

Road Cargo System (ROCARS)



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Background

- ROCARS – an electronic system for Customs clearance of road cargo
- Government will fund ROCARS in full – no charge to industry users

Benefits

- Enable HK to keep abreast with global developments
- Enhance customs clearance efficiency
- Seamless customs clearance at land boundary
- Further facilitate inter-modal transshipment (air-land and sea-land)

Legal Obligations for Shipper (or Agent)

- provides cargo information to ROCARS before import or export of cargo
- receives a customs cargo reference number (CCRN) from ROCARS
- Passes CCRN to trucker and inform him of the cargo description

Mandatory ROCARS Data Items (8 + 1)

| Item | Content |
|------|---|
| 1 | Number of packages |
| 2 | Description of package |
| 3 | Description of articles in each package |
| 4 | Name of consignor |
| 5 | Address of consignor |
| 6 | Name of consignee |
| 7 | Address of consignee |
| 8 | Expected date of arrival / Expected date of departure |
| 9 | Vehicle Registration Number (from truck driver) |

Optional Data Items : container number, licence / permit number, transshipment cargo etc.

Legal Obligations for Trucker (or Agent)

■ Laden truck driver:

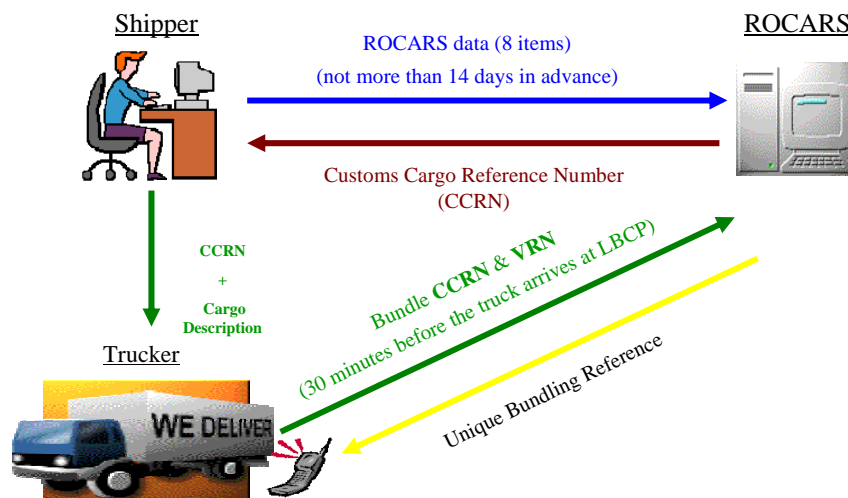
- performs the “bundling” by submitting to ROCARS:
 - CCRN; and
 - vehicle registration number

- Passes through land boundary immediately or 30 minutes later (as directed by ROCARS)

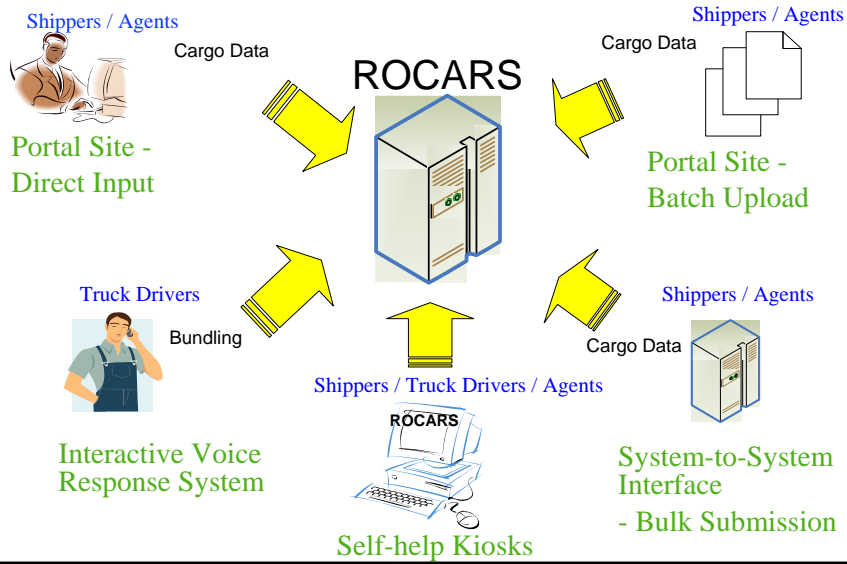
■ Unladen truck driver:

- No need to “bundle”
- Press empty vehicle button at control point kiosk

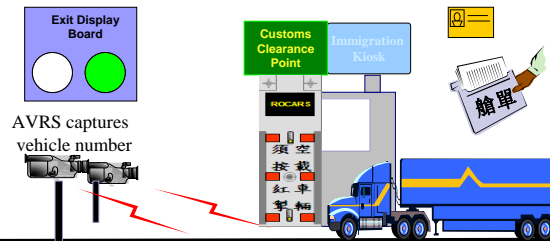
ROCARS Information Flow



ROCARS Service Channels



Seamless Customs clearance at land boundary control points



1. Immigration clearance
2. Drop-in paper manifest
3. Indicate vehicle is empty, if applicable

Customs Clearance Procedures under ROCARS

司機指示版
Exit Display Board (XDB)
(與入境處共用)

全合一控制板
All-in-one Panel (AIOP)



Clearance Procedures for laden trucks

1. Immigration Clearance



2. Watch for Customs Instructions

(Drop paper manifest into drop-in box)



Clearance Procedures for Unladen Trucks



1. Immigration Clearance



2. Press "Unladen Vehicle" Button on the AIOP



3. Watch for Customs Instructions

Registration Procedures

- Company / Organization / Individual – register with C&ED beforehand
- Application Methods : -
 - Online
 - Post
 - Fax
 - Drop-box at Post Offices

Registration Procedures (cont'd)

- For a company, registration will cover:
 - a responsible person
 - authorized message signatories (4 max.)
- Unique User ID and a password for each registrant
- Attend registration counter in person to collect secure pack
- A security token to be issued to each trucker

Registration Counters in 16 Post Offices

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. General Post Office | 9. Kowloon Bay Post Office |
| 2. Sheung Wan Post Office | 10. Kwun Tong Post Office |
| 3. Wyndham Street Post Office | 11. San Po Kong Post Office |
| 4. Kowloon Central Post Office | 12. Sha Tin Central Post Office |
| 5. Granville Road Post Office | 13. Fotan Post Office |
| 6. Tsim Sha Tsui Post Office | 14. Tsuen Wan Post Office |
| 7. Cheung Sha Wan Post Office | 15. Yuen Long Post Office |
| 8. Mong Kok Post Office | 16. Tung Chung Post Office |

Training

During the 18-month transitional period -

- ◉ **Large-Scale Briefing Seminars**
@ 200 participants per session



- ◉ **Classroom Training on System Operation**
@ 20 participants per class



Training (cont'd)

- ◉ **Train-the-trainer Classroom Courses**
@ 20 participants per class



- ◉ **Additional sessions, if necessary, after the transitional period**
- ◉ **E-learning on C&ED website**

Outreach Teams

- To explain the workflow under ROCARS
- To provide technical advice, e.g. the IT specification requirements and the system-to-system interface with ROCARS
- To assist the registration procedures and the use of ROCARS



Implementation Timetable

- Official roll-out date: 17 May 2010
- Transitional period : 18 months
- Mandatory submission : 17 November 2011

Start of the Trial Run

- **Trial Run – started on 29 March 2010**
 - All functions are available for use
 - Real cargo data to be used

- **ROCARS Website**
 - www.rocars.gov.hk

- **Enquiry Hotline**
 - 3669 0000

Message from a ROCARS Registered Agent





Thank You

