



**GREEN CHANNEL:  
SPECIAL CUSTOMS  
CLEARANCE**

### **What is a Green Channel?**

Green Channel is a special clearance of goods that is done without routine physical examination of the goods. This process relates to consignments involving no risk / low-risk

### **How long does clearance on the Green Channel take?**

Clearance from customs is done within 30 minutes to 1 hour upon presentation of complete and accurate documents by the customs clearing agent.

### **What is the advantage of a Green Channel?**

It leads to a reduction in clearance bottlenecks and faster processing leading to ease of doing business.

### **Who qualifies for Green Channel clearance?**

Any importer of brand new motor vehicle spare parts and any exporter of tea, coffee, spices and herbs qualifies for the Green Channel.

### **What happens if Participating Government Agencies (PGAS) want to verify goods declared under Green Channel?**

Arrangements are made to verify the consignments at the importer's premises.

### **What is the criteria of goods cleared in the Green Channel for Export?**

1. Exportation of tea, coffee, spices or herbs should meet specific criteria:
  - a. Goods must originate from Kenya.
  - b. Be declared as exports through Kilindini Harbour.
  - c. Lodged under exports regime E1 / EX1
  - d. Classified under tariff (CET,2017) heading 09 (Chapter 9: tea, coffee, herbs and spices).
  - e. The goods must be transported in a sealed truck,
  - f. The goods shall be subjected to scanning (NII) on entry into the port.
  - g. The exporters shall be subject to a Post Clearance Audit (PCA)

### **What are the exportation clearance applicable documents?**

1. Export entry
2. Certificate of origin
3. Commercial Invoice
4. Packing list
5. Export permit  
( Phytosanitary permit

### **What is the criteria of goods cleared in the Green Channel for import?**

2. Importation of brand new motor vehicle spare parts should meet the following criteria:
  - a. Be declared as imports through the seaport of Kilindini or ICDN.
  - b. Classified under Tariff (CET, 2017) heading 8708 (parts and accessories of the motor vehicles of headings 87.01 to 87.05),
  - c. The goods must be in a 20-ft container.
  - d. The goods shall be subjected to scanning (NII).
  - e. The goods will be allowed to pass through the Green Channel and will undergo a Post Clearance Audit once they reach the factory/owner's premises.

### **What are the applicable clearance documents?**

1. Customs Entry
2. Import Declaration Form
3. Commercial invoice
4. Packing List
5. Bill of Lading

### **What is the difference between AEO and Green Channel Programs!**

The Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) Programme is a World Customs Organisation (WCO) tool used to secure and facilitate legitimate trade.

The programme allows customs administrations to enter into strategic agreements with operators who meet certain supply chain security standards and best practices, including compliance to customs laws and regulations. In return, customs offer the companies tangible trade facilitation benefits such as faster clearance times.

AEO is trader specific while Green Channel is tariff based.

The Green Channel framework rides on pre-arrival clearance and has specifications for a post-clearance audit.

### **The Importance of Green Channel Programs**

The Green Channel reduces clearance bottlenecks and ensures faster processing increasing the ease of doing business.

The green channel has created efficiency in the verification procedures.

It increases a company's integrity and credibility since participation in the Green Channel framework requires tax compliance with no record of fraud-related issues.







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