

REPUBLIC OF GUINEA BISSAU
Prime Minister

ORDER
(Certificado Electrónico de Embarque - Electronic Loading Certificate)

Decree-Law no. 12/2011, of 9th August, created the *National Shippers' Council of Guinea Bissau* (CNC-GB) and approved the respective statutes.

Article 5, paragraph d) of the above mentioned legislation grants CNC-GB the powers to implement, regulate and control the issue of cargo tracking notes from its origin to its destination.

By decision of the Government of Guinea Bissau, the *Cargo Tracking Note* has been replaced by the **Electronic Loading Certificate** (CEE).

The CEE is a electronic document, which provides the CNC-GB and the State of Guinea Bissau, and to all economic agents, all the information about the cargoes incoming from other ports with Guinea Bissau as destination, in this way guaranteeing their traceability and safety.

Thus, on a proposal from the Minister of State for Transport and Telecommunications;

The Prime Minister determines the following:

1. The *National Shippers' Council of Guinea Bissau* (CNC-GB), or its legal representative abroad, shall issue an *Electronic Loading Certificate* (CEE) for all merchandise to be cleared at any port in Guinea Bissau.
2. Customs shall not permit any merchandise to be unloaded, whereby such merchandise shall be withheld at Bissau port, until the *Electronic Loading Certificate* referred to in the above number is issued, which shall be submitted to Customs by the respective importers of said merchandise.
3. Any ship owners or shipping companies registered with the *National Shippers' Council of Guinea Bissau*, whenever they hold cargoes to or from Guinea Bissau, shall require the exporters to obtain and submit the *Electronic Loading Certificate* in the country of origin.
4. In the event that the exporters fail to obtain the respective *Electronic Loading Certificate* in the country of origin, or in event of their refusal to do so, the ship owners or shipping companies shall inform the CNC-GB as to this fact in writing, by communication made to their agents, with at least 15 (fifteen) days notice.

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5. If the communication referred to in the final part of the above number is not made, the ship owners or shipping companies shall be subject to a fine of 8000 USD (eight thousand United States Dollars) or the corresponding sum in national currency, in addition to the total fee regarding the loaded cargo for which the respective *Electronic Loading Certificate* was not issued.
6. The fine and the fee established in the above number shall be payable from the date of the notice sent for that purpose by CNC-GB, in addition to a penalty of 20% of the value of the above mentioned fine if it remains outstanding for more than a month.

Let it be published.

Made in Bissau, on the 11th day of the month of October of 2013.

The Prime Minister,
Rui Duarte Barros