



CUSTOMS & EXCISE

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The Comptroller of Customs & Excise hereby reminds that the Single Administrative Document (SAD) is required for clearance of all goods.

However, in light of the Nation's State of Emergency and the change in the hours of operations at the Port of Belize Ltd, a Pre-Delivery Order (PDO) may be utilized to allow for the expedited release of all goods, with immediate effect and until further notice.

Please be advised that the under-mentioned conditions shall be adhered to with respect to the release of containers:

1. Direct Containers (FCL) destined to premises in the districts, including the Commercial Free Zone and Export Processing Zones, must leave the Belize City Port Compound by 11:00AM.
2. Direct Containers (FCL) destined to premises in Belize City must leave the Port Compound by 3:00PM.
3. Direct Containers (FCL) shall be examined in an enclosed area at the premises of the Trader. In the absence of an enclosed area, examination of containers for Belize City and Districts **SHALL** be conducted at the Customs & Excise Examination Shed.
4. Traders must ensure that transportation is provided for all off loaders to and from their residences for the loading and off-loading of containers.
5. The Comptroller of Customs & Excise is appealing to Traders to ensure that **ALL** persons conducting official business with Customs & Excise be equipped with Personal Protective Equipment (face mask, gloves and apparel).
6. In reference to cargo of less than container load (LCL-loose cargo), release time for these goods shall be from 7:00AM – 3:00PM.
7. Kindly note that the PDO does not apply to release of personal effects and motor vehicles.