Sub: Integration of Special Economic Zone (SEZ) cargo delivery through SEZ online with Customs EDI System (ICES)-reg.

1. Kind attention of Airline 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 export cargo. These processes are now proposed to be done through electronic mode by integration of SEZ online with Customs EDI system (ICES) at Delhi Air Cargo Export Complex. The SEZ online system is an electronic interface for Customs clearance for SEZs. The integration and electronic delivery system will be operational from 14.12.2016.

2. The following procedures are required to be followed for filing of EGM, Shipping Bills etc. for the smooth integration of SEZ processed documents with Customs EDI System.

3. **Arrival of cargo for Exports:**

   1. In case of exports, the Shipping Bills is filed by the SEZ Exporter/CHA in the SEZ online system and the consignment is self sealed. The
shipping bill is assessed and LEO (Let Export Order) is given by the Authorised Officer of the SEZ Customs in the SEZ online.

2. The details of Shipping bills, including AWB/Bill of Lading, will be provided by the SEZ online to ICES 1.5 on real time basis. The present procedure of endorsement on hard copy of the shipping bill by the authorised officer would continue till full implementation of electronic procedure. On full implementation, the manual endorsement mentioned above would be dispensed.

3. In case of LCL cargo the goods shall be taken to the Air Cargo Complex. Upon entry of such goods the Proper Officer posted would verify the marks and numbers and would enter the basic details such as Shipping Bill Numbers, etc. in ICES 1.5 for acknowledging entry of the goods. After the Entry, the ICES 1.5 System generates a message and sends the same to SEZ online system. Then the goods are handed over to the Airport Authority for scanning and handing over the Airlines for loading on to the planes.

4. On receipt of the SEZ cargo at the Airport the Proper Officer posted there shall verify the seal number, container number (if any) intactness of Seal and condition of containers (packets/pallets as the case may be). He/she shall enter the Shipping Bill number, date, container number, container size (only if applicable) and seal number in ICES 1.5. As soon as it is done the message would be sent to SEZ online through ICEGATE.

5. It may be noted that arrival message is given for a shipping bill. Hence, if the shipping bill contains more than one package/Unit Load Devices (ULD) then unless the entire lot arrive at the airport; arrival will not be acknowledged in the system and no message will be sent to SEZ online system. Only on arrival of all the consignments pertaining to a particular shipping bill, the arrival acknowledgment will be
provided for the shipping bill to SEZ online system. It is proposed that if the seal is found to be broken or tampered, then the manual procedure of Customs clearance would be followed i.e. the seal broken information will be sent to SEZ manually. With the concurrence of authorised officer, the goods will be re-examined. Otherwise, the cargo will be sent back to SEZ for further action.

6. After loading of the cargo in the aircraft, EGM will be filed by the Console Agents in the ICES 1.5 application and the same would be shared by ICES with SEZ online system.

7. In brief, since the above procedures are on pilot basis, the existing manual procedure also continues along with system procedure for the time being till further notice. In case of difficulties in electronic processing, the issue may be intimated to EDI section and processing may be done based on physical copies after approval of Assistant/Deputy Commissioner of Customs.

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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