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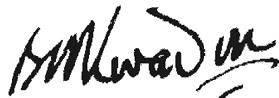
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**TO: THE NIGERIA CUSTOMS SERVICE (NCS), AUTHORISED
DEALER BANKS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC**

**DOCUMENTATION AT THE STAGE OF CLEARING GOODS:
USE OF ELECTRONIC FORM 'M' (XML COPY) FOR THE PURPOSE
OF CLEARANCE OF GOODS**

In the continued effort to improve the turn around time for clearance of goods at the ports, notice is hereby given that Federal Government has approved the use of electronic Form 'M' (i.e. XML format) by the Nigeria Customs Service for the purpose of clearance of goods at entry points. Accordingly, importers will no longer be required to submit hard copies of Form 'M' to the NCS as part of the documentation requirements for goods clearance with effect from the date of this circular.

For the avoidance of doubt, hard copy of the Form 'M' will continue to serve as part of documentation for import registration at the desks of Authorised Dealer Banks. All stakeholders and the general public are hereby enjoined to ensure compliance.



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