



OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS
CUSTOM HOUSE: PORT AREA: VISAKHAPATNAM: 530 035

F.No.P3/06/2017-A.M.(Pt.1)

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PUBLIC NOTICE NO. 58/2017

Sub:- Implementing Electronic Sealing for Containers by exporters under self sealing procedure by Circular 26/2017-Cus dated 01.07.2017, 36/2017 dated 28.08.2017, 37/2017 dated 20.09.2017, 41/2017 dated 30.10.2017 and 44/2017 dated 18.11.2017– reg.

Attention of all Importers, Exporters, Customs Brokers and Members of Trade is invited to this office Public Notice No.51/2017, dated 22.11.2017 on the above subject.

2. The Board has received representation from field formations and other stake holders for relaxing the requirement for mandatory e-sealing in view of insufficient stock of e-seals with the empanelled vendors.

3. Taking the above mentioned representations into consideration, Board has decided the following:

- (i) All entitled Exporters who have acquired RFID e-seals and are stuffing containers at approved premises for export through Ports/ICDs where facilities for readers are available shall be free to continue / adopt the new e-sealing procedure. Essentially, this implies that the procedure is voluntary till 1st March, 2018.
- (ii) Further, with effect from 1st March, 2018 the procedure shall become mandatory in respect of the exporters who have been permitted self – sealing facilities under the erstwhile procedures, AEO exporters and exporters availing supervised stuffing at their premises for the following locations:

1. JNCH, Nhava Sheva (INNSA1)
2. Chennai Port(INMAA1)
3. Mundra Port(INMUN1)
4. Hazira Port(INHZA1)
5. Cochin Port (INCOK1)
6. Kattupalli Port(INKAT1)
7. Kolkata port (INCCU1)
8. ICD Tughlakabad (INTHD6)
9. Tuticorin Port(INTUT1)
10. Pipavav Port(INPAV1)
11. Visakhapatnam Port (INVTZ1)

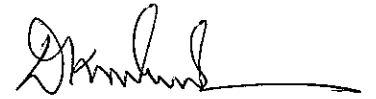
12. Krishnapatnam Port(INKRI1)
13. ICD Bangalore (INWFD6)
14. ICD Tirupur (INCHE6)
15. ICD Ludhiana(INLDH6)

(iii) E-Sealing procedure for all Ports/ICDs other than the above 15 locations would be mandatory with effect from 1st April, 2018

3. It is reiterated that the exporters who have already switched to e-sealing procedure may continue with the new procedure and those exporters who intend to voluntarily adopt e-sealing procedure are free to do so, if the readers are in place at the Customs station of export. Exporters already availing stuffing under officer supervision shall continue to enjoy the facility till the date e-sealing becomes mandatory at the port/ICD from where they are exporting containers.

4. Difficulties if any may be brought to the notice of the undersigned.

(Authority:- CBEC Circular No. 51/2017-Customs, dated 21st December, 2017
issued from F.No.450/08/2015-Cus.IV)



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