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NOTICE TO ALL SHIPPING LINES AND TRADING PUBLIC

Our earlier notice under the above caption refers. Implementation date for the Cargo Tracking Notes (CTN) System scheduled for 1st June 2018 is hereby rescheduled to **1st July 2018**. The entire notice is reproduced below for the attention of importers.

The Ministry of Finance hereby inform importers that the Cargo Tracking Note System takes effect from **1st July 2018 (B/L DATE)**.

For all shipments to Ghana (transit cargo included), Shippers/Exporters/Forwarders at the various Ports of Loading around the World are required to obtain a validated CTN number using the global online platform provided, and submit same together with Shipping Instructions (SI) to their Shipping Lines. Each Bill of Lading must be covered by a valid CTN number.

Shipping Lines are required to insert the unique CTN number on both the Bill of Lading and Cargo Manifest. Shipments not covered by a valid CTN number will not be cleared through Customs in Ghana and fines may apply.

The CTN will serve to provide data to Ghana Customs and other Stakeholders well in advance to enable Cargo Review Processes in a manner that ensures:

- Generation of key prior shipment information in "real-time" to effectively Control, Supervise, and Manage import traffic into Ghana.
- Collation of reliable trade database to benchmark & protect Government revenue in import duties and taxes.
- Plugging of identified loopholes & leakages in order to preserve the sanctity and integrity of Customs valuation of goods and freight.
- Safeguarding and facilitation of trade in order to significantly reduce the turn-around time for Cargo Clearance which in turn will allow importers to avoid

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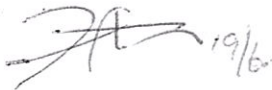
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the payment of heavy demurrage fees and generally reduce the cost of doing business.

- Provision of a one-stop comprehensive and broader view of the global logistics chain to Customs, the Port Authority and other structures of control, which will eliminate duplications and enhance reporting requirements.

The introduction of CTN is in furtherance of GRA's drive to modernize its operations for facilitation of legitimate trade in line with international best practices.

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