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Paperless Custom – Electronic Communication of PDF Based Copies of Shipping Bill &

e-Gate pass to Custom Brokers/Exporters – Reg

- In its continuing endeavour to promote 'Faceless, Contactless, Paperless Customs' Board has decided to rely upon digital copies of the Shipping Bill and do away with the requirement of taking bulky printouts from the Service Centre or maintenance of voluminous physical dockets in the Custom Houses. This reform will yield immense benefits in terms of saving the time and cost of compliance for the trade, thereby enhancing the ease of doing business, while providing enhanced security features for verification of authenticity and validity of the electronic document.
- Board directs that w.e.f. 22.06.2020 only the digital copy of the Shipping Bill bearing the Final LEO would be electronically transmitted to the exporter and the present practice of printing copies of the said document for the exporters and also for maintaining a docket in the Customs House would stand discontinued. This reform complements the introduction of a digital pdf Out of-Charge (OOC) copy of the Bill of Entry and Gate pass w.e.f. 15.04.2020 and launch of the 1st Phase of Faceless Assessment at Chennai and Bengaluru w.e.f. 08.06.2020.

- The silent features of the secure electronic communication of the Final LEO copy of the Shipping Bill and the Gate pass copy of Shipping Bill are as follows:

a) Final Let Export Order (LEO) Copy of Shipping Bill :-

- Directorate General of Systems has enabled a functionality of communicating by email, the PDF version of the Final LEO copy of the Shipping Bill to the Customs Broker and exporter, if registered. This electronic Final LEO copy can serve multiple purposes such as being shared with DGFT, Banks etc.
- The PDF version will bear a digitally signed and encrypted QR code which can be scanned to verify the authenticity of the document using Mobile App ICETRAK. The QR code is tamper proof, which is digitally signed by CBIC to ensure the authenticity. Key details like SB No., SB Date, FOB value, Package Details are available in the secured QR Code.
- A version number is also embedded in the QR code which can be used to ascertain whether the document is indeed the latest version (in case of cancellation of LEO etc.). The same would be verifiable at ICEGATE Enquiry.
- Let Export Order (LEO) message shall also be sent to custodians who are integrated with ICEGATE. In this connection, it may be noted that the SB LEO message is not being received electronically by those custodians who are NOT connected via MFTP. Field formations are urged to immediately ensure the registration of all custodians with the ICEGATE system.

b) E-Gatepass Copy of Shipping Bill :-

- Directorate General of Systems would henceforth communicate through email, the e-Gatepass PDF copy of the Shipping Bill to the

Customs Broker and the Exporter, if registered. Accordingly, Board has decided to do away with the printing of Transference copies of Shipping Bill.

- The electronic document provides key summary details like Container/Packages related to logistics movement and facilitates authentic, easy and quick verification by the Custodian, at the point of Entry/Exit.
 - There will be two types of QR codes (i) for entire e-Gatepass document, and (ii) for each container/package covered under the e-Gatepass. This will ensure that only those containers/package move out which are covered under the Gatepass document.
 - In case of packaged and other bulk cargos, the e-Gatepass copy of the Shipping Bill will be generated during LEO.
 - In case of containerised cargo, the e-Gatepass copy of the Shipping Bill will be generated after the receipt of the container stuffing information for the SB.
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- It is re-iterated that for the purposes of exports, all the supporting documents should mandatorily be uploaded in e-Sanchit and collection of physical dockets shall be dispensed with.
 - It is possible that there may be scenarios other than those mentioned above, where printouts of Shipping Bills are required. Board desires that such scenarios shall be immediately informed. The respective Principal Commissioners / Commissioners of Customs would take a decision on allowing printouts only in such exceptional situations.

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