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## Advance rulings to enhance the clearance process in Oman



**Business Community in Oman can now request decisions from the Directorate General of Customs on technical matters relating to the clearance of goods by applying for an Advance Ruling. Advance rulings are requested prior to import or export and are related to Customs decisions on origin, classification or valuation of the goods.**

Advance rulings are binding decisions issued by the Directorate General of Customs at the request of an importer or exporter on specific particulars in relation to the intended importation or exportation of goods thereby expediting the clearance process at borders.

Advance rulings provide certainty to the importer, or his or her representative, as to how goods are to be treated and thereby facilitates the declaration requirements for clearing goods at the border.

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Advance Rulings are a Trade Facilitation tool which allows traders to request pre-assessments of goods, providing a basis for decision making before submission of declarations. Consequently, this leads to the rapid release of goods as well as easing custom processes. Advance Rulings are a component of Trade Facilitation Agreement which the Sultanate has contracted for.

The certainty provided by advance rulings improve the productivity of Custom procedures, hence reducing the time required to complete trade formalities. It also provides the advantage of empowering the partnership between Customs and the private sector. This is achieved through providing established, binding information that gives certainty to clearing agents, importers and exporters prior to the initiation of trade activities.

## How to Request an Advance Ruling

Advance Ruling applications can be done in a few simple steps:

- Identify there is a need for advice on a technical customs matter
- Download the advance ruling submission form from the Directorate General of Customs website
- Complete the form and collect the required supporting documents
- Email your submission to: [Customs.statistics@rop.gov.om](mailto:Customs.statistics@rop.gov.om)
- Customs will review applications and issue the Advance Ruling.

[Click here to access Directorate General of Customs Website](#)

For any inquiries you can also contact Oman Logistics Center at:

[Oman.Logistics@Asyad.om](mailto:Oman.Logistics@Asyad.om)

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