



Customer Advisory

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Dear Valued Customers

Subject: Kenya Import– Mandatory Advance Cargo Declaration (ACD)

The Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) has announced the implementation of a new Advance Cargo Declaration (ACD) platform for all containerized Kenya local cargo destined for Kenyan ports, effective 03 August 2026. Under this new regulatory requirement, an ACD Reference Code must be obtained prior to shipment loading and endorsed on the Bill of Lading. The requirement applies to all containerized cargo imports for Kenya ports.

Customer guidance for obtaining the Kenya ACD reference number

1. Register: Log into the official website: <https://acd.kra.go.ke>
2. Submit Documents: Upload required documents to receive a draft ACD.
3. Validate: Pay fees to receive the final validated certificate.
4. Finalize BOL: Ensure the 15-digit ACD number is clearly printed on the final Bill of Lading.

Shippers, Exporters are required to upload the following documents on the ACD platform

- Draft Bill of Lading
- Commercial Invoice
- Freight Invoice
- Export Declaration

Failure to comply with the Advance Cargo Declaration requirements may expose the import customer to customs-imposed fines due to ACD non-compliance.

Should you require further clarification, please contact your local customer service representative.

Thank you for your support and partnership with ESL.