Subject: Integration of SEZ Online with Customs EDI System (ICES)

It is brought to the notice of Exporters / Importers, trade and Custom House Agents that to facilitate integration of SEZ Online with Custom EDI System, the following Business Flow process would be followed henceforth:

**Imports**

1. Customs EDI System (ICES) shall provide IGM (Sea and Air) data to SEZ Online on real time basis.

2. The Bills of Entry filed by SEZ importers shall get the IGM data integrated at SEZ Online system automatically. In case any infirmity or validation fails occur, the importer shall get such infirmity rectified for proper integration of IGM data with B/E. The assessed Bills of Entry on integration with IGM data would be transmitted to the ICES(along with the details of the authorized representatives of the SEZ).

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

3. 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 verification of identity of authorized representative ID, enclosed Bill of Lading, etc., Transshipment Number would be generated by the ICES and the B/E would be marked to the Preventive Officer (PO) for actual release of goods. Approval 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 respons/ble for delivery of the Goods.

(iii) Third copy will be handed over by the importer to Authorized Officer of the SEZ, on receipt of goods by Transshipment.
(Note- Present system of manually maintaining the Register to assign TSA number will be done away with as only the online system generated reference number will be used for the release of the Goods).

In case, the goods are transshipment by the SEZ authorities or a nominated agency, the contact details of the officers would be provided for random verification of authenticity.

4. 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 with w.e.f 15.04.2015).

5. 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 timeline for receipt of the same goods and provide 'goods receipt' message to Customs EDI System.

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 by SEZ, a Re-warehousing certificate is given by SEZ authorities to Customs at the port. The physical warehousing certificate shall be dispensed with w.e.f. 15.04.2015).

Exports

1. In case of exports, 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 Authorized Officer of the SEZ.

2. SEZ Online will transmit Shipping Bills data to 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. I Airway Bill No. in the shipping bill Sea/Air sites, respectively.

(Note- Earlier S/B hard copy was enclosed by the SEZ officer and was manually taken to the port by the Exporter CHA for clearance of goods. This manual procedure will be done away with w.e.f 15.04.2015).
In case of Air Cargo, P.O 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 a container ULD. The Airway Bill No. (MAWB) pertaining to such S/B may be entered/edited by the officer at this stage.

In case of Sea Cargo, it should be noted that the goods are being 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 may be first sent to a CFS for verification and stuffing. PO would then seal the LCL cargo and send it to the port for loading on to the carrier.

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

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 a container/ULD. The stuffing report will be entered in the ICES; Rotation No. pertaining to such S/B may be entered/edited by the officer at this stage.

It may be noted that, if the Shipping bill contains more than 1 package/containers, then unless the entire goods arrive at the Customs port; arrival will not be acknowledged in the ICES. If the 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 may be taken up with SEZ authorities, who will ascertain the facts and provide amended message in conformity with the goods available.

After loading of 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.

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