

Preclearance

**Smooth customs process
starts here!**



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What is Preclearance?

Preclearance is the process of declaring goods on the Customs management system and paying all applicable duties and taxes before the goods arrive at the port of entry e.g. a border.

By preclearing your goods, you ensure faster and more efficient processing, avoiding unnecessary delays.

Why Preclear Your Goods?

- Time Efficiency: Shorter clearance time for goods
- Reduced Dwelling Time: Minimized delays at the border
- Decongestion at Borders: Supports adherence to health and safety protocols
- Reduced Cost of Doing Business: Save both time and money
- Improved Customer Experience: Smooth, predictable clearance
- Trade Facilitation: Key component in the modernization of Customs procedures

Role of Customs Services

- Provide guidance on pre-arrival processing options and conditions
- Implement effective risk management to facilitate faster clearance
- Expedite release of goods, including those requiring mandatory inspection (e.g., motor vehicles)
- Foster collaboration among stakeholders including Clearing Agents, transporters and the trading community

Role of Importers/Exporters

- Cooperate effectively – Pre-arrival processing depends on strong partnership with the trade community
- Ensure timely and correct declaration and submission of all required documents

Role of Clearing Agents

- Lodge Customs declarations before arrival of goods at the border
- Respond promptly to any Customs queries