



Somali Federal Republic
Ministry of Ports and Marine Transport
Office of the Minister

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OFFICIAL NOTICE!

Electronic Cargo Tracking Number (ECTN) Requirement for All Somali Ports

In exercise of the mandate of the Ministry of Ports and Marine Transport of the Federal Government of Somalia, and in line with efforts to strengthen transparency, efficiency, and security in maritime trade, I hereby notify all stakeholders in the shipping and trade sector that the **Electronic Cargo Tracking Number (ECTN)** system is fully operational and mandatory for all cargo entering or leaving Somali ports.

The ECTN system was officially launched on **1st February 2023** and shall continue to apply across **all ports within the Federal Republic of Somalia**, irrespective of their respective administrative arrangements.

Key Requirements

- All **importers** must obtain an ECTN through the official platform <https://ctnsomalia.com/> **prior to the loading or unloading of cargo** at Somali ports.
- The **ECTN number must be clearly indicated on the Bill of Lading.**
- Any cargo without a valid ECTN shall **not be accepted for shipment or discharge** at Somali ports.

The issuance of ECTNs are published and accessible via <https://ctnsomalia.com/>.

Documents Required for ECTN Issuance

1. Bill of Lading
2. Commercial Invoice
3. Freight Invoice



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Non-Compliance

Failure to obtain or present a valid ECTN, or any attempt to circumvent the ECTN requirement, will result in severe legal consequences. Such measures may include, but are not limited to, administrative fines, detention or seizure of cargo, suspension or revocation of port operating or agent licences, and criminal prosecution where applicable — all enforced in accordance with applicable Somali laws and maritime regulations. All parties are therefore urged to ensure full compliance to avoid enforcement action.

This measure is taken to ensure compliance with international shipping standards, improve revenue collection, and safeguard Somalia's maritime trade. All importers, exporters, shipowners, carriers, shipping agents, and customs agents are hereby directed to adhere strictly to this requirement.



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Items	ECTN Fees
20' Container	\$50
40' Container	\$70
Vehicles < 5 Tons	\$100
Vehicles > 5 Tons	\$150
Bulk Pack	\$0.84 / WM min \$600

Payment Instructions