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Sub: Integration of SEZ online with Customs EDI System – Reg.

Kind attention of Steamer 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 cargo. It is planned to undertake the said processes through electronic mode from **06.05.2015** by integration of SEZ on trial basis for a period of 3 months online with Customs EDI system (ICES) at Visakhapatnam Sea Port. The SEZ online system is an electronic interface for Customs clearance for SEZs.

2. The following procedure will be followed for filing of IGM and Bills of Entry for smooth integration of SEZ processed documents with Customs EDI system.
3. While filing IGM, the Steamer Agents, Liners and Consol Agents are requested to furnish the port of destination column with correct SEZ Code and movement of cargo column as 'TI', for the SEZ cargo. These IGM particulars are transmitted by ICES 1.5 to SEZ for filing of Bills of Entry in SEZ online system.
4. The present manual procedure is, after filing manual Bills of Entry and obtaining endorsement in the quintuplicate copy from the Authorised Officer of the SEZ, the Customs Brokers/Importers are getting the release of the goods from the port/CFS. After integration of SEZ online System with ICES 1.5, Importers/Customs Brokers shall file Bills of Entry with SEZ Online System and the SEZ Online System would tag the corresponding IGM particulars automatically. After filing of Bill of Entry, a message would be transmitted to ICES1.5 for goods removal, along with authorized representative details.
5. The SEZ Importer/Customs Broker have to approach the Proper Officer in the "ITP Cell" of this Custom House and provide details such as the B/E number etc. for transshipment of goods from port of arrival to SEZ premises. After verifying the particulars and identity of authorized representative, the Transshipment approval permitting movement of goods is given in the ICES 1.5 and Transshipment Number would be generated by the ICES 1.5 and the B/E would be marked to the Preventive Officer (PO) for actual release of goods. Approval order will be printed in Triplicate.

- i) First copy will be retained by the ITP cell.
- ii) Second copy will be given to the Custodian responsible for delivery of the Goods.
- iii) Third copy will be handed over by the Importer/Customs Brokers to Authorized Officer of the SEZ, on receipt of goods by Transshipment.

(Note - Present system of manually maintaining the Register to assign TSA number will be done away with as only the online system generated reference number will be used for the release of the Goods.)

In case, the goods are transshipped by the SEZ authorities or a nominated agency, the contact details of the officers would be provided for random verification of authenticity.

6. Preventive Officer in-charge of Port/CFS will verify the "Marks and Numbers" in case of LCL cargo and seal number, container number in case of FCL cargo, before release of goods for SEZ Unit.

(Note- Presently, the endorsement of goods released is needed on the Quintuplicate copy of the B/E, which will be dispensed w.e.f. 06.05.2015)

7. On endorsement of release of goods by the PO in ICES, a "release of goods" message will be generated and transmitted to the SEZ Online so that SEZ Online may maintain timeline for receipt of the same goods and provide 'goods receipt' message to Customs EDI System.

After Warehousing, a 'Warehousing message' will be sent from SEZ Online to Customs EDI System. On receipt of Goods Receipt Message from SEZ Online, ICES shall close IGM lines pertaining to SEZ.

(Note - Presently, on arrival of goods at SEZ, the goods are verified by the Authorized Officer of SEZ and on completion of assessment, examination, granting Out of charge (OOC) and warehousing by SEZ, a Re - warehousing certificate is given by SEZ authorities to Customs at the port.)

The above procedure as well as the current system will run concurrently on trial basis for a period of 3 months.


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