

**ORDER**  
**OF THE STATE CUSTOMS COMMITTEE OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**  
**NO. 155 OF FEBRUARY 14, 2001**  
**ON THE PROCEDURE FOR COORDINATION OF DECISIONS TO**  
**RELEASE GOODS FOR FREE CIRCULATION**

With the aim of strengthening control of authenticity completeness of information about goods and means of transport declared during their customs clearance in accordance with the customs treatment of [release of goods for free circulation](#) on the basis of [Article 180](#) of the Customs Code of the Russian Federation and [Order](#) of the State Customs Committee of the Russian Federation No. 288 of April 10, 2000 and also in order to facilitate implementation of risk analysis and management system into practical work of customs bodies I hereby order:

1. Should any risks occur during customs clearance that are specified in the List of Risks Occurring During the Release of Goods for Free Circulation (hereafter referred to as the List, [Annex 1](#)) heads of custom-houses are to coordinate their decisions to release goods for free circulation as required under the Model Procedure for Coordination of Decisions to Release Goods for Free Circulation (hereafter referred to as the Coordination Procedure, [Appendix 2](#)).

*On the agreeing upon of the release of certain categories of goods coming to the address of consignees situated in Moscow and the Moscow Region see [Order](#) of the State Customs Committee of the Russian Federation No. 625-r of June 13, 2001*

2. The Coordination Procedure shall not be applied to goods received as humanitarian aid, the goods sent in international postage items and by express delivery companies and those imported to the address of foreign diplomatic missions in the Russian Federation.

*The procedure for the agreeing upon of the release of goods for free circulation shall not be applicable:*

*- in the case of the customs clearance of a single lot of motor vehicles indicated in [Order](#) of the State Customs Committee of the Russian Federation No. 694 of December 25, 1999 imported into the territory of the Russian Federation by organisations included in the list stipulated by [Item 6.4](#) of the Instructions on the Control of the Customs Value of Motor Cars (Telegram of the State Customs Committee of the Russian Federation No. TF-3410 of February 13, 2001)*

*- in the cases indicated in [Items 2, 3, 7, 8, 9 and 11](#) of the List of Risks in the Release of Goods for Free Circulation, endorsed by this Order, in the conduct of the customs clearance of goods imported into the customs territory of the Russian Federation by the organisations indicated in [Annex 2](#) to Order of the State Customs Committee of Russia No. 131-r of February 14, 2001 ([Letter](#) of the State Customs Committee of the Russian Federation No. 01-06/13844 of April 12, 2001)*

*- in respect to commodities received by commercial organizations under the full ownership of foreign investors ([Letter](#) of the State Customs Committee of the Russian Federation No. 01-06/17565 of May 7, 2001)*

*- in respect to commodities, import of which is regulated by the [Direction](#) of the State Customs Committee of the Russian Federation No. 01-15/8613 of March 17, 1999 and [Letter](#) of the State Customs Committee of the Russian Federation No. 01-15/9687 of March 29, 1999 ([Letter](#) of the State Customs Committee of the Russian Federation No. 01-06/19190 of May 17, 2001)*

3. Heads of regional customs departments and custom-houses shall be personally responsible for the execution of this Order.

4. By May 1, 2001 the Department of Special Equipment and Automation of Customs Technologies (L.M.Ukhlinov) and the Main Computer Center (S.L.Gusev) shall make the necessary changes to the software of the automated system of customs clearance and customs control

employed by the customs bodies to enable coordination of decisions to release goods for free circulation in electronic format and draft their proposals to develop a computer program to exercise control of customs clearance.

5. In coordination with regional customs departments and on the basis of locations of customs stations and structural units in charge of coordination of decisions to release goods for free circulation heads of custom-houses are to draft on the basis of the Coordination Procedure process schemes for coordination of customs clearance and customs control.

*See the [List](#) of the Custom Houses That Are Competent to Agree Upon the Issues concerning the Possibility of Deciding on the Release of Goods for Free Circulation, approved by [Order](#) of the State Customs Committee of the Russian Federation No. No. 01-99/1242 of November 13, 2000*

6. On a quarterly basis (by the 5th day of each month following the reporting one) heads of regional customs departments shall forward to the Main Department of Organization of Customs Control the analytical reports on risks originating in the course of customs clearance and customs control.

7. Declare invalid [Order](#) of the State Customs Committee of the Russian Federation No. 67 of January 22, 2001 and [Telegram](#) No. 3273 of February 9, 2001.

8. Deputy chairman of the State Customs Committee of Russia V.V.Shpagin shall supervise the execution of the present Order.

9. This Order shall become effective as of its signature date.

Chairman of the Committee  
Colonel-General of the  
Customs Service

M.V.Vanin

**Annex 1**  
**to [Order](#) of the State Customs Committee**  
**of the Russian Federation**  
**No. 155 of February 14, 2001**

### **List** **of Risks Occurring during Release of Goods for Free Circulation**

1. If information given in the electronic notice received from the customs body of departure, a document of control of delivery of goods or in the [TIR](#) book differs from the data stated in the cargo customs declaration (hereafter referred to as the [CCD](#)), provided such discrepancies result in a reduced amount of payable customs duties and taxes.

2. If in one CCD goods are declared which were delivered in several means of transport, railway cars or containers (apart from bulk or tanker cargo, goods carried by railway transport in open rolling stock).

3. If one lot of goods [\\*\(1\)](#) which are delivered in a single transport vehicle, railway car or container are declared in several CCDs (splitting of one lot of goods) [\\*\(2\)](#).

4. If goods are submitted for customs clearance to a customs body different from the customs body stated in the document of control of delivery of goods or the TIR book.

5. If the document of control of delivery of goods or the TIR book, transport and shipping documents state conflicting data on the weight, name or cost of goods, country of origin of the goods.

6. If the document of control of delivery of goods or the [TIR](#) book, transport and shipping documents contain any corrections and alterations not duly certified.

7. If even a single document required for customs clearance has not been submitted.

8. If with respect to the consignee there are any effective decisions of a customs body on cases involving violations of customs rules covered by [Articles 276, 277, 278, Part 1 of 279, 280,](#)

[281](#), [282](#), [283](#), [284](#) with regard to requirements of [Article 241](#) of the Tax Code of the Russian Federation [\\*\(3\)](#).

9. If the goods declared in the [CCD](#) belong to "the risk group" or "the cover group" (the list of the goods is provided by the State Customs Committee of Russia), and also second-hand goods whatever quantity of such goods is carried in a single motor vehicle, railway car or container [\\*\(3\)](#).

*The [List of Goods of the "Cover" Group](#) was sent by [Letter of the State Customs Committee of the Russian Federation No. 01-06/14460 of April 18, 2001](#)*

10. If there is no registration card of a participant in the Foreign Economic Activity.

11. A material difference between the gross weight and net weight of the goods (over 20%) carried in a single motor vehicle, railway car or container [\\*\(4\)](#).

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[\\*\(1\)](#) Lot of goods means the goods carried to the address of a single consignee in a single means of transport under one shipping document in keeping with the [Rules](#) for Delivery of Goods Under the Customs Control ([Order](#) of the State Customs Committee of the Russian Federation No. 304 of May 20, 1996)

[\\*\(2\)](#) Not applicable to cars imported by organizations on the list provided by [Order](#) of the State Customs Committee of the Russian Federation No. 450 of July 17, 1999.

*[Order of the State Customs Committee of the Russian Federation No. 450 of July 17, 1999](#) was repealed by [Order of the State Customs Committee of the Russian Federation No. 848 of August 24, 2001](#) in connection with the refusal of the state registration ([Letter of the Ministry of Justice of the Russian Federation No. 07/7841-YuD of August 2, 2001](#))*

[\\*\(3\)](#) Not applicable when goods are imported by manufacturing enterprises to support their production operations.

[\\*\(4\)](#) Less the weight of the means of transport and transport equipment.

**Annex 2**  
to [Order](#) of the State Customs Committee  
of the Russian Federation  
No. 155 of February 14, 2001

### **Model Procedure for Coordination of Decisions to Release Goods for Free Circulation**

1. Coordination of decisions to release goods for free circulation (hereafter referred to as the coordination) shall be performed by customs clearance control divisions, or if such are not available, by those units of the customs bodies whose scope of work involves matters of customs control arrangements (hereafter referred to as the CCCD) in the presence of risks listed in [Annex 1](#) to this Order (hereafter referred to as the risks).

2. If in the course of customs control such risks are revealed an officer of the customs clearance and customs control section (hereafter referred to as CC and CCS) or of a customs station (hereafter referred to as the CS) shall immediately report to the head of the CC and CCS or of the CS.

3. After the goods have passed the first four stages of the main customs clearance, including the customs inspection, within 30 minutes the head of the CC and CCS or of the CS shall draft a written coordination notice on the form [annexed](#) to this Model Procedure.

4. By the next work day the coordination notice shall be forwarded to the CCCD of the custom-house along with the documents submitted for the purposes of customs clearance.

5. The coordination shall be completed by the CCCD within one work day, provided the

coordination is effected without repeated inspection, or within three days if a decision is made to repeat the inspection.

6. If need be the other structural units of the custom-house may be engaged in the course of coordination.

By instruction of the CCCD the repeated inspection may be conducted by the other CC and CCS or customs stations. The repeated inspection report shall be submitted to the CCCD.

7. In the course of coordination additional documents and information may be requested to make the decision. In this case the coordination time-limit shall run from the time such documents and information are submitted to the CCCD.

The overall checking time of a customs declaration may not exceed the term laid down by [Article 194](#) of the Customs Code of the Russian Federation.

8. Upon the coordination an officer of the CCCD in charge of coordination shall sign the notice and certify it with his numbered personal seal and submit it to the head of the CCCD for approval. On the same day the original copy of the notice will be sent to the CC and CCS or customs stations, while its copy will be kept at the CCCD.

9. If the CC and CCS (of the customs station) are located at a considerable distance from the CCCD, the available communication and data transfer facilities may be used to effect the coordination\*.

10. If during the coordination any violations of customs clearance and customs control procedure are uncovered the head of CCCD shall make a written report to deputy head of the custom-house in charge of customs control arrangements.

\* Not applicable if risks are discovered per Items 5, 6 of the List of Risks Occurring during Release of Goods for Free Circulation

See the given [form](#) by using MS Word

**Annex  
to the [Procedure](#) for Coordination  
of Decisions to Release Goods  
for Free Circulation**

### Coat of Arms

State Customs Committee of the Russian Federation  
\_\_\_\_\_ Customs Department  
\_\_\_\_\_ Custom-house

### Notice

To CCCD \_\_\_\_\_ of the custom-house

\_\_\_\_\_  
(name of the organization)  
to coordinate the release of goods under the customs treatment of  
\_\_\_\_\_ under the [CCD](#) No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Reasons for coordination \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Inspector of the CC and CCS  
(of the customs station) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_/  
(signature) (surname, initials)

Head of the CC and CCS  
(of the customs station)      \_\_\_\_\_ /\_\_\_\_\_/

(signature)      (surname, initials)

"\_\_\_\_\_" hrs "\_\_\_\_\_"min.      \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_.

**Conclusion**

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Officer of the CCCD      \_\_\_\_\_ /\_\_\_\_\_/

(signature)      (surname, initials)

Officer of the CCCD      \_\_\_\_\_ /\_\_\_\_\_/

(signature)      (surname, initials)

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Head of the CCCD      \_\_\_\_\_ /\_\_\_\_\_/

(signature)      (surname, initials)