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### **Sub: Integration of SEZ online with Customs EDI Systems (ICES)**

Kind attention of Steamer Agents/Importers/Exporters/Customs Brokers/Consol Agents, who are handling the SEZ cargo in any capacity, is invited to the existing manual procedure for delivery of SEZ cargo. It is decided to undertake the said processes through electronic mode by integration of SEZ online with Customs EDI System at SEZs. The SEZ online system is an electronic interface for Customs clearance for SEZs.

2. The following procedure is to be followed for filing of IGM, Bills of Entry, Shipping Bills, etc. for the smooth integration of SEZ processed documents with Customs EDI System.

#### **Imports**

- (I) Customs EDI system (ICES) shall provide IGM data to SEZ online on real time basis.
- (II) The Bills of Entry (B/E) filed by SEZ importers shall get the IGM data integrated at SEZ online system automatically. In case of any infirmity or if validation fails, the importer shall get such infirmity rectified for proper integration of IGM data with B/E. The assessed Bill of Entry on integration with IGM data would be transmitted to the ICES (alongwith details of authorized representative of SEZ).

*(Note-The present manual procedure of endorsing quintuplet copy by Authorized officer for release of goods from Port/Customs Freight Station (CFS) will be done away with the Integration of SEZ Online with ICES.)*

3. (I) The SEZ Importer on transmission of B/E to customs will then approach the Proper Officer of "SEZ Transshipment Cell" and provide details such as the B/E number etc. for transshipment of goods from port of arrival to SEZ premises. On approval of transshipment in EDI system, after due verification of identity of authorised representative, ID, endorsed Bill of Lading, etc. transshipment number would be generated by the ICES & B/E would be marked to the Preventive Officer (PO) for the actual release of goods.

- (II) Approved order will be printed in Triplicate.
  - i. First copy will be retained by the Transshipment cell.
  - ii. Second copy will be given to the Custodian responsible for delivery of the Goods.
  - iii. Third copy will be handed over by the importer to Authorised Officer to the SEZ on receipt of goods by Transshipment.

*(Note-The Present system of manually maintaining the Register to assign TSA number will be done away with as only the online generated reference number will be used for the release of the Goods.)*

- (III) In case, the goods are transhipped by the SEZ authorities or a nominated agency, the contact details of the Officers would be provided for random verification of authority.

4. The Preventive Officer in-charge of the release of goods will verify the "Marks and Numbers" in case of LCL cargo and seal number, container number in case of FCL cargo, before release of goods for SEZ Unit.

*(Note- Presently, the endorsement of goods released is needed on the Quintuplet copy of the B/E which will be dispensed).*

5. (I) On endorsement of release of goods by the PO in ICES , a "release of goods" message will be generated and transmitted to the SEZ Online so that SEZ Online may maintain time line for receipt of the same goods and provide 'goods receipt' message to Customs EDI System.

(II) After warehousing, a "Warehousing message" will be sent from SEZ Online to Customs EDI System. On receipt of Goods Receipt Message from SEZ Online, ICES shall close IGM lines pertaining to SEZ.

*(Note-Presently, on arrival of goods at a SEZ, the goods are verified by the Authorized Officer of SEZ and on completion of assessment, examination, granting Out of Charge (OOC) and warehousing in SEZ, a Re-warehousing certificate is given by SEZ authorities to Customs at the Port. The physical warehousing certificate shall be dispensed w.e.f. the date of launching of integration to be specified subsequently).*

### **Exports**

In case of export, the Shipping Bills (S/B) is filed by the SEZ Exporter/CHA in the SEZ Online system and the consignment is self-sealed. S/B is assessed and LEO is given by the Authorised Officer of the SEZ.

2. SEZ Online will transmit Shipping Bills data to the ICES on grant of LEO by SEZ authorities. To facilitate quicker clearance, an option may be provided in SEZ Online to provide the details of Rotation No. in the Shipping Bill Sea sites respectively.

*(Note-Earlier S/B hard copy was endorsed by the SEZ officer and was manually taken to the port by the Exporter/CHA for clearance of goods).*

3. In case of sea cargo it should be noted that the goods are sent directly to the port concerned in case of FCL cargo for verification and then loading on the vessel. In case of LCL cargo the goods first may be sent to CFS for verification and stuffing. PO would then seal the LCL cargo and send it to the port for loading on the Carrier.

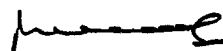
4. In case of FCL cargo, the arrival acknowledgment and verification of Container and Seal No. may take place simultaneously. Rotation No. pertaining to such S/B may be entered/ edited by the Office at this stage.

5. In case of LCL cargo, Preventive Officer will enter the basic details such as S/B No., date, etc. for acknowledging receipt of goods. The goods may be aggregated with other cargo and stuffed in Container. The Stuffing report will be entered in the ICES Rotation No. pertaining to such S/B may be entered /edited by the Office at this stage.

6. It may be noted that if Shipping Bill contains more than 1 package/container then unless the entire goods arrive at the Customs Port, arrival will not be acknowledged in the ICES. If seal is found to be broken or there is a major mis-match then the present procedure of ascertaining conformity to declaration would continue to be followed. The same maybe taken up to SEZ authorities who will ascertain the facts and provide amended message in conformity with the goods available.

7. After loading of the goods in the Vessel, EGM will be filed by the Carrier in the ICES and the same would be shared by the ICES with SEZ Online.

8. Any difficulties faced in the Integration of SEZ online with Customs EDI Systems, may kindly be brought to the notice of the Assistant Commissioner (EDI) for further necessary action.



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