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Sub: Single Unified Multi-Purpose Electronic Bond in Customs- Ekal
Anubandh - Regarding

Kind attention is invited to the CBIC Circular No. 04/2025-Customs dated- 17.02.2025 (F. No. 450/119/2021-Cus-IV) regarding the implementation of the Single unified Multi-Purpose Electronic Bond (SEB) under the Ekal Anubandh initiative. A copy of the said CBIC Circular is enclosed herewith for ready reference.

- i. It is observed that no e-Bond or e-Bank Guarantee has been submitted in this Office from the date of issuance of the above CBIC Circular.
- ii. Accordingly, it is once again reiterated that all stakeholders are strongly encouraged to avail the SEB facility through the ICEGATE portal, which enables seamless, all- India electronic execution of Bonds and Bank Guarantees. This system is aimed at reducing transaction costs, improving transparency, and facilitating ease of doing business.
- iii. The step-by-step procedure for execution of e-Bond and linking of e-BG is provided in the annexures to the Circular for ease of reference and compliance.

2. Importers and exporters currently need to submit separate bonds with security for each transaction at different ports under various customs scenarios, as mandated by multiple Board circulars. To streamline processes and to enhance efficiency and reduce the administrative load on businesses, CBIC has decided to introduce a project named "Ekal Anubandh", vide Circular No.4/2025-Customs dated 17.02.2025 wherein trade will be encouraged to use single All-India Multi-purpose Electronic Bond with end-to-end automation. As a first step, single All-India Multipurpose Bond for importers or exporters in lieu of the transaction-wise Bonds being submitted across different ports, thus offering significant potential to save both time and costs in trade procedures.

3. The Key features include:

- i. Importer/Exporter can choose the obligations, he intends to undertake in the common bond format and submit at any port of importer's choice electronically at ICEGATE.
- ii. Option to include additional obligations or additional amount at the later stage is available at ICEGATE.
- iii. Electronic Payment of stamp duty and electronic execution of Bond through integration with National E-Governance Services Limited (NeSL) by affixing electronic signature without any requirement for notary.
- iv. Online linking End-to-End issued Electronic Bank Guarantee.
- v. Verification of Bank Guarantee (BG) issued by issuing Bank.

4. The Procedures are explained in the annexures (refer to Board Circular No.04/2025-Customs dated 17.02.2025) for Single Unified Multi-Purpose Electronic Bond (SEB) as detailed below:

- i. The process of execution of bond electronically including the digital payment of stamp duty is elaborated in Annexure-A.
- ii. Linking of e-Bank Guarantee is elaborated in Annexure-B.
- iii. Format of the SEB is provided in Annexure-C.
- iv. Format for Supplementary Bond for addition of new events is provided in Annexure-D.
- v. Format for Supplementary Bond For addition of Amount is provided in Annexure-E.
- vi. For the sake of uniformity, the quantum of Bank Guarantee to be provided in the different instances prescribed earlier through the Board circulars have been collated and made available in Annexure-F. The importer/exporter may also be able to select the quantum of bank guarantee applicable for different purposes like provisional assessment, EP schemes etc. Further, a separate option is also available in case there is a need for having different quantum of bank guarantee other than those specifically listed in Annexure F.
- vii. The list of States and UTs enabled at NeSL for e-BG and e-Customs Bond is enclosed as Annexure-G.
- viii. Importer may approach any of the Banks listed in Annexure-R for issuance of e-BG in the format specified in Annexure-I.

5. With electronic bonds and bank guarantees, importers/exporters/customs brokers can manage and track documents in real time, ensuring greater security and transparency

throughout transactions. The "Ekal Anubandh" project ensures that above digital solutions are environmentally friendly, cost-effective, and more convenient, as they eliminate the need for physical signatures and paperwork, allowing for faster approvals and fewer delays. Therefore, the importers and exporters are encouraged that, wherever required, importers/exporters/customs brokers may execute a single unified multi-purpose electronic bond and electronic bank guarantee.

6. For further details of the e-Bond and e-Bank Guarantee module, detailed Advisories issued by ICEGATE website may be referred to.

7. The Single All-India Multipurpose electronic Bond (SEB) under "Ekal Anubandh" project shall be implemented through detailed advisories being issued by DG Systems in a phased manner. User feedback will be suitably incorporated during implementation.

8. CBIC Circular No.04/2025-Customs dated 17.02.2025 and ICEGATE User Manual e- bond registration are herewith enclosed for detailed reference.

9. This Public Notice shall be considered as a Standing Order for the purpose of officers and staff of the Department.

10. The facility for submission of e-Bond and e-Bank Guarantee is operational with immediate effect. Stakeholders are requested to discontinue the use of manual Bonds and BGs, as their acceptance will cease except in exceptional circumstances with prior approval of the Additional. /Joint. Commissioner of Customs, Customs House, Tuticorin. The format for seeking such manual approval is enclosed for reference.

11. Difficulties faced, if any, may be brought to the notice of Additional/Joint Commissioner of Customs, Customs House, Tuticorin for necessary action.

This is for your kind information and necessary action please.

Encl: As Above

(VIKAS NAIR)
COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS

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- i). As per mailing list.
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- iii). EDI Section, Customs House, Tuticorin with a request for uploading in the website.

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