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Sub: Operationalization of Certain Functionalities in ICEGATE – reg.

Attention of Importers/Exporters, Custom Brokers, Trade, Customs Staff and other stakeholders is invited to Board Circular No. 32/2020 dated 06.07.2020.

2. At the behest of the CBIC, DG Systems, CBIC has enabled, w.e.f. 06.07.2020, certain functionalities in ICEGATE which would reduce the need for physical interaction between Customs and trade and also speed up the Customs clearance process. These new functionalities are explained below.

(a) Registration of Authorised Dealer Code, Bank Accounts through ICEGATE:

(i) Exporters are presently required to register their Authorised Dealer (AD) Code and Bank Account(s) for purposes of remittances and availing export benefits respectively at every Customs station. Even though it is a one-time procedure, it requires physical interaction between the Customs and the trade and submission of physical documents by the latter. Being a manual process, it causes delays impacting exports besides requiring the exporters or their representatives to personally visit the Customs Houses. Same is the case for the process of updation of Bank Account details. On review, this procedure has been done away with.

(ii) The Directorate General of Systems, CBIC has now enabled a functionality within ICEGATE login which allows the exporters to make an online request for registration/modification of their AD Code / Bank Account(s) and also electronically submit the Passbook copy or Bank Authorisation letter through e-Sanchit. The exporters would also have access to a Dashboard to view the status of approval and acceptance at PFMS, for quick rectification at their end. The detailed step-by-step guide is available on the ICEGATE portal at https://www.icegate.gov.in/Download/Bank Account Management _Advisory.pdf.

(iii) The officers posted in EDI section, JNCH, shall ensure that the approval process for registration/updation of the Authorised Dealer (AD) Code and Bank Account(s) details in ICES is completed within the same working day of receiving the applications, if all requirements are submitted in ICEGATE. Further, if any deficiencies are noticed, the same shall be communicated to the exporter via the Customs Automated system, who would then make required rectification through ICEGATE portal.

(b) Automated debit of bond after Assessment:

Presently, importers or their representatives are required to physically visit Customs House for physical debit of Bonds after the Bill of Entry is returned (to the importer) for the payment of duty. On review, it has been decided to do away with this requirement. Instead, ICES would automatically debit the Bond and reflect the same in the first copy of the Bill of Entry, provided...
the details of the Bond are provided during submission of the Bill of Entry. As has been re-iterated earlier, trade is encouraged to use a continuity bond to avoid procedures related to repeat submission of Bonds.

(c) **Simplified Registration of Importers/Exporters in ICEGATE:**

Although simplified Registration module for importers / exporters based on verification provided in associated GSTIN has been provided without the requirement of digital signature, since many importers / exporters have not availed the same, various functionalities available in the ICEGATE portal cannot be accessed by them. These functionalities are useful to the importers / exporters and would help them in their management of imports and exports. Some of these functionalities are Management of Bank Accounts, Ledger View, IGST Refund status, Query Reply etc. Therefore, importers / exporters are advised to register on ICEGATE and conduct their Customs clearances through electronic interface. The simplified registration on ICEGATE can be done easily in few moments by following the steps given in the link at [https://www.icegate.gov.in/Download/Advisory for Simplified %20Registration at ICEGATE_v1.pdf](https://www.icegate.gov.in/Download/Advisory%20for%20Simplified%20Registration%20at%20ICEGATE_v1.pdf)

3. Difficulty, if any, faced in implementation of the said Public Notice may be brought to the notice of the Addl./Joint Commissioner (Appraising Main, Import) through email on appraisingmain.jnch@gov.in.

4. This Public Notice should be considered as Standing Order for the purpose of officers and staff of department.

(Sunil Kumar Mall) 8.7.2020
Commissioner of Customs (NS-I)

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1. The Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Zone-II, JNCH.
2. The Commissioner of Customs, NS-G/NS-I/NS-II/NS-III/NS-Audit/NS-V, JNCH.
3. The Chairman JNPT/CEO NSICT, CEO GTI/CEO BMCT for information.
4. All Additional/Joint Commissioners of Customs, JNCH.
5. All Deputy/Assistant Commissioner of Customs, JNCH.
6. All Sections/Group of NS-G/NS-I/NS-II/NS-III/NS-Audit/NS-V, JNCH
7. Representative of CSLA & MANSA for information and circulation.
8. Representative of CFSAI / BCBA / FIEO / Members of PTFC for information and circulation among their members and other importers for information.
9. AC/DC, EDI for uploading on JNCH website immediately.