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Sub: Improper filing of EGM in ICEGATE- Reg

It is seen from the report generated from the EDI system that a number of Shipping Bills pertaining to different years are lying in different EGM Error queues. In the context of implementation of GST, all Shipping Bills are required to be transmitted successfully to the databank of the DG (System) without any error in for processing the IGST refunds of the exporters concerned. As such, the jamming of the Shipping Bills in the Error Queues is causing undue delay in initiating the refund process to the exporters by the authorities concerned.

2. While verifying the EGMs filed by the Steamer Agents, the following points were noticed:

(i) The EGMs are being filed by the Steamer Agents without checking whether all the Shipping Bills filed by the Exporter/CHA have been covered in the EGM or not. This is a serious error and the Steamer Agents are instructed to ensure the same while closing the EGMs.

(ii) While filing the EGM, due care is not being taken by the Steamer Agents in entering the details of the Shipping Bills which is resulting in different types of Errors such as 'L', 'C', 'CN' etc appearing in the system against the Shipping Bills.

3. In this regard, attention of the Trade is invited to the Para 2(B) of Public Notice No.12/2011 dated 15.06.2011 which states that "The export General Manifest has to be closed properly in the ICEGATE covering all within 07 days from the date of sailing of vessel. Hard copy of the EGM should also be delivered by the Steamer Agent to the proper officer in the prescribed form. In case of failure on the part of Steamer Agent to close EGM through ICEGATE covering all shipping bills within the stipulated period as mentioned above, the Steamer Agent is liable to pay penalty up to Rs.1,00,000/- as provided for under section 117 of the Customs Act.1962.

4. In view of the above, it is reiterated that it is the responsibility of the Steamer Agents filing the EGM to ensure that the EGM is filed/closed complete in all respect within the stipulated time frame ensuring that all the Shipping Bills filed in the said EGMs are error free so as to enable the department in processing the drawback/IGST refund to the exporters concerned.

5. Further, the list of the Shipping Bills in the Error Queue has been uploaded on the Commissionerate's website. The steamer Agents concerned, are directed to approach the Proper Officer for rectification of the errors with relevant supporting documents. Hence forth, the list of the Shipping Bills in errors queue will be made available on the Commissionerate's website on regular basis for initiating necessary action by the concerned Steamer Agents.


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To
All concerned.
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2. The Supdt.EDI Section – for uploading on the website.