**E2M Tagging**

In line with the E2M Customs Project and to provide for a smooth transition from EEC to an internet-based lodgment and clearance process for import and export entries, BOC adopted the use of VASPs in January 2007 to deliver front-end IT services and link the transacting public to it. VASPs were accredited5 to provide the following services:

• registration of BOC clients

• lodgment of import declarations (Consumption, Warehousing, Transshipment, and Informal)

• lodgment of export declarations

• transmission of raw materials liquidation information

• transmission of surety bonds information

• transmission of payment information

• transmission of online release information

More recently, BOC embarked on an E2M (Electronic to Mobile) Customs Project (also

referred to as E2M or e-Customs System) that seeks to speed up the release of cargo to within 30

minutes by making BOC services available on the internet and using mobile phone technology.

E2M is envisioned to allow an end-to-end cargo clearance process covering electronic manifest,

import entries (consumption, informal, warehousing, transshipment), bonds management, export

documentation, online release, licensing and clearance, hold and alert, selectivity, and payment.

E2M consists of enhancements to the current system: online submission of declarations and

manifests, automatic advice on declaration status, use of VASPs, automated process for other

import transactions (informal, warehousing, transshipment) and for liquidation of raw materials,

centralized management of bonds transactions, links with government agencies, online access

through the BOC website.