KENYA MARITIME SINGLE WINDOW SYSTEM

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Introduction

In 2013, the Government of Kenya rolled out the Kenya National Electronic Single Window System also known as Kenya TradeNet System. TradeNet system provides a single electronic platform for cargo clearance procedures. This is by streamlining international trade procedures and documentation through automation to facilitate trade. Significant improvements in cargo clearance have been realised through reduction in time and cost to acquire key trade regulatory documents.

To facilitate trade in the country and build on the successes of the TradeNet System, KENTRADE with support from TradeMark East Africa has developed the Kenya Maritime Single Window System (MSW).

The Maritime Single Window facilitates ship clearance procedures by providing a single online portal for the declaration of information on arrival, stay and departure of ships between the shipping line/agent and the approving government agencies involved in the process. This automation has replaced the manual processes that were characterized by duplicated, lengthy, decentralized and to some extent disintegrated processes and procedures, consequently affecting the ship turnaround time and increasing costs of processing cargo at the port of Mombasa.

Kenya Trade Network Agency

Kenya Trade Network Agency (KenTrade) is a State Corporation under the National Treasury established in in January 2011 to establish, implement and manage the National Electronic Single Window System (KenyaTradeNet System) and to facilitate trade.

Kenya TradeNet System is an online platform that serves as a single-entry point for parties involved in international trade and transport logistics to lodge documents electronically, for processing, approvals and to make payments electronically for fees, levies, duties, and taxes due to the Government, on goods imported or exported in the country.

TradeMark East Africa

TradeMark East Africa (TMEA) is a multi-purpose donor funded, not-for-profit Aid for Trade organisation, established to support the growth of trade – both regional and international – In Eastern Africa. TMEA operates on a not-for-profit basis and is funded by the development agencies of the following countries: Belgium, Canada, Denmark, EU, Finland, Ireland, Netherlands, Norway, UK, and USA. TMEA works closely with East African Community (EAC) institutions, national governments, the private sector, and civil society organisations to deliver a portfolio of programmes across the region. TMEA seeks to increase trade in the region by unlocking economic potential anchored on 2 key outcomes namely:

- Reduced barriers to trade; and
- Improving business competitiveness.

TMEA has its headquarters in Kenya with operations in Burundi, The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Ethiopia, Malawi, Somaliland, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Uganda.

Kenya Maritime Single Window System

The Kenya Maritime Single Window System has been developed in compliance with the International Maritime Organisation's (IMO) Convention of Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic (FAL convention).

The convention calls for a unified global approach to facilitating international shipping. FAL convention main objectives are to prevent unnecessary delays in maritime traffic to ensure the highest practicable degree of uniformity in formalities and other procedures. In particular, the Convention reduces the number of declarations which can be required by public authorities. The purpose of the Convention is to facilitate maritime transport by reducing the paperwork, simplifying formalities, documentary requirements and procedures associated with the arrival, stay and departure of ships engaged in international voyages. Kenya is among the 122 member states who have ratified the convention.

In 2019, the IMO made it mandatory for ships and ports to exchange FAL data electronically through encouraging the use of the "maritime single window". The coming into effect of the Kenya Maritime Single Window System therefore makes Kenya among the first countries to comply with this international requirement.

Trade Facilitation Through Partnerships

The MSW automates documentary procedures for all government agencies involved in facilitation of maritime traffic at the port of Mombasa and who are part of Kenya's FAL committee. These include;
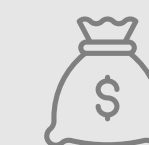
1. Kenya Maritime Authority
2. Kenya Ports Authority
3. Kenya Revenue Authority
4. Department of Immigration
5. Port Health
6. Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS)
7. Kenya Coast Guard
8. Firearms Licensing Board
9. National Environment Management Authority (NEMA)
10. Shipping lines/ Agents

Benefits of the Maritime Single Window

The MSW will introduce a host of benefits, among these;

- Efficient ship to shore clearance procedures.
- Increased speed and timely reporting formalities for ship and passenger clearance.
- Improved ship turn-around time.
- Reduced average time to submit reporting formalities to relevant government agencies.

- Reduced administrative costs for traders and shipping agents.

- Harmonised collection and exchange of maritime information between relevant regulatory agencies.
- Better risk management through dynamic maritime data analysis.
- Reduced administrative costs for Public Authorities due to elimination of data duplication.

- Reduced administrative compliance burden on ship masters and shipping lines.
- Enforcement of compliance to international obligations.

How to Access the Kenya Maritime Single Window System

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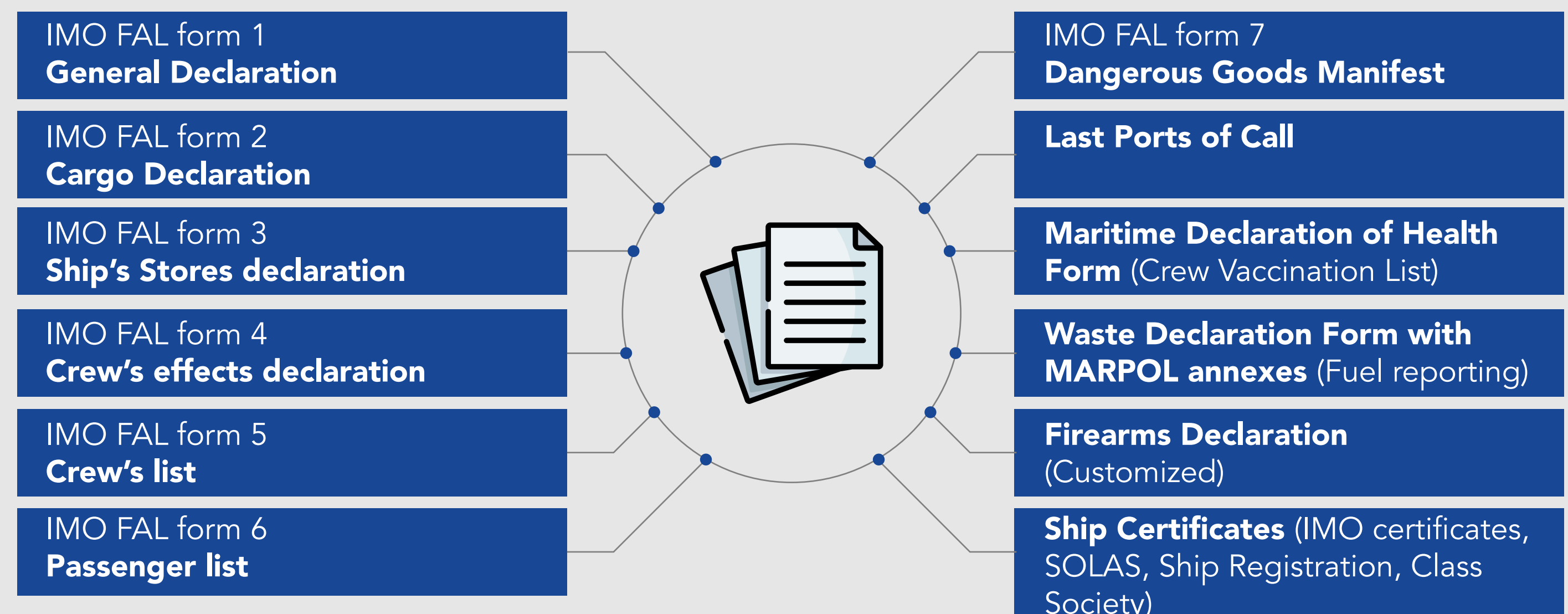https://kenyatradenet.go.ke/TFBEMS/cusLogin/login.cl
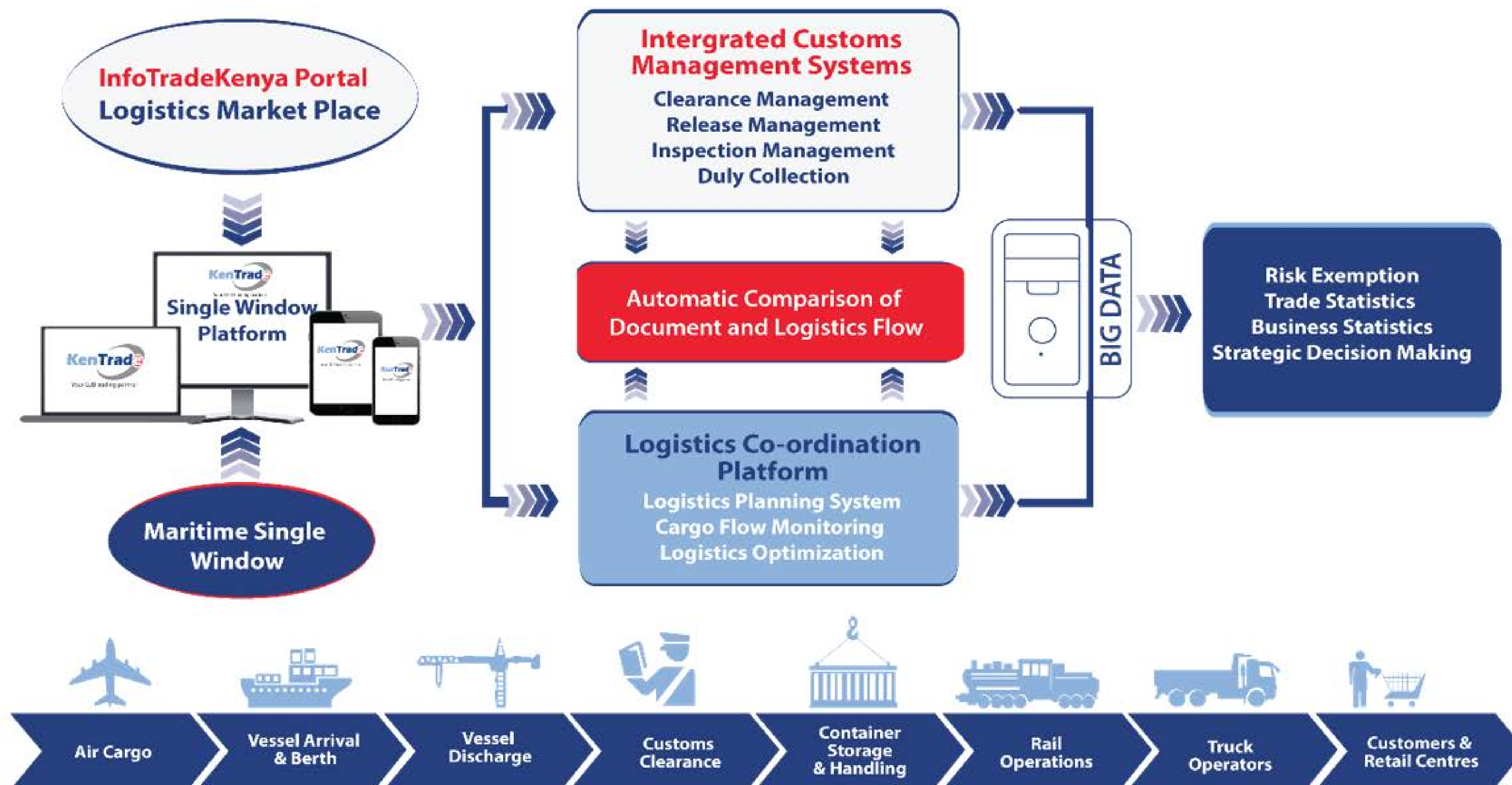

Services Accesible Through the MSW

MSW automates mandatory FAL forms in order to automate the ship to shore procedures for ship and passenger clearance at the Port of Mombasa.

The following FAL forms have been automated for submission by licensed shipping agents to the relevant authorities for pre-arrival approval by the relevant government agencies.

IMO FAL form 1 **General Declaration**	IMO FAL form 7 **Dangerous Goods Manifest**
IMO FAL form 2 **Cargo Declaration**	**Last Ports of Call**
IMO FAL form 3 **Ship's Stores declaration**	**Maritime Declaration of Health Form** (Crew Vaccination List)
IMO FAL form 4 **Crew's effects declaration**	**Waste Declaration Form with MARPOL annexes** (Fuel reporting)
IMO FAL form 5 **Crew's list**	**Firearms Declaration** (Customized)
IMO FAL form 6 **Passenger list**	**Ship Certificates** (IMO certificates, SOLAS, Ship Registration, Class Society)

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