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Sub: Verification of genuineness of Shipping Bills and Bills of Entry received from various departments � reg.

This Custom House is getting requests for verification of genuineness of Shipping Bills and Bills of Entry with the Export General Manifest and Import General Manifest which are filed with the Manifest Clearance Department subsequent to exportation and importation of goods.

This verification is required for sanction of rebate/refund claims by the Central Excise Commissionerate. This process is subject to statutory time limits. In addition, there is a demand of verification of genuineness of Shipping Bills and Bills of Entry by the Intelligence/Investigation Agencies like SIIB, CIU, DRI, CBI and the Enforcement Directorate where the cases need to be done on top priority basis.

The present practice of verification of Shipping Bills and Bills of Entry is to route them through SIIB. However, the actual work of verification is being done under the control and supervision of the Manifest Clearance Department. The process of routing via SIIB is only increasing two steps as no verification is done by SIIB (Exports) and the copy of the same is forwarded to MCD. This is not only time consuming but also delays the process which at times is very crucial to the investigating/rebate sanctioning authorities. Besides, it increases work load in the SIIB Section.

It has, therefore been decided that the work relating to verification of genuineness of Shipping Bills and Bs/e etc. shall be directly handled by the Manifest Clearance Deptt., which shall act as the Nodal Agency for the purpose. During the transitional period, the enquiry letters from other formations which are addressed to SIIB, shall be marked to AC (MCD), at Dak stage and the formation seeking the enquiry should be informed to correspond directly with AC (MCD).

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