



ADVANCE CARGO INFORMATION (ACI™)



ACI™:

WATCHING THE ENTIRE IMPORT/EXPORT MOVEMENTS. CLOSER, FASTER.

THE SERVICE

The ACI service guarantees valuable access to cargo information well ahead of arrival time so as to allow trade operators to process import/export documentation and timely monitor all movements of goods across borders. The ACI is a web-based application developed by SGS to promote a paperless environment in a number of countries where paper documents are still in use.

Upon completion of the ACI form by the exporter, all parties involved in the transaction, i.e. Exporter, Importer, Forwarder, Customs, can access the information in real-time from their offices around the clock. Access rights may vary according to the type of user.

The ACI form (commonly, one form per BL) mainly include:

- **IMPORTER, EXPORTER & FORWARDER(S) DATA:** Name, Address, Phone No., Fax No., e-mail, etc.
- **SHIPMENT:** method (air, sea, land), roadmap (departure/arrival/transit dates and places), vessel name, container #, volume, weight, etc.
- **GOODS:** Invoice amount, Incoterm, HS code, description of the goods, etc.
- **CHARGES:** Freight amount, insurance amount, local tax amount, etc.
- **DOCUMENTS:** A set of required documents, namely the BL, Invoice, Export Customs Declaration, can be attached in electronic format to each ACI form.

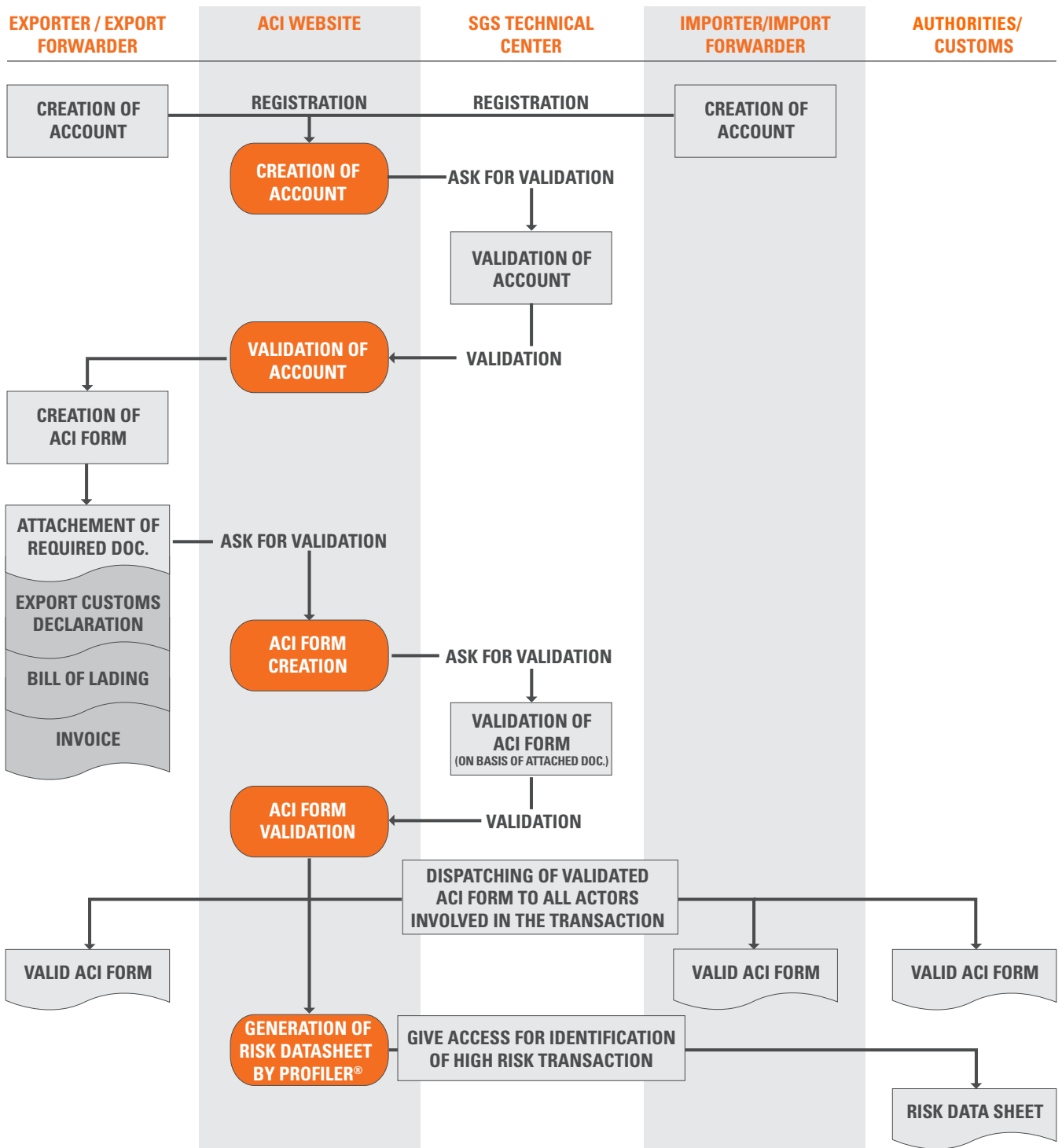
We easily add any other information or document as required by the client.

The SGS Technical Center is the independent source of verification responsible to validate the information contained in the ACI form on the basis of the available documentation, and in accordance with rules defined by the client.

THE BENEFITS

- **MONITORING OF IMPORT/EXPORT GOODS:** Valuable statistics can be generated from ACI Information;
- **TRADE FACILITATION TOOL:** through the Internet connection fast tracking of information is achieved;
- **RELIABILITY OF INFORMATION:** ACI information is validated by an independent vericator (SGS);
- **FRAUD DETECTION:** documentary cross-checking and risk assessment through Profiler®.

THE MAIN PROCESS





THE MODULES

The ACI basic concept can be easily enhanced and customized by plugging-in different complementary products/services so as to make it easily adaptable to clients' needs. For instance, we usually plug Profiler®, our risk management system tool, on the ACI application in order to generate a list of risks associated to each ACI form before the arrival of the goods. Based on the level of risk, we can define automatically:

- The customs clearance channel (Red, Yellow, Blue and Green) and then accelerate the clearing process in coordination with Tradenet;
- The goods that should be submitted to any scanner or physical inspection;
- The transactions eligible for our ValiTrade® service.

ACI SUCCESS STORIES

MADAGASCAR

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Since April 2007, the ACI service has been implemented in Madagascar under the name of BSC (Bordereau de Suivi des Cargaisons) for all imported goods.

- BSC is an element of the GASYNET process (with TradeNet, ValiTrade®, Madagascar...);
- At present around 4'500 BSC are validated monthly;
- BSC allows all exporters to create their BSC and ask their validation.

BSC is interfaced with Profiler® in order to be able generate a risk datasheet which will help to define the customs clearance channel (Red, Yellow, Blue and Green).

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Since May 2005, the ACI service has been implemented in Côte d'Ivoire under the name of BSC (Bordereau de Suivi des Cargaisons) for all goods import by sea. The outcome is promising:

- At present around 3'700 BSC are validated monthly;
- The OIC (Office Ivoirien des Chargeurs) is able to generate accurate statistics on the import traffic in all ports;
- Customs authorities have detected several cases of frauds;
- OIC and Customs are building up a risk database in Profiler® which will be very valuable in the selection of high risk transactions;

ACI should be extended soon to goods imported by air and land and to goods exported from Ivory Coast.

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