

Chapter III

Temporary storage

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112.1. Where the places referred to in Article 76(1) of the Code have been approved on a permanent basis for the placing of goods in temporary storage, such places shall be called “*temporary storage facilities*”.

112.2. In order to ensure the application of customs rules, the customs authorities may, where they do not themselves manage the temporary storage facility, require that:

- a) temporary storage facilities be double-locked, one by being held by the said customs authorities;
- b) the person operating the temporary storage facility keep stock account which enable the movements of goods to be traced.

113.

113.1. Authorisation for temporary storage facilities shall be granted by the General Director of Customs. This point does not apply for temporary storage facilities managed by the Customs Authorities.

113.2. In order to have an authorisation for temporary storage facilities a security must be provided. The amount of security to be lodged shall in no cases be less than 4 million Lek. No security has to be provided when the temporary storage facilities are managed by the state of Albania or by public bodies of Albania. The security must be lodged before an authorisation can be granted. Article 207 (2) of the Customs Code shall apply.

113.3. A written request for authorisation as referred to in point 113.1 shall be signed by the person concerned and lodged at the custom office were the premises are situated. They shall forward the request to General Directorate of Customs together with their written opinion about granting an authorisation within two weeks. The application must include the following particulars:

- a) Name and address of the applicant;
- b) Information concerning the applicants main business activities;
- c) Estimated number of consignment in a year;
- d) Number of employees;
- e) Description of the stock records;
- f) Authorised copy of the companies registration papers;
- g) Map, drawing or like showing the location of the facilities and its boundaries.

113.4. Authorisation is granted for a limited time of one year at a time and under the conditions stated in the authorisation.

113.5. The keeper of the temporary storage facilities must comply with all conditions and provisions stated in the authorisation regarding customs control, customs clearance, stock records and other provisions. If the keeper of the temporary storage facilities does not comply with all conditions in the authorisation shall render its immediate withdrawal and all goods stored there must immediately be assigned a customs approved treatment or use.

113.6. A condition shall be that the keeper must provide the customs authorities with necessary office facilities without any costs. This facilities must comply with a standard decided by the General Directorate of Customs.

113.7. A fee is due to be paid for each authorisation and the amount shall be 400.000 Lek for every period of twelve months covering the administrative expenses for the customs authorities.

114. Goods shall be placed in temporary storage facility on the basis of the summary declaration. However, the customs authorities may require the lodging of a specific declaration made out on a form corresponding to the model they have determined.

115. The keeper of the temporary storage facility must do regular inventories of all goods stored there. The inventories shall take place at least once every three months. The customs authorities shall be present whilst the inventory is done. The written result must be forwarded to the relevant custom office within three days after the inventory. This point shall apply "*mutatis mutandis*" on temporary storage facilities managed by customs authorities.

116. Without prejudice to Article 81 of the Code or to provisions applicable to the sale of goods by the customs authorities, the person who has made the summary declaration or, where such a declaration has not yet been lodged, the person referred to in Article 69 (2) of the Code shall be responsible for giving effect to the measures taken by the customs authorities pursuant to Article 78 (1) of the Code and for bearing the costs of such measures.

117. Where the customs authorities sell the goods in accordance with Article 78 of the Code, this shall be done in accordance with the rules in force in the Republic of Albania.