to declare, and she said, "No".

Meanwhile, I noticed something black behind her in the car, so I asked her to move aside as I assumed that the black thing was a bag. However, it turned out to be her black Abaya that was used to cover a number of birds in an attempt to conceal them.

I realized that body language is very important to any customs officer, and that it is a language all customs officers should learn and master. So, some situations and stories that we came across at work do not only enhance our customs inspection skills, but also educate us about body language through careful monitoring of passengers from their movement, behaviour and speed of attention.

DRUGS... DESTRUCTIVE TO MIND AND BODY

UAE has developed proactive plans to combat drugs because of their dangerous effects on the security and the customs centers of the UAE are responding with full force to various smuggling attempts.



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years have witnessed increasing attempts to smuggle Captagon pills in the region, and the UAE has developed proactive plans and programs to combat all types of drugs, using modern and advanced customs systems in place, where it works to detect smuggling of all kinds and forms, in addition to the vigilance of inspection officers to discover the smugglers' methods of introducing these contrabands and confronting such ones protecting society, this was evident in a number of seizures that showed the ability of the inspectors to detect various tricks and smuggling methods.

PRas Al Khaimah Customs seize 29kg of cannabis hidden in vehicle's spare tyre

The Ras Al Khaimah Customs officers at Al Dara border checkpoint managed to seize huge quantity of hashish professionally hidden in the spare tyre of a vehicle as it was trying to enter the country after taking the necessary legal measures.

While the vehicle was being inspected, the officer noticed some changes in the spare tyre of the vehicle. After examining the tyre, the official found 28 bags of hashish, weighing 29.3 kilograms.

The officers took the driver in custody and seized the materials before handing the same to the competent authorities.

The vigilance and sense of security of Al Dara customs inspectors led these narcotics to be seized, Dr. Mohammed Al Mehrezi, Director General of RAK Customs Department, said, adding that this clearly reflects the efforts exerted by the department to develop and support its human cadres.

Al Mehrezi instructed the people concerned to honour the inspectors, who helped seize the narcotics, for their efforts and vigilance in a bid to motivate them and their peers to exert more efforts to prevent the entry of prohibited materials into the UAE.

Dubai Customs makes 936 seizures in 4 months

As part of its role and obligations, Dubai Customs counters all forms of smuggling attempts, especially narcotics, to protect society and the national economy from its negative effects. On the occasion of the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, which falls on June 26, Dubai Customs revealed they have made 936 drug seizures at all customs ports (land, sea, air and passenger operations) in the first



four months of 2022, compared to 558 seizures in the same period last year.

Dubai Customs succeeded in thwarting several attempts to smuggle narcotic substances, which included tramadol tablets, captagon, opium, heroin, hemp seeds, crystal meth, marijuana, and other narcotics.

Passenger Operations Department made 222 seizures between January and April 2022 compared to 198 seizures in the corresponding period last year. The Inland Customs Centers Management made 501 seizures compared to 32 seizures in the first 4 months of 2021, whereas, Air Cargo Centers Management made 207 seizures compared to 325 in the corresponding period in 2021. The Sea Customs Centers Management made 6 seizures compared to 3 in the first 4 months of 2021. Dubai Customs confronts all forms of smuggling of prohibited and narcotic substances, and provides full support to the plans and strategies of the Dubai Council for Border Crossing Points Security in line with the directives of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai.

The early warning technology represented by the Smart Risk Engine helps identify all suspicious shipments

in advance. The customs centers are provided with the latest inspection devices, including the advanced container inspection system; the latest integrated global system for scanning and inspecting containers and moving trucks. It is capable of scanning 160 trucks per hour. Siyaj program, the border security initiative, is constantly updated using the latest AI technologies.

70-YEAR-OLD WOMAN CAUGHT WITH 8.3KG of drugs AT DUBAI AIRPORT

A 70-year-old woman has been caught at Dubai International Airport carrying 8.3kg of drugs. Customs officers discovered almost 8kg of crystal meth in the Central American woman's bag. The medicines were tightly packaged in carbon paper and packed into the suitcase's corners.

The woman had requested that her luggage be delivered to her lodging while she was en route on her trip to another nation. However, during a check, customs authorities discovered the narcotics and detained the lady.

According to Ibrahim Al Kamali, Director of Dubai Customs' Passenger Operations Department, personnel are educated to thwart smuggling efforts in conformity with worldwide best practices]]

[Glossary]



The purpose of this section is to familiarize the readers with the various customs terms to use them whenever necessary.

HARMONIZED SYSTEM

Shall mean a generally accepted global categorization system for goods internationally traded by virtue of a sole commodity code; substances are categorized into groups as per the nature of the materials they are made of.

PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATE

Shall mean a certificate providing that grains, seeds, or vegetable seedlings are free of any diseases.

CERTIFICATE OF WEIGHT

Shall mean a certificate laying down the real weight of cargo and shall be required for homogenous cargo that depends on weight such as rice, sugar, and iron.

SPECIFICATION LIST

Shall mean a document outlining specifications, sizes, and measures of cargo in terms of length, width, thickness, and any other specifications. It shall also lay down the quantity of cargo in cubic meters and shall usually be used for merchandise that depends on size and measurement, not on the basis of weight or packaging, such as woods and certain types of iron.

CERTIFICATE OF SURVEILLANCE OR INSPECTION

Shall mean a certificate issued by specialized companies such as LLOYDS or SGS; whereas cargo shall be inspected and surveilled immediately prior to shipping to make certain of their said specifications. In addition, cargo can be inspected at the port of arrival, if it is perishable during the shipping period.

ANALYSIS CERTIFICATE

Shall be required for materials that need an analysis to know the percentage of the ingredients thereof and shall be issued by specialized entities such as laboratories.

CLEARANCE PAPERS

Shall mean papers given by customs authorities to the captain at the port to prove that the ship met its obligation and is entitled to leave the port.

CUSTOMS DECLARATION

Shall mean that imported or exported goods, upon passing by check or customs clearance points, should be provided with permits to facilitate their pass. Customs permits are in several forms; each respective to a certain customs operation.

CUSTOMS BOND

Shall mean a bond required to be submitted by importers, warehouse owners, carriers, persons importing and handling cargo subject to customs duties. The purpose of this bond is to protect the government's interest while such cargo exists in warehouses or during handling the same and clearing the transactions thereof prior to clearing customs duties thereon.

CUSTOMS BROKER

Shall mean a natural or artificial person who undertakes clearing official transactions related to imported goods and customs clearance for the same, preparing cargo papers made for exportation and submitting the same to customs authorities and submitting other documents required by governmental authorities in foreign countries.

CUSTOMS CLEARANCE

Shall mean the transactions and formalities including paying fees, producing necessary customs documents for clearing imported cargo after being unloaded at air, sea, or land customs check point.

DISCRIMINATING DUTIES

Shall mean the duties levied on imports from a particular state at a tax rate higher than the rate levied on similar imports from other countries.

TRANSIT TRADE

Shall mean carrying commodities from dispatch centers to reception centers and ports with an intent to be temporarily deposited or to be subject to some processing operations, wrapping, or packaging, then re-exporting the same without paying customs duties thereon.

NON-TARIFF BARRIERS

Shall mean the barriers that prevent freedom of trade other than customs duties such as other restrictions on foreign commodities for example the state subsidy of some national commodities.

LABEL

Shall mean a piece of paper, printed statement, metal or leather patch or the like that is attached to the commodity or the container, in which cargo is packed to describe the contents of the container, state the entity to which cargo shall be shipped, the origin and price thereof.]

Services Guide of a new customs clearance companies registration

Ras Al Khaimah Customs Department offers a package of comprehensive and distinguished electronic services in order to provide the opportunity for those wishing to work in the field of customs clearance to register their companies, accredit the customs brokers and representatives to complete customs transactions and review the Customs Department and its affiliated centers.



REGISTRATION OF CUSTOMS CLEARANCE COMPANIES

Regulating the working of customs clearance offices and documenting licensing procedures relating to customs brokers and their representatives. The approved clearance offices will be granted a licence valid for one Gregorian year from the licence date of issue.

Step 1

Login as a registered user and click the service link from home page.

Step 2

Enter all required fields and submit the form. You can support your request by uploading attachments like images and documents

Step 3

Submit the form and you will receive SMS / mail confirmation about the Request with Reference number or you can visit to "My Request" for tracking your request.

ACCREDITATION OF CUSTOMS BROKER

It requested for the general customs broker, who works for a clearance company, and who is authorised to complete customs transactions and attend RAK Customs Department and its customs centres.

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Collect the card from main department office.

ACCREDITATION OF CUSTOMS REPRESENTATIVE

It requested by the representative of the customs clearance company, who works for a clearance company and who is authorised to attend RAK Customs, but without being able to complete customs transactions on Dhabi system.

Step 1

Login as a registered user and click the service link from home page.

Step 2

Enter importer code and other required fields and submit the form. You can support your request by uploading attachments like images and documents.

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Submit the form and you will receive SMS / mail confirmation about the Request with Reference number or you can visit to "My Request" for tracking your request.

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Salem Bin Sultan Bin Saqr Al Qasimi

[Free Zones]

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PROVISION OF SECURE SKIES IS ON THE TOP OF OUR PRIORITIES

By/ Khawla Ibrahim

AS the Emirate of Ras Al Khaimah is moving forward towards confirming its leading position as a leading and attractive destination, Ras Al Khaimah Department of Civil Aviation (RAKDCA) constantly endeavors to elevate the air transport sector in the Emirate to new horizons of excellence whilst continuing to promote the open skies policy.

In Ras Al Khaimah, RAKDCA is the government entity that is responsible for all aviation-related matters. The Department mainly addresses the matters relating to the safety and security of civil aviation in addition to the regulatory aspects of civil aviation in Ras Al Khaimah, with a special focus on maintaining the highest quality standards under the supervision of the UAE General Civil Aviation Authority.

The Customs Windows Magazine had an interview with His Excellency Sheikh Salem Bin Sultan Bin Saqr Al Qasimi, Chairman of Ras Al Khaimah Department of Civil Aviation and RAK International Airport to shed light on the role of the Department in bolstering the presence of Ras Al Khaimah as an attractive destination for business and tourism. Here's the transcript of our interview:

To start with, can you introduce us to the history of Ras Al Khaimah Department of Civil Aviation?

Back in 1976 and under the support and auspices of His Highness Sheikh Saqr Bin Mohammed Al Qasimi, may Allah rest his soul in peace, a decree was promulgated with the purpose of materializing the vision of the Rulers to build the civil aviation sector of Ras Al Khaimah. The foundation stone for establishing an international airport and a vibrant department of civil aviation was laid, thanks to the wisdom, strong beliefs and entrenched principles of the Rulers.

His Highness Sheikh Saud Bin Saqr Al Qasimi, the Ruler of Ras Al Khaimah and member of the UAE Supreme Council, backed the development of this vision with new visions that will encourage the continuous devel-

opment in the Emirate in order for it to be on a par with the best cities in the world. Most notably, the vision of His Highness has incorporated the development of various sectors, including civil aviation, tourism, infrastructure, businesses, investments and enhancing quality of life for the population of Ras Al Khaimah.

The Department is also addressing many other tasks, such as attracting flight organizers and hotels to the region and stimulating coordination with them. We also focus on new forms of businesses, for example: civil aviation schools, aircraft maintenance, and this will position us well in the region. Additionally, we closely coordinate with RAK International Airport, Ras Al Khaimah Tourism Development Authority, RAK Chamber of Commerce and Industry, RAK Economic Zone and Department of Economic Development to promote Ras Al Khaimah as a favorite destination. The Department also concentrates on conducting awareness campaigns in Ras Al Khaimah that involve all sectors of the Emirate, including travel agencies, educational institutions and all internal and external stakeholders.

The vision of the Department is about secured, leading and sustainable civil aviation. How do you work on achieving this vision?

We constantly work on realizing this vision by developing a secure and effective national aviation system. We focus on all programs relating to the safety of airports, inspections and standards in place for designing, building and operating international airports. There are some crucial working elements, such as regular reporting, meetings with the officials in cooperation with the Airport Immigration, Criminal Investigation Department, Customs, Anti-narcotics Police, Border Security and the Airports Department. Other critical aspects will also involve safety and security to ensure that all necessary arrangements are taken to safeguard safety and security of humans and infrastructure as well. We are heavily invested in all types of equipment and technologies, including CCTV, scanners and world-class security trainings in order to maintain the highest standards of security.



Building on Ras Al Khaimah Vision 2030, you have long-established your role in creating value for the local and foreign investors and in promoting Ras Al Khaimah as a remarkable and attractive destination for all. How do you work on achieving that?

We are heavily invested in order to be on a par with the ambitions of Ras Al Khaimah in relation to development of comprehensive infrastructure. This includes a new air cargo station, passenger station and a dedicated area for the free-duty shops, areas for airlines and other security facilities to satisfy the needs of our customers. Our expertise in providing outstanding logistics adds a new level to our services. We are also offering very competitive fees and other benefits to the airlines, including the concept of the single station where our staff serve our customers and passengers with extreme caring and attention.

RAK International Airport is the airport of the Emirate. How do you cooperate with the partners of Ras Al Khaimah Department of Civil Aviation to operate the Airport to the highest levels of efficiency?

As I mentioned before, we run sensitive operations in full coordination with all sections and departments. We also integrate technology within our operations by deploying highly sophisticated equipment and online services to ensure that all our operations are processed in time and without any room for errors.



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Honestly speaking, there is still an unbalanced equation, that is, the Emirate is undergoing a huge developmental and tourism surge, but the movement through RAK International Airport is still shy, with a limited number of airlines operating through the Airport. What are your plans for the Airport to be a gate that is on a par with the development of the Emirate?

A program for a large-scale expansion is under progress at RAK International Airport. This expansion incorporates a significant upgrade to the passenger terminal and the public transport infrastructure, in addition to a new cargo terminal that will be equipped with the state-of-the-art facilities to accommodate the increasing demand for air freight and the tourist flights arriving from Europe.



According to our plans, we focused at the beginning on residents. Our goal was to secure them direct flights to their countries of origin during their vacation seasons. Air Arabia, International Airlines and Air India Express are some of the air carriers that provide those services. We are in the middle of commissioning new flights for Gulf Air, which will connect Bahrain and the rest of the world for all Emiratis and residents of the UAE.

Well! How do you work on attracting more active air operators to RAK International Airport?

Our priorities are now to make air carriers, who are approved by federal authorities such as the Federal Aviation Administration, European Union Aviation Safety Agency and the General Authority of Civil Aviation, available at RAK International Airport. By insisting on such approvals, we make sure that the air carriers operating from the Airport strictly follow the rules and regulations in order to maintain the security and safety of passengers.

Air cargo is a very significant component of the global trade network and the international civil aviation. How do you cooperate with partners to bolster the security of air cargo?

As I mentioned earlier, we are regularly and actively coordinate with all parties and stakeholders. This coordination is primarily focused on the security of air

cargo. We are constantly evaluating weaknesses and closely monitoring the inspections of air carriers. Also, we continuously improve our equipment, train our staff who are tasked with detecting explosive traces, track unauthorized lithium batteries by allocating especially trained K-9 teams to detect explosives. We also make the required airway bills available prior to landing. Additionally, highly sophisticated x-ray machines are used at the Airport. The radiation generated by these machines has the capability to penetrate objects of high density from different angles.

Regarding passenger baggage, we all know that the goods received through the Airport come in different shapes, sizes and densities. This requires more innovative methodology and multi-level checks in order to avoid risks. The process of packing and packaging is another very important element that helps to prevent the entry of any hazardous or illegal materials. Sometimes, the goods may be of large and dense size, and there may be livestock. Therefore, we have equipped our facilities with platforms, tools and equipment that are appropriate for the inspection techniques put in place, as checking of these items for explosives is required before boarding any passenger flight.

What is the role that the Department of Civil Aviation plays to protect the air cargo supply chain? And how important is this role in ensuring the safety and security of civil aviation?

We are actively invested in receiving new training courses from authenticated institutions, such as the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), to ensure that we are on a par with the best airport worldwide as we are not only representing and safeguarding the Emirate of Ras Al Khaimah, but also our beloved country, the United Arab Emirates.



Our expertise in providing outstanding logistics and entrenching the concept of the single station will provide airlines with greater advantages

We focus on all programs that relate to the safety and security of airports, inspections and standards of designing, building and operating international airports.

Building on your position, how do you coordinate your efforts with customs and other partners to ensure a safe, secured and efficient movement of passengers and goods?

As I confirmed a little earlier, we are going with a proactive methodology. Therefore, we regularly double-check through regular meetings that our coordination, controls and quality assurance is accredited and recognized by all concerned bodies, ensuring that the highest levels of management and investment in new technologies, equipment and training courses are accessible to us.

With this huge technological development and transformation to smart services in the UAE, how do you employ such technologies in developing the civil aviation services in Ras Al Khaimah?

The world has recently seen a rapid change in technological development with the introduction of high speed 3D computerized tomography (CT) scanners, big data analytics and smart systems that are capable of collecting and transmitting data through networks, automated machines and intellectual intelligence (AI)



systems, amongst other innovations. This provides new capabilities to proactively tackling and overcoming challenges. Therefore, we can see that we are on the correct track through the use of such tools, training courses and technologies available to us. Our customers, through our smart services, are now able to communicate with us 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year from almost anywhere on the globe. This gives us the opportunity to innovate, meet the needs of our customers, and increase the revenues whilst safeguarding and focusing on the safety and security of passengers and goods.

In what way does the role of the Department of Civil Aviation intersect with customs?

Both are responsible for safety and security of the Airport. International border crossing usually involves a type of checkpoints. Given that international airports are considered among the first points of entry to any country, these airports must have checkpoints through which passengers and goods pass before leaving the airport. As we are one of the gates of the UAE, it is very important to ensure consistent coordination between the Department of Civil Aviation and Customs in order to smoothly provide civil aviation processes that can achieve safety and security of the Emirate of Ras Al Khaimah. So, this gate must be protected.

Can we be provided with recent figures and statistics on the activities of RAK International Airport and the Department of Civil Aviation?

Services	Annual Statistics 2021
Landing permission	831
Engine test approval	22
No Objection Certificate (NOC) for obstacle limitation	3
No Objection Certificate (NOC) for UAVs (drones)	8
No Objection Certificate (NOC) for aerial photography	2
No Objection Certificate (NOC) for fireworks	5
No Objection Certificate (NOC) for travel and air freight agencies (new)	7
No objection certificate for travel and air freight agencies (renewal)	49
No objection certificate for RAKEZ companies	48
Vehicle pass	117
Apron driving license	189
Company registration	60
Airport entry temporary pass	1697
Airport entry permanent pass	883
Exit permit for materials	3869
Photography permit	17
Crew overstay	116



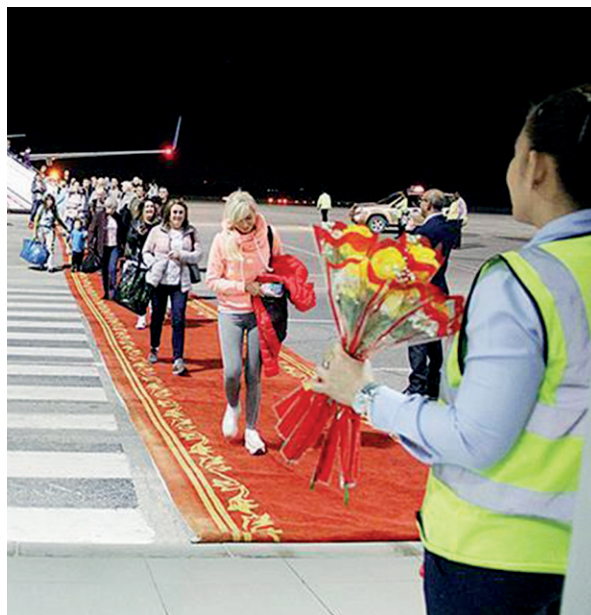
We are well prepared to be one of the best cities in the world, and we aspire to make our country, nationals and residents of the UAE proud of us all

What about your plans for the future?

HE Sheikh Saud Bin Saqr Al Qasimi, the ruler of Ras Al Khaimah and member of the UAE Supreme Council, has provided the leadership and has given a clear vision for development in Ras Al Khaimah. These efforts have been culminated through the dynamic and youthful leadership of HE Sheikh Mohammed Bin Saud Al Qasimi, the Crown Prince of Ras Al Khaimah. HE Sheikh Mohammed has supported all growth and development factors in Ras Al Khaimah, with a focus on the state-of-the-art technology to develop the aviation sector, facilitate accessibility to our services via the electronic government and provide all visitors of this great Emirate with ease and comfort.

While we are moving towards unprecedented growth, the challenges of providing secure skies are on the top of our priorities. This is achievable by carrying out our operations in innovative ways in order to sustain the growth course of the UAE and step into a new era of innovation and excellence. We are stimulating our promotion and marketing to attract other airlines to operate from RAK International Airport. Also we provide convenient and effective solutions, with our focus going to cost-effective solutions for passengers with zero delays. As the number of operators grows, we will see more growth in the number of hotels, shopping centers and government departments, not to mention a perspective increase in the level of free zones activity and many of the other elements that will bring growth and prosperous economy and will contribute to making Ras Al Khaimah the most favorite Emirate for the sector

RAK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT STATISTICS 2021



Passengers

In	334,328
Out	152,032
Transit	19,734



Cargo

In (kg)	5,681,097
Out (kg)	411,573
Transit (kg)	90,327



Flights

Scheduled	
Arrival	1,346
Departure	1,322



Non-scheduled

Arrival	1,574
Departure	1,601



Army

Arrival	1,088
Departure	1,086

Civil aviation training

Arrival	3,757
Departure	3,757



Ismail Ibrahim...

**Honesty, reliability
and efficiency are
the ethics of the
customs broker**

RAS

Al Khaimah has a large business and trading community as well as manufacturing companies that require logistics services in order to connect them to their customers around the world. Connecting People, Improving lives is the core purpose of our organization. Hence Danzas opened its own office to serve the local community through state-of-the-art global logistics services

Would you introduce yourself and your company's services?

My name is Ismail Ibrahim and I am the branch Manager of Danzas in Ras Al Khaimah. I have started my logistics career in 2010 and have been working with Danzas for past 11 years. It was an honor for me to open the new branch and to re-locate to Ras al Khaimah in 2018, which I call my home now. Looking back at these 4 years, I am proud of our team of Logistics and Customs specialists that have been instrumental in building Danzas' brand and presence in Ras Al Khaimah among the local business community.

Danzas AEI Emirates L.L.C. is a joint venture between Al Tayer Group and DHL Global Forwarding that offers leading transportation solutions, whether by air, ocean, and road. Danzas owns and operates over 20 state-of-the-art facilities across Dubai and the Northern Emirates, with key sites in Jebel Ali Freezone, Dubai World Central (Al Maktoum International Airport), Dubai Airport Free Zone and Ras Al Khaimah.

In the Northern Emirates Danzas serves its customers from four locations in Ras Al Khaimah (Al Hamra Freezone, RAK Maritime City, Saqr Port & RAK International Airport). Danzas is the market leader when it comes to customs brokerage. This is well-recognized by the smart free zones and clearance services awards that we won.

Are there any special skills that the customs broker must have, or is it a profession available to everyone regardless of skills and qualifications?

A customs broker generally act as a facilitator between the importers and exporters from one side and the customs authorities from the other side. The broker's knowledge of customs laws and processes, in addition to their work experience in the international supply chain is essential for all parties involved and this ensures full compliance and adherence to customs laws and procedures. Danzas as a customs broker offers a seamless support for importers and exporters by providing all necessary documentation and electronic transmission services and undertaking the formalities related to cargo clearance. It also plays a key role in maintaining the government interests by ensuring compliance with customs and fulfilment of other regulatory requirements, not to mention the collection of the correct duties, taxes, and fees.

A customs brokerage firm must adhere to the rules and regulations regarding transfer of goods across customs borders. Having that said, we should note that customs regulations and laws concerning import and export of goods are constantly changing all over the world, sometimes on a daily basis.

What are the ethics that a customs broker should have?

Danzas's policy is to do the right thing, every time all the time. Honesty, trustworthiness, efficiency and transparent practices should be the guiding principles of customs brokers in conducting their business. A customs broker should adhere to the provisions of the Code of Conduct issued by the Customs Department, and most importantly, should not counsel or assist anyone to act in any way that is detrimental to the integrity of the customs processes.



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The brand name is taken from the original Danzas Company, now rebranded as DHL Global Forwarding, which was established in 1815 by Louis Danzas

Danzas offers customers superior service quality, access to the biggest global logistics network of any company

Do the difficulties of work differ according to the ports, goods and companies or not?

Yes, it differs according to the ports; each customs station has their own set of procedures. Document requirements for clearing the same declaration type is different at each customs center. The deposit refund procedure also differs according to the center.

What is the importance of the work of the customs broker for companies and businesses?

Customs brokers are responsible for ensuring that companies meet the provisions of all regulations, laws and other requirements that are mentioned in the Customs Law. Typically, customs brokers will be able to assist customers with complex issues and guide them with the correct procedures. A customs broker can also act as a consultant who can help to review a company's operations with a view to improvement]]



DUBAI MULTI COMMODITIES CENTRE REPORT FINDS GLOBAL TRADE EXPECTED TO GROW STEADILY

Dubai

Multi Commodities Center revealed the results of its latest report, "The Future of Trade 2022", which predicted that global trade, which in 2021 recorded a record \$28.5 trillion, would continue.[1] Its steady growth during 2022 and the coming years coincides with entering a new era of multilateralism, which is based on regional orientation, services trade, innovation and sustainable trade, in the face of the slowing impact of the global economy.

While global trade is expected to grow at a slower pace during 2022 compared to the previous year, the optimistic outlook still exists despite the issues that are at the forefront of the global scene today, such as the

repercussions of the war in Ukraine and the outbreak of the epidemic. Trade in goods is currently experiencing growth led by pent-up demand caused by the shock after the outbreak of the pandemic, and a recovery in services trade is expected to follow.

On this occasion, Ahmed bin Sulayem, CEO and CEO of DMCC, said: "We expect global trade to maintain its resilient growth this year, albeit at a somewhat slower pace than 2021, during which it achieved record results. In addition to the recovery taking place in the pent-up demand caused by the post-pandemic shock, many of the current long-term changes will support cross-border trade in the coming years, which include growing regionalism, strength in services trade, innovation, and climate policies. There are common efforts we must make for the future of trade and building "More resilient economies to crises, which is closing the financing gap in infrastructure and trade financing, and it is important that we do this in a more environmentally sustainable way. Closing the digital divide between countries and sectors will have a positive impact on global trade for all parties."

A new era of multilateralism

The landscape of trade growth has always been determined by geopolitical factors and will continue into the 2020s, based on new developments in regional trends, bilateral trade, and global investment flows. Trade nationalism, as opposed to protectionism, is likely to continue to dominate the world trade landscape. The old forms of multilateralism are expected to fade away and be replaced by a new type of multilateralism. New trends, such as growing regionalism, will drive the wave of cross-border trade in new sectors, including in digitalization and sustainability.

With the growth of bilateral, regional and multilateral trade deals, the UAE government aims to sign 27 comprehensive bilateral economic partnership agreements with major trading partners, eight of them this year, in support of its efforts to boost trade and foreign direct investment. Both China and Taiwan have applied to join the Comprehensive and Advanced Agreement for the Trans-Pacific Partnership, while the process of the United Kingdom's accession to the agreement is underway, enhancing bilateral trade and investment opportunities.

Under the new business model, cross-border investments and trade will focus on exploring new markets rather than seeking efficiencies. There will be a critical juncture between trade liberalization and digital transformation, and the need to build compatible and interconnected

networks between countries will become clear.

Advances in virtual assets, including central bank digital currencies, will reshape finance, trade and investment globally. Innovative technologies continue to drive productivity gains, sustainable development and growth worldwide, with the critical importance of achieving synergies and synergies between technology and trade during 2022 and beyond.

Faryal Ahmadi, Chief Operating Officer of DMCC, said: "Strong global trade will help countries build resilience, sustainability and economic growth through 2022 and beyond by providing them with goods and services. Restructuring global value chains is a continuous source of liberalization trade and stimulate a recovery in global growth and cross-border trade, by facilitating economic diversification, allowing countries to reduce dependence on limited sources of importers, exporters and sectors.

The Future of Trade 2022 report makes several key recommendations for governments and businesses:

Corporate Trade Policy Recommendations

- Increased exchange of information through communications (including through both traditional and new technologies). This helps prepare for and properly manage unexpected shocks (including geopolitical tensions and natural disasters).
- Expansion and diversification of credit between companies. This contributes to mitigating the effects of the risks. Firms and financial intermediaries must coordinate with each other to address exposure to risk within supply chains through enhanced inter-company credit.
- Focusing strategically on economic diversification in cooperation with governments in order to support resilience and sustainable initiatives in the face of shocks caused by changing oil prices and climate-related uncertainties during production.

Policy recommendations to governments

Continue to prioritize closing trade finance gaps, including through export credit agencies, expanding working capital programs, and new facilities to support SME exporters.

Promotion and promotion of trade as a top priority. Trade relations with less momentum should be given priority because the increase in bilateral trade flows, often leads to a decline in bilateral trade flows with other countries. Bank loans guaranteed by the government should be used to purchase trade receivables and pump cash into supply chains. In addition, these secured loans can be converted into financial bonds and financed through the central bank.

- Improved logistical performance. Reducing trade costs by increasing the efficiency of customs transactions



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Inflation will continue to rise and central banks will become more stringent in their policies to combat price increases.

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and border clearance, improving the quality of trade and transport infrastructure, and facilitating shipments at competitive rates.

Three basic transformations

The report showed that the contours of the new era of multilateralism will be shaped by three major transformations in the global economy.

First, countries will naturally move to raise trade barriers as they want to reduce protectionism because of their costs, which is what happened when the pandemic froze global trade.

Second, inflation will continue to rise and central banks will become more stringent in their policies to combat price increases. This makes borrowing more expensive worldwide, leading to lower import demand and deteriorating export competitiveness.

Third, global trade will be affected by the climate crisis, both in terms of economic shocks and the opportunities it will bring. While government intervention may be needed to reduce potential economic losses, we should see an increase in demand for sustainable goods within both developed and developing economies, creating new opportunities for sustainable trade

NEW EXECUTIVE REGULATION OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY LAW COMPLEMENTS UAE'S LEGISLATIVE PATENT SYSTEM

Terming issuance of the new Executive Regulation as a vital development, H.E Dr. Ahmad Belhoul Al Falasi, Minister of State for Entrepreneurship and SMEs said that the UAE has achieved remarkable results in proliferating the role of innovation and promoting intellectual property while encouraging innovators and inventors following the issuance of Federal Law No (11) of 2021 on the Regulation and Protection of Industrial Property Rights in line with the Cabinet Resolution No (6) of 2022.



THE Executive Regulations are the legal basis for the advancement of ideas, innovations, and inventions by individuals as well as companies. They provide information about the various requirements, controls, and procedures related to submitting industrial properties applications. This includes an explanation of all the roles, stages, and rights, privileges, and objections that go along with the process from submitting the application to registration of the industrial property right. This section is focused on patents, industrial designs, utility certificates and integrated circuits as well as the protection of undisclosed data.

These executive regulations incorporate the most important provisions of international agreements regarding industrial property rights. They are designed to guarantee speed, flexibility, effectiveness, and protection of inventors and owners of inventions. They also provide additional flexibility in the area of patents and industrial properties to the entrepreneurship sector and small and medium-sized businesses. For emerging projects, academic establishments, establishments, and companies with special

departments for innovation, research, development, and production, the Ministry of Economy provides industrial property services that are more efficient and allow them to register patents and patents for their activities.

The regulation also included mechanisms to share knowledge related to new inventions, benefit from research and developments in the private sector, academic institutes, small and middle enterprises, and emerging projects. Months, compared to 42 months before.

The regulation also provided for the definition of mechanisms for substantive, formal, and document examinations of industrial property applications. Additionally, it defined the technical and legal bases for calculating the principle submission for the same invention. It also defined the requirements and data for the industrial property registry. related to.

The Executive Regulations contained details about the new procedures and rights in the new industrial law. They include the protection of integrated circuit layout design. This is important for the country's advancement of advanced technology. It also protects



undisclosed information. This will encourage research and development in both the industrial and commercial sectors.

The Executive Regulations included provisions regarding urgent applications and the conversion of patent applications into utility certificate applications and vice versa. There was also the possibility to divide applications for patents, industrial designs, and utility certificates into multiple applications. This allows protection at all stages of the process and regulates application recovery mechanisms and Grievance mechanisms related to the results.

Between 2020 and 2021, there was a 26.7% increase in the number of applications for utility certificate and patent applications submitted to the Ministry. The percentage of these applications increased by 17.8% during the first quarter (2022) compared to the same period (2021). These applications covered the following areas: /Transportation/ construction and mining; electricity/ and other vital areas.

The Ministry of Economy offers an integrated set of services related to industrial and patent property via its website: <https://services.economy.ae> II



Ahmad Belhoul Al Falasi
The regulation helps in giving a wide legal climate that motivates invention and trademark applications in UAE. This will further assignments the UAE as the best location for inventors in different sectors - comprising - new economy, development, technology, and research.

Good To Know!

IMPORT OF PETS (CATS / DOGS)

You can import cats and dogs into the UAE after receiving permit from Ministry of Climate Change and Environment, through this service, it is agreed to import companion's animals - cats or dogs from outside the country and obtain an import permit valid for 30 days from the date of issuance and then examine these animals at the entry port when they arrive in the country and release them. Verifying that they comply with the import permission, conditions and specifications Necessary technical.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Issuance of Import permit prior to importation, issued through the MOCCAE web site (validity of permit is 30 days. It is not allowed to import pets with an expired import permit).
- Cats and dogs will shipped according to IATA conditions for pet animal transport.
- The cats and dogs must be identified with a permanent microchip, and the chip number in the health certificate must conform with the chip No. which is implanted in the animal.
- The imported cats and dogs shall be accompanied with the following:
 1. Authorized health certificate issued from the competent veterinary authorities.
 2. Vaccination document or passport which must include the animal microchip number, animal full description (species - color - sex - date of birth) and fully meet all vaccinations in annex number (A) herein , and including vaccine name , manufacturing company , batch number , vaccination date .
 3. In case of import from a high risk Country, Rabies Testing certificate from a laboratory accredited by the competent authorities in the country of export including data on the date of sampling, the date and method of examination - stating that the animals were subjected to the antibody titration test before shipping.

For more: <https://www.moccae.gov.ae>

[Business Tourism]



BRAZIL

LATIN AMERICA'S BIGGEST ECONOMIES

Brazil is the world's fifth-largest country by areas at 8.5 million square kilometers. Brazil is bounded by the Atlantic Ocean and it borders all other counties and territories in South America with exception of Ecuador and Chile. Sao Paulo is the capital of Brazil and the country's most famous and over-populated city. Brazil has a coastline of 7,491 kilometers. Its Amazon basin includes a vast tropical forest, which is a home to diverse wildlife, a variety of ecological systems and extensive national resources spanning numerous protected habitats. This makes Brazil one of 17 megadiverse counties, with unique environmental heritage.



BRAZIL spans four time zones, and is also the longest country in the world and the only country that has the equator and the tropical of Capricorn running through it. Brazil's topography is also diverse and includes hills, mountains, plains, highlands and scrublands. The country has a dense and complex system of rivers, one of the world's most extensive, with eight major drainage basins, all of which drain into the Atlantic.

Due to its vast area and varied topography, the country has a wide range of weather conditions, generally tropical with six major climatic subtypes, namely, desert, equatorial, semiarid, oceanic and subtropical.

UAE – Brazil economic relationships

The advancement in the bilateral political relationships between the two countries has witnessed deepened economic relations. As from 2008, the UAE has become the second middle-eastern trading partner of Brazil. Today, both the UAE and Brazil continue working on boosting bilateral cooperation and solidifying economic and trade bonds. The cooperation relationships between the two countries incorporate various vital, high-priority sectors within the sustainable development plans between the two countries, primarily agriculture, food security, transport, energy, renewable energy, innovation, artificial intelligence (AI) and space.

Brazil government has taken several procedures aimed at reducing the operational costs associated with doing business to achieve more growth, attract foreign investment and increase its participation in the global market

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Brazil is a key destination on the UAE's foreign economic cooperation agenda when it comes to this vital region of the world

The Brazilian Trade and Investment Promotion Agency (APEX-Brazil) has opened its office in Dubai, which is the only of its kind in the Middle East

Brazil is the South America's largest economy and a country of prominent and influential international weight, both regionally and internationally. Brazil is a key destination on the UAE's foreign economic cooperation agenda when it comes to this vital region of the world. The volume of the non-oil trade exchange between the two countries reached USD 2.8 in 2020. Exports to the UAE by the Brazilian agricultural sector scored USD 1.4 in 2021. These exports were apportioned between the following sectors: chicken meat, sugar, frozen beef and coffee. The UAE was the 3rd largest Arab destination for Brazil's agricultural exports. The UAE imports sugar, meat, chicken and steel, amongst other, from Brazil, while Brazil primarily imports chemicals and Sulphur from the UAE. Due to the importance that the UAE possesses as a global and regional business attractive destination. The Brazilian Trade and Investment Promotion Agency (APEX-Brazil) has opened its office in Dubai, which is the only of its kind in the Middle East. The Arab-Brazilian Chamber of Commerce has played, through its office in Dubai, a prominent role in deepening the robustness of economic

relationships between the two counties through various economic events that the Chamber organizes and takes part in.

The engagement of Brazil in Expo 2020 Dubai with its pavilion has offered an ideal opportunity for the Brazilian companies to familiarize themselves with the international innovations that relate to sustainability, mobility and opportunities for building a sustainable world. Such participation opened new horizons to Brazil in order to foresee and boost business with different participating countries as well as the UAE. In his press statements, Sergio Segovia, the Commissioner General of Brazil pavilion at Expo 2020 Dubai and Chairman of the Brazilian Trade and Investment Promotion Agency (APEX-Brazil), expected that the volume of trade exchange between the two countries would raise by 10% following the active participation of Brazil in Expo 2020 Dubai.

Attractive Facilitations for Foreign Investment

Brazil has the largest share of global wealth that can be located in South America. The economy of Brazil is considered an advanced emerging economy. The World Bank classifies Brazil as a newly industrialized country and an upper-middle income economy. To achieve more growth and to attract foreign investment, Brazil

2.8
Billion US Dollars
The volume of
non-oil trade
exchange between
UAE and Brazil

1.4
Billion US Dollars
Brazilian
agribusiness
exports to the UAE



government has taken several measures to reduce operational costs associated with doing business in Brazil and increase participation in the global market.

Diversified economy

Brazil's diversified economy includes agriculture, industry, trade and a wide range of services. Industry in Brazil, including automobiles, steel, petrochemicals to computers, aircrafts and consumer durables, contributes to boosting Brazil's GDP. The country is the largest producer of a number of agricultural commodities. It is one of the major grain producers in the world as well. Brazil has been the world's largest producer of coffee for the last 150 years. The country is a major exporter of soybeans and iron ore. In the mining sector, Brazil stands out in the extraction of iron ore, copper, gold, bauxite, manganese, tin, niobium and nickel. Additionally, Brazil is the world's largest producer of a number of precious stones, such as amethyst, topaz and agate, and one of the main producers of tourmaline, emerald, aquamarine and garnet.

Brazilian exports

Brazil ranks 23rd worldwide in the value of exports, which include airplanes, electronics, cars, ethanol, textiles, footwear, iron ore, steel, coffee, orange juice, soybeans and beef. Turning to exportation of foodstuff, Brazil, in 2019, was the second largest exporter of processed foods in the world. It is reported that Brazil is one of the world's largest exporters of "Halal" protein. The country has realized a big increase in exportation of sugar, soybeans and wheat, in addition to chicken meat and beef.

Tourism on the Beats of Samba

When you decide to go to Brazil to explore the potential trading opportunities and open bridges to your business, do not forget in the midst of all this to give yourself the opportunity to discover the endless charming of this country, starting from the incredible Amazon forests, which embrace a lot of animal and tree species that you will not be able to see but there. Do not miss the opportunity to enjoy the charm of its extended beaches. Sand dunes to northeast of Brazil have special charm and reverence. History has a story that the sprawling historical and cultural areas in Minas Gerais can tell. Visiting Brazil, especially in Rio de Janeiro, will put into your hands a unique opportunity to enjoy the reverence of one of the new seven wonders of the world, that is, the statue of Christ the Redeemer. If you still have plenty of time, just stop by Iguazu Falls in Parana State located along the borders with Argentina. You will be the lucky one if your visit to Brazil coincides with the Samba dance carnivals. Surely, you will enjoy watching dancers moving in agility on the whoopee beats that will encourage you to sway with **]]**



RAK Customs obtains Business Continuity ISO 22301 certificate

▶ RAK Customs has obtained a certificate of conformity with the international Business Continuity ISO 22301 in cooperation with the regional Global Business Bureau and the international TUV after the Department successfully passed the stages of the audit process and following the satisfactory implementation of all criteria of the ISO 22301 standard.

The Department has also been very keen to ensure that the national standard of Business Continuity Management system NECMA 7000:2021 is implemented in conjunction with the ISO 22301.

The Department is reported as one of the first government entities to implement that up-to-date standard.

The Department has succeeded in setting an integrated strategy for a business continuity management system in accordance with international best practices to overcome any incidents that may hinder workflow or crises that may hold back the ability of the Department to continue the provision and delivery of its services, operations or activities to stakeholders.

The Department's approach focused on identifying and highlighting potential risks, developing appropriate plans and selecting correct strategies to minimize disruption impact and interruptions to restore services and operations to the required level before the incident.



Customs Sector in the UAE, an effective element in shaping the future of customs all over the world through innovative projects

▶ HE Major General Suhail Saeed Alkhaeeli, the Acting Director General of the Identity, Citizenship, Customs and Port Security, headed the first meeting of 2021 for the UAE customs director generals, which was held this morning at Dubai Expo 2020. The meeting was attended by HE Ahmed Abdullah Bin Lahej Alfalasi, the acting Director General of the General Administration of Customs, Their Excellences the directors general of the local customs departments and a number of officials from the General Administration of Customs.

HE Major General Suhail Saeed Alkhaeeli, in an opening speech at the beginning of the meeting, reiterated that the senior leadership of the Authority is very keen to ensure that the customs sector in the UAE becomes an effective element in shaping the future of customs all over the world through developing innovative projects and implementing leading developmental initiatives that contribute to strengthen security and facilitating trade.



The Federal Authority for Identity, Citizenship, Customs and Ports Security issues The New Generation of the UAE Passport

► The Federal Authority for Identity, Citizenship, Customs and Ports Security declared the issuance of the new generation of the Emirati Passport, as part of the new generation of Emirati passports and national ID card project, which was launched in June 2021. The project came within the framework of achieving the strategic objectives of the authority to support the National goals in enhancing the international competitiveness of UAE. His Excellency Ali Muhammad Al Shamsi, Chairman of the Federal Authority for Identity, Citizenship, Customs and Ports Security, said that the new generation of the UAE Passport is part of achieving the UAE government's vision to reinforce the UAE identity using the latest technologies, and to provide distinctive services for the identification of personal identity in accordance with the best international standards. This project aims to enhance the flexibility of doing business related

to individuals in various institutions of the UAE, in order to improve the quality of life and provide a travel experience that strengthens the leading position of the UAE.

His Excellency confirmed that the Authority will continue to improve and develop its services in line with the future directions of governments worldwide.

Exceptional Specifications

The new Emirati Passport will be issued effective from the first of September 2022, representing a new technological leap in line with the directions of the wise leadership to consolidate the movement towards the smart government to maximize the civilized status of the United Arab Emirates within the various government services provided and for fulfillment of the modernist security and technological requirements in proving the personal identity.



Understanding between Abu Dhabi Customs and Trademark Owners

► The Abu Dhabi General Administration of Customs has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Trademark Owners Council at its headquarters on the protection of intellectual property rights, with the aim of deepening cooperation and coordination in the fight against commercial fraud and counterfeiting and trademark counterfeiting. The memorandum, signed by the Abu Dhabi Customs CEO and Board of Directors, the Support Services Industry and the Chairman of the Board of Directors, is intended to strengthen efforts to combat counterfeit and fraudulent products in the marketplace, cooperation in consumer education on intellectual property, and the dangers of using or selling counterfeit products, coordinating the organization of awareness-raising campaigns and educational programs, as well as contributing to the creation of a database that provides all the necessary information in the field of combating commercial fraud and increasing efficiency. Abu Dhabi customs inspectors and their ability to distinguish between genuine and counterfeit goods and goods. The signing of the Memorandum of Understanding emerged from the conviction that it is important to integrate the roles between the public and private sectors in the field of intellectual property protection and consumer rights protection. Emirate of Abu Dhabi's economic interests and investors in accordance with the laws and regulations in force in the Emirate.

Ajman Free Zone and Zajel sign MoU to offer shipping services

► Under the agreement, Zajel will provide smart and efficient delivery services to free zone business partners, including the shipping and delivery of packages around the world. This collaboration will allow AFZ's business partners and customers to benefit from the wide range of services provided by Zajel locally and internationally, including delivery and e-Commerce services and solutions; international import and export services; and land, sea, and air freight services. Ali AlSuwaidi, Director General of Ajman Free Zone, stated that this MoU establishes a framework for effective collaboration between AFZ and Zajel, which will improve the efficiency of AFZ's value-added services and expand the range of facilities it provides to its business partners.



DUQE Free zone launches its operations from the Queen Elizabeth 2 in Dubai

► DUQE Free Zone has announced the official start of operations at its headquarters in the historic Queen Elizabeth 2 Floating Hotel; the newest free zone in Dubai that headquartered on a floating hotel in Dubai waters for the first time. In the presence of a group dignitaries and businessmen in the start-up companies' sector in the United Arab Emirates, DUQE announced its partnership with the Ports, Customs and Free Zone Corporation (PCFC), an umbrella organisation operating under the Dubai Government, in providing full integrated support for the benefit of entrepreneurs and emerging entrepreneurs from expanding their businesses, through an approach that enhances the flexibility of doing business in the United Arab Emirates. It is a step that aims to meet the increasing need for competitive and pioneering solutions for establishing companies, in light of the strong economic recovery and the continuous flow of international companies that relocate their offices and employees to Dubai. DUQE seeks to provide assistance beyond the stage of launching companies; to provide a wide and comprehensive range of value-added services, including bank account opening assistance, accounting, medical fitness checks, Emirates ID, health insurance, VAT registration process, as well as business center solutions.



A body-worn camera to document customs inspections at Ras Al Khaimah Customs

► RAK Customs has introduced a new mechanism to ensure safety and security of customs inspectors while performing their duties and to document customs inspections of warehouses by utilizing body-worn cameras that are directly linked to the monitors of the Operations Room of the Department. HE Dr Mohammed Al Mehrezi, the Director General of RAK Customs Department, said that the body-worn cameras will provide a footage database of inspections and smuggling attempts. Al Mehrezi pointed out that videos from the database will also be used for the purposes of training new recruits and as evidence and proof of facts in such instances.



Ahmed Bin Lahej visits Al Dara border to ensure the quality of services

► HE Dr. Mohammed Abdullah Al Mehrezi, the Director General of Ras Al Khaimah Customs, received HE Ahmed Abdullah Bin Lahej, the Acting Director General of Customs at the Identity, Citizenship, Customs and Port Security at Al Dara border. The visit was aimed at viewing work procedures, ensuring the quality of services provided at Al Dara border, in addition to honoring a number of customs inspectors at the center for their efforts in maintaining the security of the border. HE Ahmed Abdullah Bin Lahej honored the customs inspectors who contributed to foiling the attempt to smuggle a quantity of narcotic substances into the UAE through Al Dara border. The honoring ceremony held at Al Dara border was attended by Mr. Mutaib Muhammad Albannai, the Manager of the Customs Control and Inspection Department, and Mr. Marwan Muhammad Doorbeni, the Assistant to Director General for Customs Operations, in addition to a number of departmental partners at Al Dara border.



Innovators' Forum at Ras Al Khaimah Customs

► In conjunction with the activities and events of the "UAE Innovation Month", Ras Al Khaimah organized the "Innovator" Forum event in cooperation with the Institute of Applied Technology in Ras Al Khaimah. The event was aimed at promoting the culture of innovation and investment in developing brains, strengthening students' self-confidence and adopting innovation practices. The students of the Institute of Applied Technology, during the event, demonstrated their innovative projects, which were very well-received by the attendees. In their participating projects, the students were very keen to employ modern technologies, particularly robot technologies and modern sciences, in handling a number of challenges associated with health, environment and safety. Amongst the most prominent participating projects were a skin cancer detector, a device for recycling muddy water that uses bio-filters, registration of attendance through face recognition technology, and a bumper dropping system, which was awarded the Innovative Student Project of 2021 at Ras Al Khaimah Award for Educational Excellence.