



Dear shippers,

Activities in February at the Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNSC) focused mainly on the recent launch of the new Electronic Cargo Tracking Note (ECTN) issuance application "BESC 3.0" and on awareness-raising sessions among foreign trade players in Cameroon. The aim was to inform business persons about the advantages of this improved version of the ECTN. With the start of 2025, the CNSC, **Your Partner**, is pleased to provide you with an innovative and streamlined platform to reduce cargo dwell times at Cameroon's ports.

This publication also reports on the seminar organised by the CNSC themed "**Provisions of the 2025 Finance Law on tax and customs requirements relating to foreign trade operations in Cameroon**". The seminar sought to help shippers better understand the intricacies and innovations of the new finance law, to help them successfully carry out their foreign trade operations.

Another highlight of February was the organisation of a retreat for strategic partners of the Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council (CWEIC) Hub for Cameroon, Gabon and Togo in Kribi, which launched its activities for the year 2025.

Have an enjoyable reading!

Auguste Mbappe Penda

CNSC General Manager

ECTN 3.0

CNSC ENLIGHTENS FOREIGN TRADE ACTORS ON NEW FEATURES



Foreign trade actors learn about the new features of the ECTN application

ICD: CNSC joins celebrations in Garoua

CNSC trains some 150 business persons on innovations of the Finance Law

CWEIC Strategic Partners hold evaluation retreat in Kribi

CNSC attends International Conference on Blue Economy in Banjul

Staff present New Year wishes to CNSC's management

Awareness raising

BESC 3.0 at the heart of discussions

Business persons learn about the new ECTN application «BESC 3.0».



GM CNSC presents new ECTN application "BESC 3.0"

The General Manager of the Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNSC), **Mr. Auguste Mbappe Penda**, chaired an awareness-raising session on the new version of CNSC's ECTN issuance application dubbed BESC 3.0, on Monday 27 January 2025 in Paris, France, flanked by his closest collaborators **Mr. Mvondo Ekanga Tobie** and **Mr. Koum Claude Cyriac**, respectively Head of the CNSC Paris Office and Information Systems Division. The meeting was attended by importers and exporters of goods bound for and leaving Cameroon and was an opportunity for the CNSC to present the new procedure for ECTN issuance via the "BESC 3.0" application, in force since the 1st of January 2025. This new and dynamic digital platform offers several new features. From a functional point of view, the new application offers simpler procedures for collecting and processing data and different electronic payment options. It is also expected to make it easier for users to initiate ECTN requests regardless of their geographical location. The same awareness-raising session was held in Cameroon, at the CNSC South Regional Office on 20 and 21 February 2025. This was at the request of shippers using the port of Kribi for their operations. Many of them, along with forwarding agents, customs brokers, and other foreign trade professionals who took part in the training session had been experiencing enormous difficulties since the launch of the new application. **Mr. Elvis Tsaguim** and **Mr. Claude Koum**, respectively CNSC Director for Operations and Head of the Information Systems Division, explained the functioning, innovations and advantages of BESC 3.0 to the participants.

Economy

International Customs Day

CNSC joins celebrations in Garoua.



CNSC's stand at the fair

The North regional office of the Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNSC) took part in the official launch of the 72nd edition of International Customs Day (ICD), organised on 20 January 2025 in Garoua under the theme "Customs Delivering on its Commitment to Efficiency, Security and Prosperity". The ceremony was presided over by Finance Minister **Louis Paul Motaze** and Customs Director General **Fongod Edwin Nuvaga**. In his address, the Minister of Finance paid a vibrant tribute to the men and women who work every day to collect resources, protect the nation's economy, and secure our borders. An esteemed partner of the Cameroon Customs Department, the Cameroon National Shippers' Council set up a 25m² exhibition stand at the event venue. CNSC's stand attracted a large number of visitors and was manned by the North Regional Branch Manager, **Mr. Habilou Chinmoun**, assisted by some colleagues. As a reminder, in August 2022, the CNSC and the Cameroon Customs Department signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the sharing of information and statistical data on Cameroon's foreign trade activities.



Training

Seminar on the 2025 Finance Law

CNSC trains some 150 business persons.



Participants at the seminar

The Deputy General Manager of the Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNSC), **Mr. Younouss Soungui**, officially opened the seminar on **"Provisions of the 2025 Finance Law on tax and customs requirements relating to foreign trade operations in Cameroon"** in the CNSC training hall on 29 January 2025. Discussions focused on three sub-themes: **"New customs requirements under the 2025 Finance Law"** delivered by Mr. Denis Ntuba, Inspector of Customs; **"Procedures to verify the conformity of goods imported into Cameroon"** jointly presented by Mrs. **Jeanna Banda**, Valuation Front Office Manager and **Mr. Marc Mbogba**, PECAE Manager. For the CNSC, the Service Head for Development, **Mr. Thierry Ekembe**, presented its new ECTN issuance application **"BESC 3.0"**. This training seminar was well attended by the business community, with a total of about 150 foreign trade actors in attendance.

CWEIC

Evaluation retreat

CWEIC strategic partners kick off 2025 activities in Kribi.



CWEIC Strategic Partners

At the initiative of the Chairman of the Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council (CWEIC) Hub for Cameroon, Gabon, and Togo, **Mr. Auguste Mbappe Penda**, who doubles as General Manager of the Cameroon National Shippers' Council (CNSC), CWEIC strategic partners met in Kribi from 12 to 14 February 2025. The meeting was chaired by **Mrs. Anne Oben**, Director of the Commonwealth Department at the Ministry of External Relations, and sought to assess the benefits enjoyed by partners of the CWEIC network to lay the groundwork for further cooperation. During the meeting, the CWEIC Hub Regional Director, **Mr. Cham Etienne Bama**, presented the Hub's action plan for the year 2025. It was also an opportunity for strategic partners such as the Port Authority of Kribi, the Investment Promotion Agency, Cameroon Telecommunications, the Cameroon Water Utilities Corporation, the Special Council Support Fund for Mutual Assistance, and the Cameroon National Shippers' Council, to present projects likely to attract investors from Commonwealth member countries.

CNSC, Your Partner!



Blue Economy

Focus on governance, safety and innovation

CNSC attends international conference in Banjul.



CNSC staff pose with Cameroon's Transport Minister

Cameroon's delegation to the 4th International Conference on the Blue Economy held from 19 to 21 February 2025 in Banjul, Republic of the Gambia, was led by Transport Minister **Jean Ernest Massena Ngalle Bibehe**. The event which had as its central theme **"Harnessing the Blue Economy: Leveraging Innovative and Sustainable Development"**, was organised by the Regional Maritime University in collaboration with the Maritime Institute of Dar es Salaam, under the auspices of the Gambian Ministry of Transport, Works and Infrastructure. Alongside the Port Authority of Douala, the Port Authority of Kribi, and the National Ports Authority, the Cameroon National Shippers' Council was represented by **Mrs. Armelle Makasso** and **Mr. Thierry Mebara**, respectively Sub-Director for Shippers' Assistance and Service Head for International Cooperation. The event brought together over 600 participants, including policy-makers, experts and business owners. Discussion at the 3-day conference focused on intriguing issues relating to the governance of oceans and coastal waters, maritime transport and safety, blue technology, and innovation. They discussed strategies for maximizing the benefits of the blue economy while ensuring environmental sustainability.

CNSC

Best wishes for 2025

Staff present New Year wishes to CNSC's Management.



Handshake with GM CNSC during ceremony for the presentation of New Year wishes

It was in high spirits that CNSC staff presented their warmest wishes to the top management of the Cameroon National Shippers' Council, manned by **Mr. Auguste Mbappe Penda** the General Manager, and **Mr. Younouss Soungui**, the Deputy General Manager. This ceremony which brought together the entire CNSC staff from all corners of Cameroon took place on 7 February 2025 in Douala, having as special guests **Mr. Abdourahamane Abba Kafougou**, Secretary General of the Union of African Shippers' Councils, and representatives of the Chadian and Central African Shippers' Councils. **Mr. Auguste Mbappe Penda** used the occasion to personally congratulate his staff and award special bonuses to departments that stood out in 2024. He also invited staff to demonstrate more discipline and hard work in the exercise of their duties. The ceremony was enlivened by performances from audience-thrilling artists such as **Vanister**, author of **"Je balaie"**, **Seppo**, who performed **"Mama o mba"**, and **Marcus** the comedian.

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