

TRANSITION STRATEGIES

To adapt themselves to processes and sequences all the main firms in the still operative Freeport – among them the leading container terminal operators Eurogate and HHLA – will already be functioning as required in the future in a European Customs Seaport (see explanations below) as from **1 December 2012**.

For you as drivers this will have the advantage that from this date onwards, the Interchange Receipt for containers cleared in accordance with European Customs Seaport regulations will be endorsed to that effect, and you can therefore use the fast lane along the Freeport border that will remain in force until 31.12.2012.

In addition, no summary declaration will need to be presented at the Freeport border on runs leaving this (e.g., for CTA) on tours between different terminals.

KEY DATE!
1 December 2012

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**THE COUNTDOWN
IS ON ...**

From Free Port to European Customs Seaport



**ESSENTIAL TIPS, HINTS AND
DATA FOR TRUCKERS AND
DISPATCHERS**

BACKGROUND

After almost 125 years, the story of the Freeport in Hamburg will come to an end on **1 January 2013** the turn of the years 2012/2013. This will coincide with changes in Customs procedures.

In future clearance will be regulated by what is known as a European Customs Seaport. Basically, procedures will then be identical with those which you have been familiar with at Container Terminal Altenwerder (CTA) since 2002.

Nevertheless, we should like to provide you with some information designed to simplify the transition from Freeport to European Customs Seaport for you.

You will find this flyer (in other languages too) as well as further details at the following internet addresses:

www.eurogate.de
(EUROGATE GmbH & Co. KGaA)

www.hhla.de/zoll
(Hamburger Hafen und Logistik AG)

www.hafen-hamburg.de
(Hafen Hamburg Marketing e.V.)

www.vhsp.de
(Verein Hamburger Spediteure e.V.)

www.vshhamburg.de
(Verband Straßengüterverkehr und Logistik Hamburg e.V.)

IMPORTS

Loaded containers arriving by seagoing ship are on arrival (“presentation”) at container terminals in temporary custody (AT/B/15...).

Please check **prior to collection** whether the containers are available for handover. In future container terminals will only be handing over containers once the Customs has stated that containers may leave the place of presentation (=terminal) and that the goods have been transferred to Customs-approved treatment (e.g. for clearance, transit, etc.).

To avoid waiting times for the handover of loaded containers and unnecessary traffic hindrances in the port area, you should only approach a container terminal when

- ▶ Customs clearance has been completed **or**
- ▶ declaration for transit, e.g. with T1 or Carnet TIR, is planned **or**
- ▶ the container may be moved while in temporary custody.

Your customers/dispatchers have various alternatives for receiving information on the delivery status of a container.

Apart from the data systems run by port operators – e.g. Coast, Infogate – participation in the **IMP Import Message Platform (www.imp-hamburg.de)** is specially recommended, since all status data (incl. ship arrivals, readiness of containers for handover, release by the authorities, etc.) is pooled here.

Further information about the opening or clearance from transit is available on the spot from the **Customs officials** at the following container terminals:

Container Terminal Altenwerder (CTA)
Mon. 06:00 to Sat. 15.00 Uhr* (throughout)
Container terminal Burchardkai (CTB)
Mon. 06:00 to Sat. 18.00 Uhr* (throughout)
Container Terminal Eurogate (CTH)
Mon. 06:00 to Sat. 13.00 Uhr* (throughout)
Container Terminal Tollerort (CTT)
Mon. 06:30 to Sat. 13.00 Uhr* (throughout)
*(*Adjustments possible by agreement with the terminals)*

No Customs officials are ever regularly present on the spot at any of the delivery and/or collection points in the Port of Hamburg not mentioned here.

Declaration for transit or clearance of a transit operation is only possible at these places when either the **mobile field service of the Customs** has been booked or the firms delivering or receiving goods are in possession of official Customs permission as “**authorized consignor**” and/or “**authorized consignee**”.

Declaration for transit or clearance of a transit operation is also possible at the Customs inspection offices (Waltershof and Windhuk Kai). For this, the goods can be transported into the temporary custody of the Customs offices and/or the firms. On completion, temporary custody is to be detailed on an official form (HH 0339-E).

These variants must be individually discussed in advance.

CUSTOMS SUPERVISION/INSPECTION

If Customs has ordered a **Customs check/ inspection**, the customer/dispatcher should at once contact the container terminal so as to agree on the essential details.

To the extent that these checks (e.g. CPA, inspection), cannot be implemented at the delivery address, before transport to the final recipient you must at all costs drive independently to one of the following **Customs inspection offices** in the port. Transport to the container checking point or place of inspection can only be provided in the course of **custody**.

Customs Inspection Office Waltershof
(incl. container checking point)
Finkenwerder Straße 4, 21129 Hamburg,
Mon. 06:00 to Sat. 13.00 Uhr** (throughout)
Customs Inspection Office Waltershof
Indiastraße 4, 20457 Hamburg,
Mon. to Fri. 06:00 – 22.00 Uhr**
*(**From 1.1.2013 round-the-clock, i.e. 24/7)*

Please also bear in mind that from 1.1.2013 you will no longer be stopped automatically by the Customs when you leave the port area, as has happened in the days of the Freeport. Please bear that in mind!

Non-observance of these Customs regulations will involve the risk that **you personally will be held responsible for the “Customs debt”**. In your own interest, you should abide strictly by the instructions from your principal.

EXPORTS

Here barely anything will change for you in daily practice. The most significant change is in the **completion of the transit procedure**. As already described under “Imports”, transit procedures are to be completed **directly** at the four above-mentioned container terminals (CTA, CTB, CTH, CTT), if the containers are to be handed over there. Should transit procedures be due for completion at **places other than the four container terminals**, then the **special arrangements** for imports (e.g. booking of the mobile field service of the Customs or completion at Customs inspection offices) are applicable.

When you are delivering “dutiable goods” (T1, Carnet TIR etc.) you must expressly demonstrate to the delivery points that you are doing so, e.g. by presenting the documents accompanying the shipment!

TRANSFER RUNS

As already described for imports, a container not yet handled by the Customs may only be moved (e.g. from CTB to CTH) while it is in temporary custody. A transfer of this kind must be notified in advance using the ATLAS IT procedure.

TEMPORARY STORAGE PERIODS

Containers in the temporary custody of the Customs may remain at the container terminal for a maximum of 20 days (with shoreside delivery) and/or 45 days (with waterside delivery). After that, as a rule a transfer (fees payable) to a Customs warehouse is urgently required. Container terminals will provide timely notification in advance of the deadline for those responsible; and consult on further steps.