

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA



MINISTRY OF FINANCE

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS
CUSTOM HOUSE::HARBOUR ESTATE:: TUTICORIN-628 004

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Sub: Customs- Discrepancies in filing and closure of EGM- Reg

Attention to the Shipping Liners/ Steamer Agents / Consol Agents / Custom House Agents and all other concerned is invited to the various instructions issued by the Department from time to time regarding filing and closure of Export General Manifest(EGM).

2. It is noticed that, EGMs pertaining to the earlier periods are pending for closure for various reasons. This affects the updating of the Export figures in EDI data, which in turn, hampers the statistical analysis of the Government apart from Export benefits like Drawback and other incentives to the Exporters.

3. As per Section 41 of the Customs Act 1962, either the Master of the Vessel or his Authorized Agents should file the EGM with the proper officer of Customs within Seven days from the date of sailing of the Vessel. However, it is noticed that many shipping bills are pending for the closure of EGM even after expiry of the mandatory period i.e., 7 days from sailing of the vessel.

4. With a view to overcome the above problem, it has been decided that, all EGMs pending with ICES Version 1.5(Indian Customs EDI system), are required to be closed by the Steamer Agents by 30.09.2015 and get it updated in the ICES Version 1.5(Indian Customs EDI system). For updating their EGM in Customs EDI system, the Steamer Agents are requested to contact the Assistant Commissioner(MCD) or concerned Officers in MCD Section at Custom House, Tuticorin immediately in this regard.

5. Failing which a penalty shall be imposed on the responsible person against this lapse under Section 117 of Customs Act, 1962. Because of the belated filing of documents /EGM, many EGM files are pending with this office for closure and the penal action has to be initiated against such agencies.

6. It is hoped that, the Trade concerned will take advantage of the relaxation and extend their co-operation in the matter of immediate closure of the pending EGMs.

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(SURESH NANDANWAR)
ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER

Custom House, Tuticorin.

16 .09.2015

To.

As per Mailing list I & II.

Copy to:

The Steamer Agents Association, Tuticorin. (with a request to give wide publicity among members & Trade).