

Customs requirements and procedures;

- (b) an effective computer system in operation capable of producing, storing, processing, tracking and transferring electronically all the necessary data and information relating to the international movement of goods and other related activity, in conformity with WCO and other international standards, or performing any other functions in respect of which an agreement has been concluded with the Commissioner General;
- (c) individuals who will administer the referred computer system are technically competent to do so;
- (d) entered into a user agreement with the Commissioner General relating to the interchange of data and information by this method; and
- (e) prepared and submitted to the Commissioner General an operations procedure manual relating to the EDI.

(2) The applicant shall also produce proof that adequate measures have been introduced to exercise reasonable care to-

- (a) ensure that all standards referred to in the user agreement are adhered to in particular those in relation to maintaining the integrity and security of data;
- (b) retain control of any digital signature allocated by Customs and for the prevention of its disclosure to any person not authorised to affix such signature; and
- (c) ensure that all information remains complete and unaltered apart from the addition of any change which may occur in the normal course of communication, storage and display.

25. (1) The user agreement shall include- the terms

and conditions for regulating computer communication with and by a licensed user, including conditions that the user shall-

- (a) use computer equipment and facilities of a class or kind specified in the agreement;
- (b) ensure, in the manner specified in the agreement, the security of the information and data, and any digital signature assigned under the terms of this Act;
- (c) provide reasonable access to the computer system of the registered user by Customs for such verification and audit purposes as may be required in terms of any provision of this Act.

(2) The method and period for which electronic records shall be kept.

(3) The detailed specification of the system of data transfer.

Application for licensing

26. Application for licensing as a user of EDI shall be in the form prescribed and shall be accompanied by the operations procedure manual and two signed copies of the user agreement in the prescribed formats.

Issue of license and signing of user agreement

27. The Commissioner General may issue a signed copy of the user agreement and the license to the applicant where all the prescribed conditions have been fulfilled.

Digital signatures

28. (1) The Commissioner General shall assign the unique digital signatures to persons licensed to use EDI with Customs.

(2) The digital signature must only be used by the person authorised to make Customs declaration or present information to Customs under the provisions of this Act.

(3) Persons assigned with such signatures have a legal responsibility not to allow them to be used by any