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**Sub: Introduction of Export Transhipment Module for movement of
Exports Cargo from Port to Gateway Port in ICES – Reg**

Kind attention of the Exporters/Customs Brokers and the trade is invited with regard to transshipment of export goods from Port/CFSs to Gateway Port. Till date the same has been handled manually. As an interim measure, vide public notice 08/2015 dated 16.01.2015, procedure of routing of export goods from CFSs of Chennai Sea Port to Kattupalli Port was prescribed.

2. As the software module for Export Transhipment (ETP) has been implemented in ICES for transshipment of containers of exports from Port/CFS to any other seaport (Gateway Port), a revised procedure in supersession of procedure provided in Public Notice 008/2015 dt. 16.01.2015 is prescribed as below.

3. Shipping Bill Processing:

The procedure for filing and processing of Shipping Bill till Stuffing Report is the same as being done presently in Seaport (e.g in INMAA1). After Stuffing Report is given, the Exporters/Customs Brokers has to approach the Service Centre of the concerned Port for filing of ETP Application in ICES.

4. Bond Registration:

For Export transshipment purpose, it is required to submit a separate continuous bond and BG by the carrier/Custodian and get it registered in ICES as Transhipment (TP) Bond. The TP Bond and BG for export are registered at Enquiry Section in ICES. If, already, TP bond for import is registered, same may also be utilized. The carrier/Custodian providing such Bond and undertakes responsibility of transshipment is referred as **Transhipper**.

5. Application for ETP:

After the goods are stuffed, the Transhipper is required to file ETP Application Request using Service Centre in the format provided vide Annexure I to this Public Notice. The details sought have to be furnished to the Service Centre operator who after making entry in the system would generate the Checklist for the data entry done in the System. The Transhipper would then verify the checklist and acknowledge the entry for submission in the system.

6. Approval of Export transshipment:

Once the ETP is submitted, the ETP application would be pending with the Preventive Superintendent of the concerned CFS for approval. The Preventive Superintendent would verify the ETP application and approve the same in the System. Once approved, ETP Permit gets printed. Based on the copy of the ETP Approval permit print, the Preventive Officer shall allow the container to pass out the CFS gate. The approved ETP permit print should accompany the Container which has been moved to Gateway port.

7. It is informed that, as soon as, the ETP approval permit is given, the Bond amount and the BG if any, for the ETP shall be debited in the Bond executed at the time of approval. It would be the responsibility of the Transhipper to ensure that the concerned cargo is exported.

8. Allowed for shipment:

As soon as the Cargo reaches the Gateway port through ETP, after completion of the preventive checks including verification of Marks & Nos of the container and integrity of the seals to rule out tampering if any as the case may be, **Allowed for Shipment** entry is made in ICES by verifying the particulars from the approved ETP. Any discrepancy noticed at this stage may be brought to the notice of the System Manager for further action.

9. **Filing of EGM:**

After "Allowed for Shipment" entry is given in the system, the steamer agent can file EGM at Gateway Port for the Shipping Bills loaded in the vessel at Gateway port. After successful filing of EGM, the Bond debited during the ETP Approval would be recrated.

10. **Processing of Drawback:**

The ETP approval would serve as EGM for the purpose of export benefits. The EP copy print shall be obtained from the port where the SB has been filed and processed. Similarly, as soon as the approval for ETP permit is given, the SB shall move to Drawback Superintendent (DBK_SUP) queue for Drawback processing.

11. Any difficulties in the implementation of this module may be brought to the notice of System Manager, Custom House, Chennai.


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