
Kind attention of all Importers, Customs House Agents (CHA), Authorized Economic Operator (AEOs) and Members of Trade is invited to the recent changes made in the Indian Customs EDI System (ICES) to facilitate the Bill of Entry filed by the AEO status holders.

2. Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs (CBIC) introduced three-tier AEO Programme vide Circular No. 33/2016 dated 22.07.2016. It has been further amended through Circular No. 26/2018 dated 10.08.2018, which simplifies and rationalizes the processing of AEO applications (available at: http://www.cbic.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/homelinks/india-aeo-prgm). The AEO Programme extends various key benefits to the importers and the other stakeholders like provision of deferred duty payment of duties, benefits of Mutual Recognition Agreements with other Customs Administrations etc.

3. In order to further facilitate the imports by AEO status holders, changes have been made in the Indian Customs EDI System (ICES) to facilitate the Bill of Entry filed by them. Necessary logic has been incorporated in the ICES to automatically assign top priority to Bill of Entry filed by the importers having AEO status/certification and place them ahead of other pending Bills of Entry for assessment in the appraising officers’ queue. There is no change in the First in First out logic for the other Bills of Entry. Consequently, the Bills of Entry filed by the AEO status holders will be assessed and facilitated (RMS Bills of Entry) at top priority vis-à-vis the bills of entry filed by non-AEO status holder.

This issues with the approval of the Commissioner, (ACC-Import), New Delhi.

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Joint Commissioner (Tech.)
1) The Chief Commissioner of Customs (DZ), New Customs House, New Delhi; for information.
2) The Principal Commissioner of Customs, ICD, TKD (Import), New Delhi.
3) The Commissioner of Customs, ICD, TKD, (Export), New Delhi.
4) The Commissioner of Customs, ACC(Export), New Custom House, New Delhi.
5) The Commissioner of Customs, ICD, PPG, Delhi.
6) The Commissioner of Customs (Airport & General), New Custom House, New Delhi.
7) The Commissioner of Customs (Preventive), New Custom House, New Delhi.
8) The Commissioner of Customs, ACC-Import, New Customs House, New Delhi.
9) The Joint Commissioner of Customs, ACC-Import, New Customs House, New Delhi.
10) All the Asst./Deputy Commissioner, ACC-Import, New Customs House, New Delhi; for information and compliance.
11) The Asst. Commissioner –EDI, ACC-Import, New Customs House, New Delhi; for information and uploading the same on the website of Commissionerate.
12) The president, Delhi Customs clearing Agents Association, 260-61, Anarkali Bazar, Jhandewalan Extension, DDA shopping complex, New Delhi-110055.
13) Notice board/Guard file

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