

General Declaration

Scope

The General Declaration (previously IMO FAL Form 1) is usually required in both pre-arrival and pre-departure of a ship entering a port. The General Declaration contains a number of specific data elements related to the ship, its voyage, its cargo and other information on the crew and/or passengers, voyage and ship particulars. Several public authorities could be interested in the information on the General Declaration, such as the port/maritime authorities, customs, (port) health authorities, coast guard and immigration. Greater detail relating to customs, health, immigration and cargo are provided under additional declarations and relevant data sets.

The ship's master, a duly authorized ship's agent, or another authorized person is responsible for signing and submitting the General Declaration.

Purpose

Based on the information in the General Declaration, public authorities may perform their initial assessments and take the appropriate measures, including requiring the submission of additional declarations.

This data supports operational and regulatory activities, such as:

- Allocating berths and port resources
- Estimating and calculating harbour fees
- Preliminary customs, health, biosecurity, and immigration risk assessments

Possible party/stakeholders

	Party/stakeholder	Role within business process	Responsibility
1	Ship master / ship agent / authorized person	Submitters	Submits the information required by the General Declaration; ensures accuracy and completeness; responds to queries/correction requests.
2	Public authorities, such as port/maritime authorities, customs, health authorities and immigration agencies, coast guard	Receiver / Risk assessment / Clearance decision	Receiving and analyzing the information; performs risk assessment and compliance checks; issues acknowledgements, requests for correction, and clearance or denial decisions.
3	Provider electronic platform / maritime single window	Maintenance of electronic platform for submission / maritime single window	IT-support

Interactions

<i>Type of interaction</i>	<i>Direction</i>	<i>Medium</i>	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Parties</i>
B2G	Mostly one way, but in some specific countries this could be two-ways as there might be	Commonly the declaration is provided through	Before the arrival in and before the	1 and 2

	information on clearance or denial of entrance/departure	MSW, by use of API, webservice or MSW Graphic User Interface	departure from a port	
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IMO Convention or Articles

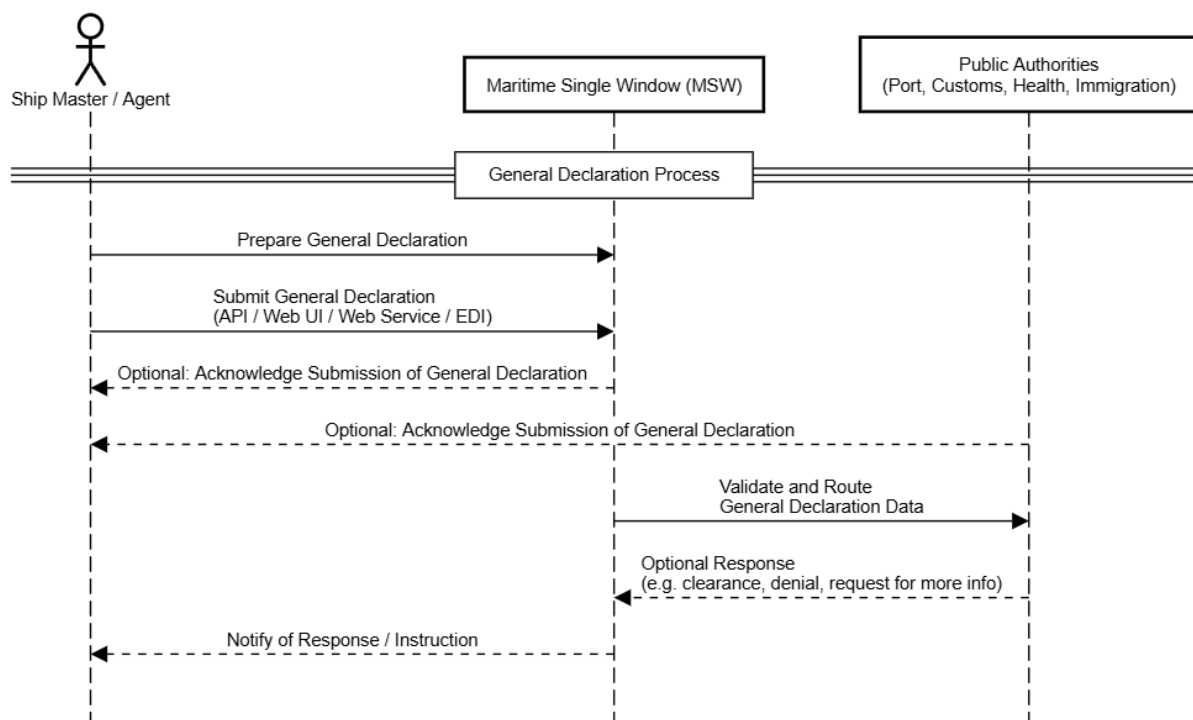
Annex to the FAL Convention Standard 2.2

Relation to other business processes

Data required as part of the General Declaration may be repeated and reused by other declarations required by public authorities. Greater detail relating to customs, health, immigration and cargo are provided under additional declarations and relevant data sets. The information provided can also be for operational processes, such as approval to enter a port.

FAL Forms 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 have a relation to the General Declaration

Sequence Diagram



Technical information for implementation

Note to be further reviewed

[The following describes how to understand the "Port Call" and "Itinerary"-classes, and some specific information on the data elements:

- The data elements Port of arrival, coded/Port of arrival name (IMO0108 and IMO0109) are used when sending the general declaration as part of the pre-arrival reporting to the port. Port of departure, coded/Port of departure name is empty in this case.
- The data elements Port of departure, coded/Port of departure name (IMO0111 and IMO0112) are used when sending the general declaration as part of the departure-reporting from the port. Port of arrival, coded/Port of arrival name is empty.

- The arrival/departure code (IMO0013) is A when reporting on arrival, and D when reporting on departure.
- Number of passengers (IMO0087) and Number of crew (IMO0086) are indicated at the arrival to or departure from the port, dependent on the value of IMO0013.
- Last port of call (IMO0076 and IMO0075) is the port visited directly before port of arrival, if IMO0013='A'. Last port of call (IMO0076 and IMO0075) is the port visited directly before port of departure, if IMO0013='D'. In both cases, this is the same port.
- Next port of call (IMO0084 and IMO0085) is the port visited directly after the port of arrival (IMO0108 and IMO0109) or port of departure (IMO0111 and IMO0112).
- This data set is for reporting on one port call, meaning that we have a 0..1 relation from "Voyage" to "Port call" in this case. This also means that port of arrival (IMO0108 and IMO0109) is the same as port of departure (IMO0111 and IMO0112), but that some of the other information in "Port Call" will vary, dependent on whether the message is used for arrival- or departure reporting.
- For an arrival message to the arrival port (IMO0108/IMO0109), *IMO0063 Date and time of arrival-actual* is not used.
- For an arrival message to the arrival port (IMO0108/IMO0109), *IMO0064 Date and time of arrival-estimated* is the ETA to the port of arrival (IMO0108/IMO0109)
- For an arrival message to the arrival port (IMO0108/IMO0109), if this message is sent after the ship has left the last port of call (IMO0075, IMO0076), *IMO0065 Date and time of departure-actual* relates to the *Last port of call (IMO0075/IMO0076)*.
- For an arrival message to the arrival port (IMO0108/IMO0109), *IMO0066 Date and time of departure-estimated* is the ETD from the arrival port (= departure port)
- For a departure message to the departure port (IMO0111/IMO0112), *IMO0063 Date and time of arrival-actual* relates to the port that the departure message is sent to, that is, IMO0111/IMO0112.
- For a departure message to the departure port (IMO0111/IMO0112), *IMO0064 Date and time of arrival-estimated* is not used.
- For a departure message to the departure port (IMO0111/IMO0112), *IMO0065 Date and time of departure-actual* is not used.
- For a departure message to the departure port (IMO0111/IMO0112), *IMO0066 Date and time of departure-estimated* is the ETD from the port of departure (IMO0111/IMO0112).]

Data exchange standards

	Standard name	Type
1	UN/EDIFACT	Code list
2	UN/LOCODE	Code list
3	UN/recommendation	Code list