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CUSTOM HOUSE, NEW HARBOUR ESTATE, TUTICORIN – 628 004

PUBLIC NOTICE NO. 9/2006

Sub: Implementation of software Module for Transshipment of Cargo from Port to ICDs -
Reg.

Attention of all importers, Custom House Agents (CHA), Steamer / Shipping Agents (SA) / Shipping Lines (SL), Main Line Operators (MLOs), Custodians of imported goods, officers of Customs and all others concerned is drawn to Public Notice NO. 38/2002 Dated 08.06.2002 regarding automation of transshipment procedure. Attention is also drawn to PN No.60/2003 Dated 16.12.200, PN No. 06/2004 Dated 16.02.2004 and PN No. 40/2004 Dated 10.08.2004 regarding procedure for computerized processing of Bills of Entry under Indian Customs EDI System wherein computerized filing and processing of the IGMs under ICES has been introduced.

2. In partial modification of the above - referred Public Notices, it has been decided to do away with the requirement of filing a separate application for transshipment. This has been done with a view to facilitate the shipping lines and to reduce instances, which require their physical visit to the Customs House.

3. Accordingly the necessary changes have been made in the existing software Module and the SMTP portion of the IGM itself will be treated as request for transshipment and there will not be any need for filing a separate application for transshipment provided the following conditions are satisfied.

i) the field relating to the "Port of Destination" is duly filled in and its value is different than the "Port of Discharge"

ii) the Bond value is calculated on the basis of the size of the container and not on the basis of Invoice value of the cargo contained in such containers. (In this case the bond amount would be calculated by the system on the default value linked to the size of containers, which is picked up with reference to the ISO codes declared in the IGM. The option to calculate the bond amount on the basis of invoice value of cargo will not be available under this procedure as the invoice value is not available in the IGM)

iii) Transshipment fee is paid through a PLA being maintained by the Shipping Agent.

iv) The agency transporting the containers to the destination ICDs is duly registered with the Customs House and a carrier code is allotted to it.

v) MLO obtain a one time registration with Custom House by filing an application in the format prescribed in Annexure to this Public Notice.

vi) MLOs register their bonds (either TP or GB) if they want to use their own bond for transshipment purposes. If they want to use carrier bond (i.e 3rd Party) then they must register the authorization from the agency whose bond is to be used for this purpose. This bond registration No. would be used for auto debiting purposes.

4. Four new fields are being introduced in Cargo Line information (Message IB - SACHI02) as the information is not available in IGMs but is required for transshipment purposes. The four new fields are - Bond registration number, Carrier Agency Code, Mode of Transport and MLO code. All the four parameters are mandatory, if auto-transshipment of lines is desired. Otherwise, these fields may be left

NULL. The Bond Registration Number would be used for auto debiting purpose. The bond may be of shipping Agent, who has filed the IGM or of the third party, namely Carrier Agency. The field "Carrier Agency Code" is added to capture the actual carrier of the transshipped containers to the destination ICDs. The field "Mode of Transport" will be used to capture the mode by which the transshipped containers would be transported to the destination ICDs.

5. Consequential changes have also been made in message relating to Request for Transshipment i.e message no. SACHI16 (Message No. 11) and message no. SACHI 21 (Message No. 24)

6. Normally there will not be any need to file any separate application for transshipment. However the request for transshipment will be required only in the following circumstances.

(i) the applicant, is other than Shipping Agent, namely CHA, Importer and MLO

(ii) the bond value is desired to be calculated on the basis of invoice value instead of the default method based on number of container and container size

(iii) the TP fee is to be made through Revenue Stamps or Challan.

(iv) the transshipment is not requested at the time of filing of IGM

7. All the procedure outlined in Public Notices referred to above would continue to be followed in such cases where application for transshipment is filed. Copies of the revised formats of Message Nos 1 B, 11 and 24 are enclosed herewith which may be used for filing IGMs.

8. Further, like Steamer Agents, Consol Agents and Shipping Lines, the MLOs (Main Line Operators) and Carrier (Transport Agent) are hereby directed to get themselves registered with EDI Systems which has been introduced in ICES using the application furnished as Annexure A. To get the TP approval message, MLOs are directed to register with ICEGATE and provide the ICEGATE ID at the time of registration in EDI.

9. The effective date of the Public Notice will be intimated separately.

Customs House, Tuticorin
30.05.2006

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COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS

Annexure-I

Message No. 1B : Cargo Manifest (SACHI02)

Message Name : cargo

From : Shipping Agent To Customs

Sr. No

Field Description

Field Length

Type

Vessel

Final

Suppl.

Amend/

Deletion

1

Message Name

10

C

cargo

cargo

cargo

cargo

2

Message Type

1

C

V

F

S

A/D

3

Vessel Code (Call sign)

7

C

K

K

K

X

4

Voyage N o

10

C

K

K

K

X

5

IGMNO

5

N

X
X
K
K

6
IGM Date
Date

X
X
K
K

7
Line No.

4
N
K
K
K
K

8
Sub line No

4
N
X
X
X
X

9
B/L No.

20
C
M
M
M
O

10
B/L Date
Date

M
M
M
O

11
Port of Loading

6
C
M
M

M
O

12
Port of Destination

6
C
M
M
M
O

13
House B/L No. (mandatory where relevant)

20
C
X
X
X
X

14
House B/L Date (mandatory where relevant)
Date

X
X
X
X

15
Importer's Name

35
C
M
M
M
O

16
Address 1

35
C
M
M
M
O

17
Address 2

35
C
M
M
M
O

18

Address 3

35

C

O

O

O

O

19

Name of any other Notified Party

35

C

O

O

O

O

20

Address 1

35

C

O

O

O

O

21

Address 2

35

C

O

O

O

O

22

Address 3

35

C

O

O

O

O

23

Nature of Cargo

2

C

M

M

M

O

24

Item Type

2
C
O
O
O
O

25

Cargo Movement

2
C
M
M
M
O

26

Port of Discharge

10
C
O
O
O
O

27

Number of Packages

8
N
M
M
M
O

28

Type of packages

3
C
M
M
M
O

29

Gross weight

(12,3)

N
M
M
M
O

30

Unit of Weight

3

C
M
M
M
O

31
Volume
(12,3)
N
O
O
O
O

32
Unit of Volume
3
C
O
O
O
O

33
Marks of Numbers
300
C
M
M
M
O

34
Goods Description
250
C
M
M
M
O

35
UNO Code
5
C
M
M
M
O

36
IMO Code
3
C
M

M
M
O

37
Tran. Bond Reg. No.
10
N
O
O
O
O

38
Carrier Agency Code
10
C
O
O
O
O

39
Mode of Transport
1
C
O
O
O
O

40
MLO Code
10
C
O
O
O
O

Line NO & Sub Line NO: As assigned by the Shipping Agents will be accepted. Agents are to take note of the following:

Ø Only unique numeric values are accepted.

Ø Shall not have any special characters.

Ø No amendment of these parameters is allowed.

Ø Amendment, if required, can be done in two steps. One – Request shall be made for deletion of line, two – submit supplementary line. Deletion is not permitted, if BE is filed.

Ø Duplicate Line Numbers and duplicate Sub-line Numbers under the same Line Number are not accepted.

Ø Re-use of deleted Line Numbers or Sub Line Numbers is not permitted

1. Line numbers have to be supplied by the Shipping / Steamer Agents. It is a numerical value ranging from 1 – 9999.

2. House BL Number and Date and shall be given as NULL with field separators. The Sub-line Number should be given as '0'.

Message Type 'V': Prior manifest (Message Type V) if submitted, the cargo and container details can either be supplemented or amended with Message Type 'S' or 'A' or 'D'.

Therefore, there will not be any cargo and container details with Message Type 'P'.

If the Message Type 'V' is already submitted the IGM No and IGM Date fields are mandatory.

BL No. : In case of imports of empty containers by Shipping Lines, regular BL number, if not available, shall be filed as "EMPTY". For such lines, rest of the fields are optional.

House BL No: If given, House BL date is mandatory.

Nature of Cargo:	C	-	Containerised
	P	-	Non-containerised – Packaged
	LB	-	Liquid Bulk
	DB	-	Dry Bulk
	CP	-	Part of the consignment is Containerised

And remaining is Packaged but not containerised.

For Code 'C' and 'CP', Message 1C has to be transmitted, otherwise Line information is not accepted.

Similarly, for Code 'P', 'LB' and 'DB', if Container information (Message 1C) is transmitted, Line information is not accepted.

Gross Weight and Unit Quantity Code are mandatory for all the cargo types except Liquid Bulk(LB) for which Gross Volume and Unit of Volume will be mandatory.

Item Type:	GC	-	Govt. Cargo
	UB	-	Un-accompanied Baggage
	OT	-	Other Cargo

Cargo movement	LC	-	Local Cargo
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TC - Transhipment Cargo
TI - Transhipment to ICD - SMTP(Sub

Manifest Transhipment Permit)

Cargo Movement(Field No. 25)
Port of Destination (Field No. 12)

Local Cargo (LC)
Port Code where cargo is delivered. (Same as Port of arrival in Message 1A)

Transhipment Cargo (TC)
Refers to International Transhipment. Port Code where cargo to be transhipped shall be given.

Transhipment to ICE (TI)
Refers to Domestic transhipment. Indian Port Code/ICD where line cargo to be delivered shall be given

Number of Packages: Field is mandatory, if nature of cargo is 'P' or 'CP'

For 'CP', number of packages only to be given (excluding Number of Containers)

Type of packages and description can be multiple. Only the numerically predominant type is to be given.

Prior manifest: The Steamer Agent can file prior manifest in instalments till entry inward is granted.

Amendments: Except IGM NO, IGM Date, Line No, and Sub Line No all other fields can be amended.

Unit of Volume: Mandatory for Liquid Bulk.

Marks and Numbers: It is assumed that there will be Single Marks and Numbers for a consignment. Not mandatory for Bulk cargo.

UNO/IMO Code: For non-hazardous cargo

UNO Code - 'ZZZZZ'

IMO Code - 'ZZZ'

Line deletion: On submission of Message Type 'D', the line details from Cargo Manifest and the corresponding Container information will get deleted automatically on approval of the request by the Customs. Separate request for Container deletion need not be sent.

Port of Discharge (earlier termed as Destination Code) :

By default, it will be same as Port of arrival (refer field # 12 in Message 1A). If the cargo is discharge through CFSs, CFS Code shall be given. Mode of discharge can be out of charge, Local or International Transhipment Permit.

Transhipment Request (TP) related parameters

Only Shipping Agent can file the TP request with IGM. The TP fee will be debited against the PLA Account of the MLO of the respective cargo lines.

The TP request is limited to containerised cargo only. TP Bond value will be calculated on the basis of number of containers and container size.

The mandatory parameters for TP are –

- Port of Destination (Sr. No 12) - Specify destination ICD Code
- Cargo Movement (Sr. No 25) - Specify as 'TI'
- * TP Bond Regn No (Sr. No 37) - Specify TP Bond No
- * Carrier Agency Code (Sr.No 38) - Agency, which is transshipping the cargo
- * Mode of transport - Road/Train/Ship
- * MLO Code -

This indicates the ownership of the cargo lines. The Transshipment Request for lines belonging to different MLOs will be processed separately. MLO will be considered as the applicant for the implicit TP request for the associated lines. Required TP Fee will be debited from MLO's PLA a/c. The TP approval Order will also be dispatched to the MLO.

- * Shall not be provided, if separate TP request is filed through Message – SACHI16.

TP Bond Registration No:

Transshipment or General Common Bond (TP or GB) Registration Number may be provided.

The bond may be either of -

- 1st Party Bond: Bond Registered in the name of the Applicant (MLO)
 - 3rd Party Bond: Bond Registered in the name of the Carrier (Transporter)
- The request will not be processed, if the Bond Registration Number is not provided.

TP/GB bond shall be registered in ICES before filing the TP request. The bond can be used against multiple TP requests till the value gets exhausted.

Carrier Code:

Carrier Agency responsible for transshipment of the cargo to the destination ICD has to be mentioned the field is mandatory for TP request.

Mode of Transport:

- T - Train R - Road S – Ship

Alternate option for TP request:

The TP request can also be filed in the message format SACHI16 (Message Number 11), shall be used under the following conditions:

- A The applicant, if other than Shipping Agent , namely – Importer, CHA and MLO.

B The bond value is desired to be calculated on the basis of invoice value, instead of the default method based on Number of containers and container size.

C The TP fee is to be made through Revenue Stamps or Challan

D Application, if not filed with IGM

Message No. 11 : Request for Transshipment (SACHI 16)

Message Name : req_trans
From : SHA/MLO/CHA/Importer to Customs
File Extension : .tpreq

Sr. No.
Field Description
Field

Length
Field

Type
Containerised
Non-Contane

rised
Bulk

Line-wise
Destination

wise

1
Message Name
10
C
req_trans
req_trans
req_trans
req_trans

2
Message Type
1
C
F
A
D
F
A
D
F

F

3

Agency Type

1

C

M

M

M

M

M

M

M

M

4

Agency Code

10

C

M

M

M

M

M

M

M

M

5

IGM No

5

N

K

K

K

K

K

K

K

K

6

IGM Date

Date

K

K

K

K

K

K

K

K

7

Line Number

4
N
K
K
K
X
X
X
K
K

8
Sub Line No.

4
N
K
K
X
X
X
K
K

9
Destination Code

6
C
K
K
K
K
K
K
M
M

10
Mode of Transport

1
C
M
O
X
M
O
X
M
M

11
No. of Packages

8
N
X
X

X
X
X
X
M
X

12
Gross Quantity

12,3

N
X
X
X
X
X
X
X
M

13
Unit of Quantity

3

C
X
X
X
X
X
X
X
M

14
Invoice Value (FC)

15,2

N
O
O
X
X
X
X
O
O

15
Currency Code

3

C
O
O
X
X
X
X

O
O

16

Invoice value (in INR)

15

N

X

X

X

X

X

X

M

M

17

Duty (in INR)

12

N

X

X

X

X

X

X

O

O

18

Terms of Invoice

3

C

X

X

X

X

X

X

M

M

19

Tran. Bond Reg. No

10

N

M

O

X

M

O

X

O

O

20

Mode of Payment of Transshipment fee

1
N
M
O
X
M
O
X
O
O

21

Carrier Agency Code

10
C
M
O
X
M
O
X

The TP request can also be filed in the message format SACHI16 (Message Number 11), shall be used under the following conditions:

- A The applicant, if other than Shipping Agent and MLO, namely – Importer and CHA.
- B The bond value is desired to be calculated on the basis of invoice value, instead of the default method based on Number of containers and container size.
- C The TP fee is to be made through Revenue Stamps or PLA
- D Application, if not filed with IGM

File Naming Pattern

<Agency_type><Agency_code><Date><SEQ_NO>.tpreq

Date format : DDMMYY and .tpreq is the file extension.

SEQ_NO is a 2-digit unique number generated at the sender's end for each message sent. This sequence is to be reset daily. The number range from 1 to 99.

Example : If the Agency Type is S (Shipping Agent), Agency Code LIBRA, Date of sending of application is 11th July, 2004 (110704) and the sequence number of a message for that day is 05 then the file name will be :

SLIBRA11070405.tpreq

Although ICEGATE will change the file name in course of transmission, the original name is still specified in the ICEGATE header. Moreover, for the purpose of submission of the message through floppy, the naming convention is important.

Explanatory Notes :

Field Specification :

- M – Mandatory
- K – Key Field
- O – Optional
- X – Not Required

Message Name :

Message Name will be part of the message tag, which will be as follows :

<manifest>

<req_trans>

.....

.....

<END-req_trans>

<END-manifest>

Message Type :

- F - Fresh
- A - Amendment
- D - Deletion

Agency Type :

- S - Shipping Agent
- C - CHA
- I - Importer
- M - Main Line Operator(MLO)

Agency Code :

Only Registered Agencies can apply. SHA/CHA/Importer already registered with the Customs Site will apply with the allotted Agency Code. MLO can get registered through a form provided with this s/w before applying.

IGM No & Date :

TP Request is allowed for both Regular IGM and Prior IGM. In both cases, the IGM No and Date as filed with the IGM module (prior case will have only vessel information) must be specified.

Line No. & Sub-line No. :

These are mandatory fields in case of Line-wise specification (where a specified set of lines are requested for transshipment).

In case of Destination-wise specification, these fields will be left blank (unspecified). The system will automatically select all lines for the given destination (as specified in the IGM) and create the transshipment request. Through this mode only a single record in the transshipment request will be sufficient instead of explicitly specifying all individual lines for the given destination.

Destination Code :

In case of Destination-wise specification, this is the key field used for determining the set of lines, which will be automatically selected by the system.

Mode of Transport :

- T - Train
- R - Road
- S – Ship

TP Bond No:

Transshipment Bond Registration Number may be provided.

The bond shall be registered in the name of the applicant or in name of the carrier agency (3rd party), which will transport the cargo to the destination.

The request will not be processed, if the Bond Registration Number is not provided.

TP bond shall be registered in ICES before filing the TP request. The bond can be used against multiple TP requests till the value gets exhausted.

Mode of Payment of TP Fee :

- P – PLA Account C – Challan R – Revenue Stamps

Carrier Code: Carrier Agency responsible for transshipment has to be mentioned.

ICEGATE HEADER

The ICEGATE Header required for the message will be as below :

HREC**,ZZ,<Sender_ID>,ZZ,<Receiver_ID>,5,UN,D,<Message_ID>,,01A

TPREQID/<File_Name>

Here, <Sender_ID> is the Icegate Code of the Applicant (eg. LIBRA)

<Receiver_ID> is the Customs House Code (eg. INNSA1).

<Message ID> for this message is SACHI16

<File_Name> is the original name of the message file (viz. SLIBRA11070405.tpreq)

ICEGATE FOOTER

The ICEGATE Footer will be

TREC**

Example of a Message with ICEGATE Header and Footer :

HREC**,ZZ,LIBRA,ZZ,INNSA1,5,UN,D,SACHI16,,01A

TPREQID/SLIBRA11070405.tpreq

<manifest>

<req_trans>

F^]10004^]03102002^]1^]1^]INNSA1^]T^]1^]500^]USD^]199900092^]P^]CONCOR^]

F^]10004^]03102002^]2^]1^]INNSA1^]T^]1^]800^]USD^]199900092^]P^]CONCOR^]

F^]10004^]03102002^]3^]1^]INNSA1^]T^]1^]199900092^]P^]CONCOR^]

F^]10004^]03102002^]4^]1^]INNSA1^]T^]1^]199900092^]P^]CONCOR^]

F^]10004^]03102002^]5^]1^]INNSA1^]T^]1^]199900092^]P^]CONCOR^]

F^]10004^]03102002^]6^]1^]INNSA1^]T^]1^]199900092^]P^]CONCOR^]

F^]10004^]03102002^]7^]1^]INNSA1^]T^]1^]1000^]USD^]199900092^]P^]CONCOR^]

<END-req_trans>

<END-manifest>

TREC**

Message No. 24 : Consol Manifest (CMCHI21)

Message Name : conscargos

From : Consol Agent to Customs

Sr. No.
Field
Type
Length
Final/

Supplement
Amend
Delete

1
Message Name
Character
10
M
M
M

2
Message Type
Character
1
F/S
A
D

3
CARN NO
Character
16
M
M
M

4
IGM No.
Number
5
O
O
O

5
IGM year
Number
4
O
O
O

6
Vessel Code
Character
10
M

M
M

7
Voyage Number
Character
10
M
M
M

8
Line Number
Number
4
M
M
M

9
Sub-line Number
Number
4
M
M
M

10
Master BL No.
Character
20
M
O
X

11
Master BL Date
Date

M
O
X

12
Port of Loading
Character
6
M
O
X

13
Port of destination
Character
6
M

O
X

14
House BL No.
Character
20
M
O
X

15
House BL Date
Date

M
O
X

16
Importer's Name
Character
35
M
O
X

17
Address1
Character
35
M
O
X

18
Address2
Character
35
M
O
X

19
Address3
Character
35
O
O
X

20
Name of Notified Party
Character
35
O

O
X

21
Address1
Character
35
O
O
X

22
Address2
Character
35
O
O
X

23
Address3
Character
35
O
O
X

24
Nature of Cargo
Character
2
M
O
X

25
Item Type
Character
2
M
O
X

26
Cargo Movement
Character
2
M
O
X

27
Destination Code
Character
10
M

O
X

28
Total Packages
Number

8
M
O
X

29
Type of Packages
Character

3
M
O
X

30
Gross Weight
Number

12,3
M
O
X

Sr. No.
Field
Type
Length
Final/

Supplement
Amend
Delete

31
Unit of weight
Character

3
M
O
X

32
Gross Volume
Number

12,3

O

O

X

33

Unit of Volume

Character

3

O

O

X

34

Marks and Numbers

Character

300

M

O

X

35

Goods description

Character

30

M

O

X

36

UNO Code

Character

5

M

O

X

37

IMO Code

Character

3

M

O

X

38

Tran. Bond Reg. No.

Number

10

O

O

X

39

Carrier Agency Code

Character

10
O
O
X

40
Mode of Transport
Character
10
O
O
X

41
MLO Code
Character
10
O
O
X