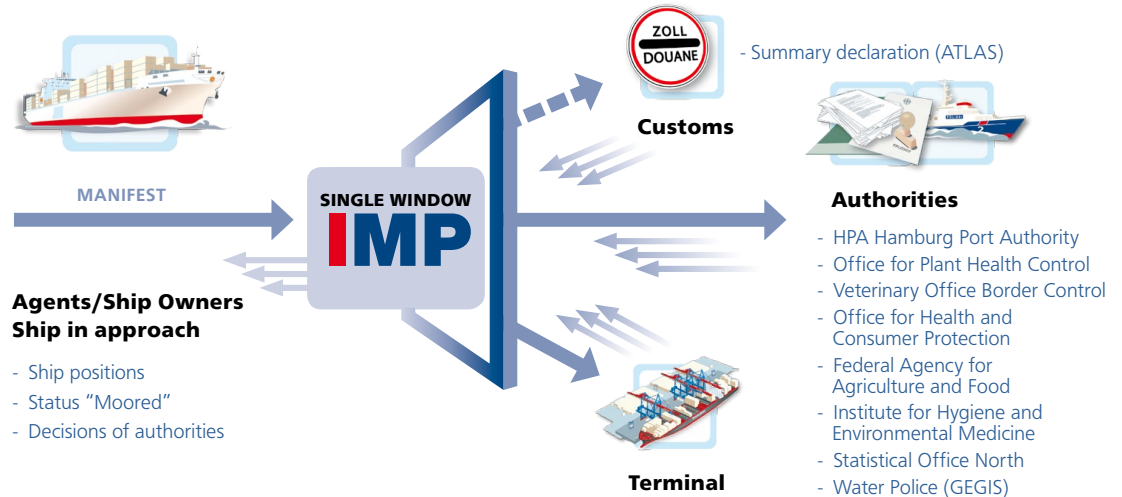


IMP Import Message Platform The Single Window of the Port of Hamburg for agents/ship owners



The IMP Import Message Platform – as intelligent electronic platform – supports the entire import process from the ship's approach to the Port of Hamburg until the delivery of goods to the customers in the hinterland, wherein all involved industries can equally optimize their work processes.

For the agent/ship owner, IMP is the single window for the Port of Hamburg. He sends the manifest to IMP and thereby automatically triggers all subsequent communication processes. The manifest is sent to all involved authorities (see graphic) and to the terminal.

Among the authorities connected to IMP are the HPA Hamburg Port Authority, Office for Plant Health Control, Veterinary Office Border Control, the Office for Health and Consumer Protection, the Federal Agency for Agriculture and Food, the Institute for Hygiene and Environmental Medicine, the Statistical Office North and the Water Police (GEGIS) and indirectly – as part of a bilateral coordination with the other offices – the Customs Office. The need for information of all involved authorities is fulfilled with a single message, the manifest. In addition, the application for passage in transit to the Veterinary Office can be generated from the manifest.

In return, the agent/ship owner is supplied with status information via IMP. All decisions by the authorities will be transmitted to him automatically and early so that he will be fully informed at any time.

Moreover, the information from the manifest can also be forwarded to further applications (e.g. ZODIAK), in order to generate summary declarations (SumA) on this basis, mandatory even in the free trade area thanks to ICS.

IMP offers a convenient tool for agents/ship owners, with which they can quickly and easily handle their port-specific requests for import processing via Hamburg. The status information and knowledge of all official decisions support them to great extent in the planning, control and processing of ship clearance.

Savings in costs and resources can be directly realized. In addition to agents/ship owners, the shippers, terminals, authorities and carriers will also profit from the faster processes.

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