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Subject: Paperless Customs-Electronic Communication of PDF based  
Gatepass and OOC Copy of Bill of Entry to Custom  
Brokers/Importers-Reg.

Kind attention of all the Importers, Customs Brokers and all other stakeholders is invited to the CBIC Board Circular No. 19/2020-Customs dated 13.04.2020 issued vide F. No. 450/26/2019-IV and ICES advisory 14/2019 dated 14.04.2020 on PDF copies of eOoC and eGatepass, on the above-mentioned subject.

2. In order to mitigate the unprecedented situation due to Covid-19 pandemic, Board has taken a number of measures to facilitate & expedite Customs clearance process making it more and more contact-less i.e. automated and online as well as paper-less. These measures include the facility to clear goods on the basis of a undertaking (not bond), acceptance of electronic Country of Origin certificate etc. These steps complement the earlier reforms unrolled as a part of Turant Customs such as online query module, eSanchit, web based goods registration, electronic processing of DGFT issued licenses, machine release of imported goods based on Customs Compliance Verification and electronic transmission of PDF based First copy of Bill of Entry(BoE)to Customs Brokers and registered importers.

3. The aforementioned reforms combine to expedite Customs clearances and reduce the transaction cost. At the same time, it is noticed that the specific measures that reduce interface between the Customs authorities and the importers/exporters/Customs Brokers are especially relevant in these challenging times, to tackle the scourge of Covid-19 pandemic. In this direction, Board has now decided to enable electronic communication of PDF based Final eOoC (electronic Out of Charge) copy of BoE and eGatepass to the importers/Customs Brokers. **This electronic communication would reduce interface between the Customs authorities and the importers/Customs Brokers and also do away with the requirement of taking bulky printouts from the Service Centre or maintenance of voluminous physical dockets in the Customs Houses.** The Final eOoC copy of BoE and eGatepass copy will be emailed to the concerned Customs Broker and/or importer, if registered, once the Out of Charge is granted. The eGatepass copy will be used by the Gate Officer or the Custodian to allow physical exit of the imported goods from the Customs area.

3. Salient features of the secure electronic communication of the Final eOoC copy of BoE and the e-gatepass are as follows:

### I. Final Out of Charge(eOoC)Copy of Bill of Entry:

**Physical signing of Final OoC copy, which necessitates Importer/Customs Brokers to take a paper print out from the Service Centre to be produced before the Customs Officer, need not be insisted upon.** It has now been decided to do away with the paper printout of the Final OoC copy of BoE. Instead, DG Systems will enable a functionality to immediately email the PDF version of the Final eOoC copy of BoE generated after OoC to the Customs Broker and/or the importer, if registered. This Final eOoC copy of BoE will have the following features-

(i)The PDF version will bear a digitally signed and encrypted QR code which can be scanned to verify the authenticity of the document using Mobile App ICETRAK. The QRcode is tamper proof, which is digitally signed by CBIC to ensure the authenticity. Key details like BoE No. , BoE Date, Duty, Package Details are available in the secured QR Code.

(ii)A version number is also embedded in the QR code which can be used to ascertain whether the document is indeed the latest version(in case of reassessment etc.). The same would be verifiable at ICEGATE Enquiry.

### II. eGatepass

**Currently, the physically signed Final OoC copy of BoE is being verified both by the Gate Officer (Customs) as well as the Custodian before allowing the actual movement of the imported goods out of the Customs premises. This physical printout is now being replaced by the PDF eGatepass generated and electronically communicated to the importer/Customs Brokers with the following salient features:**

(i)eGatepass shall contain only the details referred to by the Custodian or the Gate officer to allow actual movement of goods-like details of IGM/Bill of Lading, Containers, packages etc.

(ii)There will be two types of QR codes(i)for entire eGatepass document, and(ii)for each container/package covered under the Gatepass. This will ensure that only those containers/package move out which are covered under the Gatepass document.

(iii)EDI OoC message shall continue to be sent to the Custodians who are registered on ICEGATE. **Since all the Custodians are not connected to ICEGATE, therefore, EDI OoC message is not being transmitted electronically to such Custodians. All custodians should register in ICEGATE as per the advisory of DG Systems so that the potential benefits of the new measures could be reaped across the entire Customs ecosystem.**

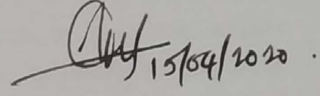
4. The electronic communication of the Final eOoC copy of BOE and eGatepass copy is expected to bring immense benefits in terms of time and cost of compliance and reduction in interface for the trade, while providing enhanced security features for verification of authenticity and validity of the electronic documents. This measure would be made effective from 15th April, 2020.

5. ICES advisory 14/2019 dated 14.04.2020 on PDF copies of eOoC and eGatepass, referred in Para-1, is attached to the Public Notice.

6. Action to be taken in terms of decisions conveyed in this Public Notice should be considered as Standing Order for the purpose of Officers.

7. Difficulties, if any may please be brought to the notice of the undersigned.

**Encl:** ICES advisory 14/2019 dated 14.04.2020.



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- 2) Federation of Karnataka, Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FKCCI),  
No.9996, Kempegowda Road, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru
- 3) Bangalore Customs Brokers Association, No.71, Cargo Village, B-Block,  
Bengaluru International Airport, Devanahalli, Bengaluru
- 4) All Airlines through Association.
- 5) Federation of Indian Export Organisation (FIEO), Ist Floor, VITC Building,  
Kasturba Road, Bengaluru
- 6) All Custodians.
- 7) Bengaluru Customs Website
- 8) Notice Board.
- 9) All Courier Agencies Operating at Bengaluru (through Courier Association)
- 10) Master file



ICES Advisory 14/2019 dt 14.04.20 on PDF copies of eOOC and eGatepass

Reference is drawn to Board's Circular 19/2020 dated 13.04.20 on the electronic communication of PDF copies of Bill of Entry. As you would know, the PDF version first copy of the BEs, generated after assessment are already being sent by mail to Importers/Customs Brokers. At many places this copy is already being used for shed examination/compliance verification instead of the physical printout. Now, in accordance with the circular, the PDF version of the final copy of the BE as well as the Gatepass will also be sent by email automatically on OOC w.e.f. 15.04.20.

2. While the salient features of these newly introduced eDocuments have been elucidated in the Circular, following points may kindly be noted for verification:
  - a. As is the case with PDF First copy, the eOOC and the eGatepass copies will bear a secure, digitally signed and encrypted QR code. The authenticity of the document can be verified by scanning the QR code using the ICETRAK mobile app available on the Google Playstore (Android). A valid QR code would return details like BE No/BE Dt, IEC, Port Code, Document version etc.
  - b. Since both the First as well as Final copies of OOC can be generated more than once (in case of reassessment, OOC cancellation), checking whether the version presented is indeed the latest and valid one is important. For this purpose, an enquiry is being given on the ICEGATE website under Public Enquiries > Document Status > Bill of Entry to verify whether the Document version returned on scanning the QR code is indeed the valid version. Going forward, an app would be made available on the ICETAB using which the examining officer can directly verify the PDF First copy through ICES itself.
  - c. The eGatepass copy will also have a similar QR code for every container under that Bill of Entry which can also be scanned and verified as detailed above. This will ensure secure gate out of eligible containers only. For non-containerized cargo, only B/L details and total packages would be available in the QR code.
  - d. The eGatepass copy is generated only for the purpose of Customs verification. The EDI OOC message will continue to be transmitted to the registered Custodians through MFTP. In this context, as instructed in the Board's Circular, concerted efforts may be made to ensure that all the custodians in your jurisdiction are registered on ICEGATE and have on-boarded the ICEGATE MFTP (ref. ICES Advisory 14/2019 dt 13.06.2019)
  - e. It may also be noted that above initiatives are being implemented to do away with the physical signing and collection of documents. Instructions given in this regard in the Board's circular may therefore be adhered to.
3. Wide publicity may be given to these initiatives for the benefit of the Trade in these times of Covid - 19 crisis.