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Attention of the Custodians/Custom Brokers/Exporters and all stakeholders concerned is invited to the Public Notice No. 17/2020 dated 02.07.2020 issued in connection with Board Circular No.30/2020 dated 22.06.2020 for the implementation of Electronic Communication of PDF Based Copies of Shipping Bill & e-Gatepass.

2. Also reference is invited to the Facility Intimation No. 08 dated 02.08.2018 issued by this Office, for the implementation of CODEX system of issuing export Gate pass from CFSs/ICD to the Port gate. The successful implementation of CODEX Gate pass benefited the Custodians, Exim Trade, Main Line Operators, all the stakeholders and which enables the Customs and Port to track the containers online within the defined timeframe and also enables seamless movement of export containers to the Port Gate.

3. With the Government's initiative to curb the spread of Covid -19, the Idea of Paperless, Contactless Trade and Customs operation has been implemented by the Board vide its Circular number referred above. Accordingly, the Board has prescribed for the use of digital copies of the Shipping Bill and therefore only the digital copy of the Shipping Bill bearing the Final LEO would be electronically transmitted to the exporter. In this regard, a new system of creating an QR Code for each LEO given Shipping Bill has been introduced by DG systems and therefore, the QR code has to be scanned through ICESTRACK app to view the shipping Bill details for granting allowed for shipments.

4. In view of the above scenario, the Green Gate Officer on duty has to scan CODEX gate pass/e Gate pass and also scan the QR code generated in the ICEGATE by shipping bill wise for granting allowed for shipment. This two way system of scanning the CODEX Pass/E-Gate Pass and scanning the QR code of each Shipping bill by the Officers consumes considerable time

and energy and due to which, flow of export containers get struck and delayed at Green Gate entry Point.

5. Also, when there are more number of Shipping Bills stuffed in one single container, then it consumes more time for the verification of all shipping bills and container by scanning all the QR codes of each shipping bill and as such, the granting of allowed for shipment gets delayed leading to congestion in the container traffic in the green gate.

6. Therefore, in order to ease the process of giving allowed for shipment, a system of integration of QR Code with the CODEX Bar Code through Machine Learning Technology (MLT) has been introduced by the Tuticorin CFS Association, who earlier introduced CODEX software. Due to this integration of ICEGATE generated QR code with the CODEX bar Code, the process of verification of export containers at Green gate for granting allowed for shipment for each Shipping Bill will be simplified, just by scanning the barcode of the CODEX pass alone. There is no need to scan the QR code of each shipping bill anymore. Since all the details of SBs stuffed in a particular container have already been integrated with the CODEX Barcode, all the SB details pertaining to that container can be swiftly and easily viewed by the Gate Officer. With this integration technique, there is no need to scan QR code of each and every Shipping Bill. Therefore the verification/Monitoring mechanism of containers and Shipping Bills at Green gate is done with ease, in a speedy and error free manner.

7. In view of the above, it has been decided to use the Machine Learning Technology (MLT) in order to integrate the ICEGATE generated QR code with the CODEX bar Code in respect of all CFSs/ICD/Docks functioning under this commissionerate for ensuring hassle free and seamless movement of export containers arriving from CFS/ICD/SEZ to Port Terminals, with immediate effect.

8. Difficulty, if any may be brought to the notice of the undersigned.


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COMMISSIONER

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The Chief Commissioner of Customs (Preventive), Trichy.