

New GETS Features in 2010

The Government will introduce the following new features in 2010. You will be able to use these features when the service provider has completed the migration for you. Please ask your service provider if you want to know the timing of your migration.

For TDEC service

1. Data inheritance from ROCARS to TDEC: ROCARS is an IT system developed by the Customs and Excise Department for the customs clearance of road cargoes. To save traders' data input efforts, reduce input errors and enhance data quality, traders can reuse 11 data items inputted in ROCARS for preparing TDEC. The 11 data items are:
 - (i) Consignee's Name (for exportation only);
 - (ii) Consignee's Address (for exportation only);
 - (iii) Container Number;
 - (iv) Goods Description;
 - (v) Type of Packages;
 - (vi) Number of Packages;
 - (vii) Quantity of Goods (i.e. Net Weight or Gross Volume);
 - (viii) Unit of Quantity;
 - (ix) Vehicle Registration Number;
 - (x) Customs Cargo Reference Number (CCRN); and
 - (xi) Unique Consignment Reference (UCR)

Traders should ensure that the reused data fulfills the requirements of TDEC, especially in the regard of goods description. For example, for a consignment of microwave ovens, if "electrical appliances" is declared in ROCARS and is reused for TDEC, then the trader should amend it to "microwave ovens". Traders will be requested to make amendments if the declaration made does not meet the requirements.

2. New data structure: The format of the following data fields will be changed to align with the standards of the World Customs Organisation. This will facilitate traders to exchange data with overseas partners and customs authorities.

English	Existing Format	New Format (with effect from Jan 2010)
Consignee's Name (also Declarant Name)	an..35	an..35 x 2
Consignee's Address (also Declarant Address)	an..35 x 4	
Address (Street and Number/P.O. Box)		an..35 x 2
City Name		an..35
Country/Territory Sub-entity Name		an..35
Country/Territory Sub-entity Identification (if applicable)		an..9
Postcode Identification (if applicable)		an..9
Country/Territory Code		an..2
Transport Reference No. (e.g. voyage no., flight no.)	an..12	an..17
Vehicle Registration Number	an..9	an..25
Port of Loading / Discharge Name	an..20	an..70
Place of Destination	an..20	an..70
Master Airway Bill No./Bill of Lading No.	an..30	an..35
Container No.	an..11	an..17
Goods Description	an..70 x 5	an..256
Quantity (net weight/gross volume)	n14.2	n14.3

3. Support lowercase English characters: Similar to ROCARS and EMAN, TDEC will support lowercase English characters.
4. Support more Chinese characters: The maximum number of Chinese characters in the bilingual fields of TDEC will be tripled. For example, the number of Chinese characters for "Vessel Name" will be increased from 11 to 35.

5. Increase in the number of consignments: The maximum number of consignments for a TDEC will be increased from 10 to 99.

For TDEC, DCP, EMAN and CO services

6. Data export function: Traders will be able to export all types of the messages submitted to or received from the Government either onto his own computer or other media of storage. This will minimize data loss when a trader switches to another service provider and facilitate him to reuse the data for other purposes.

For CO service

7. Lengthening of the field length of “Exporter Name”: The field length of the Exporter Name will be doubled from ‘an..35’ to ‘an..35 x 2’ to cater for longer exporter names.
8. New data field: A new data field of “Consignee Supplementary Information” will be added for traders to input additional information on the consignee, such as tel/fax no., etc. The new data field carries ‘an..35 x 2’.

For CO and PN services

9. Lengthening of the field length of “Government Responses/Approval Codes”: The field length will be lengthened to display the full description of the government responses and approval codes such as A01, S01, R01, V01, V03.etc.. This saves traders’ efforts in looking up the descriptions on other Government web portals.