



**OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS,
CUSTOM HOUSE, PORT AREA, VISAKHAPATNAM – 530035.**

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**Subject: Online Transmission of Duty Free Import Authorization issued
between Customs and DGFT- reg.**

Attention of all Importers, Exporters, CHAs, Trade and all concerned is invited to the Central Board of Excise and Customs' Notification No. 40/2006-Customs dated 1st May, 2006, issued to operationalise the DFIA scheme and Circular No. 16/2006-Cus dated 9th May, 2006 regarding introduction of Duty Free Import Authorization Scheme (hereinafter referred to as "the DFIA"). The various procedures related to imports and exports under above Scheme like registration, monitoring of exports obligation, verification and redemption of bonds/LUTs etc. are being carried out manually at the ports of Visakhapatnam and Gangavaram.

2. It is to bring to the notice of all concerned that the procedure for online transmission of Shipping Bills to DGFT and online receipt of Duty Free Import Authorization (DFIA) from DGFT to Customs through an Electronic Message Exchange System at these ports is going to be operational w.e.f. 13th October, 2011. The new procedure would be applicable in respect of file nos./Authorizations issued under Duty Free Import Authorization Scheme for Exports and Imports in respect of all Authorizations for all EDI and non-EDI ports of registration including these ports.

3. As per the new procedure, if the exporter wants to file Shipping Bill under Duty Free Import Authorization Scheme (DFIA), he has to provide simply DFIA details in the column prescribed under revised format. After implementation of online DFIA License, communication with the DGFT regarding Shipping Bills under this scheme would be online. For this purpose, the Exporters have to send the DFIA details in License Table. For updated format please refer to the document in ICEGATE. The revised RES Package has been made available to the user on website <http://www.ices.nic.in>.

4. It is further to bring to the notice of all concerned that the CHAs or the exporters who want to file their export documents through Service Centre under Duty Free Import Authorization Scheme, have to provide simply DFIA details in the prescribed column of Annexure – A declaration like any other licenses and not to provide details in the table as was prescribed earlier.

5. In case of export, the Authorization/File Number issued by the DGFT on or after 13th October 2011 will be automatically available in the ICES 1.5 at the Custom House from the date of implementation of the revised procedure. The Exporter is required to quote file no./ Authorization no. at the time of filling of the Shipping Bill against these Authorization.

6. In case of Import under DFIA, the Authorization issued by the DGFT on or after the date assigned, would be automatically available in the ICES 1.5 at the Customs House from the date of implementation of the revised procedures. For this purpose the importers are required to quote the Authorization No. at the time of filing of Bills of Entry against such licenses.

7. For monitoring of export obligation under subject Authorization issued by DGFT under above mentioned schemes, the Customs would transmit online the Shipping Bills to DGFT wherever exports have been affected under the Authorizations received online from DGFT. The DGFT would furnish Export Obligation Discharge Certificate (EODC) in prescribed format

containing details of Shipping Bills to Customs and based on this EODC, the designated officer at this port would release the bonds / LUTs and the BG, if any, after causing necessary verifications.

8. For any amendment under DFIA issued under above schemes by DGFT, importer would obtain a log print of usage of license in prescribed format. DGFT would process amendment(s) of the DFIA based on log print of usage of license issued by Customs and transmit online the necessary amendment(s) of license to Customs. No imports under such Authorization would be allowed after issuance of log print till the amendment message is received from DGFT.

9. The existing procedures for manual registration of file nos. /Authorizations would continue to be followed in case of file nos. /Authorizations issued under this Scheme prior to the date assigned for online transmission of Authorization i.e. 13th October, 2011.

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(P.V.R. REDDY)
Commissioner of Customs

To
All Concerned

Copy to: The Chief Commissioner of Customs, Central Excise and Service Tax, Visakhapatnam Zone.

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