China Customs Strives for more Transparency

As the leading force at the points of entry, China Customs supervises and controls the flow of goods, articles, and transport. In carrying out its duties, Customs collects all kinds of information about what is happening between China and the rest of the world.

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This collection of information forms a solid foundation underpinning the informed decisions of all walks of life. Government officials, economic operators, or institute researchers, no matter who you are, when you need to measure China's foreign trade in numbers, China Customs is always a reliable data source.

In addition to trade statistics, people may also want to know how trade is regulated by Customs and how to comply with the regulations. Moreover, they need to be updated if important things change.

To meet the ever increasing demand of society for relevant information and standardize the information disclosure processes, China Customs promulgated "Measures for the Disclosure of Customs Government Information" (GAC Decree, No. 215) on February 26, 2014.

According to the Measures, China Customs shall, on its own initiative, publicize the following information:

 $\sqrt{}$ Customs regulations, rules, measures, and normative documents in other forms;

√ Customs official interpretation, explanation, or notes about important policies, regulations, etc.;

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√ Formalities about all Customs Administrative Approvals, for example, the legal basis, conditions, procedures and time limit of a particular Approval;

 $\sqrt{}$ Contact information about Customs establishments and Customs officers, for instance, the address, working time, telephone number of a Customs establishment, the name, ID, title and authority of a Customs officer;

 $\sqrt{\text{Comprehensive statistics on foreign trade;}}$

 $\sqrt{\text{Customs fees and charges}}$;

 $\sqrt{}$ Auction of goods confiscated by Customs.....

People are advised to seek the information from China Customs' official website

www.customs.gov.cn

or call its hotline

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for questions and help.

Reference

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