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Subject: Procedure for E-Payment of Customs Duties under the Indian Customs EDI system – (ICES) Imports at Tuticorin Custom House and Tuticorin ICD -regarding

1. Attention of the trade is invited to the Public Notice No 78/2002 dated 08.10.2002 issued by the Commissioner of Customs, Tuticorin regarding Facility Intimation 09/2005 dated 09.05.2005 regarding filing of Bills of Entry and payment of Customs Duty and registration of Bills of Entry for examination at Custom House and Inland Container Depot, Tuticorin respectively. In addition to the facility of payment of Customs Duty at Custom House Extension Counter, IOB, at Custom House, Tuticorin and ICD, Tuticorin, a facility of payment of Customs Duty through net banking is extended to importers at this Tuticorin Port and Inland Container Depot, Tuticorin. This service of e-Payment through net banking is available to the banks without any extra cost. It will reduce the transaction cost of the importers and expedite the time taken for customs clearance.

2. This Trade Notice outlines the changes to the Customs procedures, on the ICES for importers/CHAs who choose to pay duties through E-Payment mode.

3. After the introduction of the ICES at Tuticorin Custom House and Inland Container Depot, Tuticorin only the Indian Overseas Bank Main Branch at Tuticorin Custom House Extension Counter and ICD Tuticorin Extension Counter had been the designated bank to receive payment of Customs Duty and any other Customs dues.

4. In addition, as a trade facilitation measure, it has been decided to authorize more bank branches for collection of Custom Duties. RBI has designated one more bank viz State Bank of India, Tuticorin, as the designated bank for the Tuticorin Custom House and Inland Container Depot, Tuticorin for collection of Customs Duty. With effect from 01.01.2008, the Tuticorin Main Branch of State Bank of India (BSR No. 0000943) has been authorized to collect Custom Duty exclusively through E-Payment facility.

5. The Tuticorin Custom House and Inland Container Depot are also starting e-payment of Customs Duties via e-Payment gateway with the Tuticorin Main Branch of State Bank of India.

6. Importer/CHA, who have internet enabled accounts with the State Bank of India anywhere in India, will be able to make use of this facility.

7. Existing Procedure for payment of duty on the ICES

(a) After the assessment is completed, the ICES sends a challan message electronically to the computers of the designated bank. Simultaneously, a printout of the TR-6 challan (in 4 copies) is generated by the ICES for the Importer / CHA along with the assessed copy of the Bill of Entry. For ICEGATE users, the challan message is also communicated through ICEGATE by e-mail.

(b) The Importer / CHA physically presents all the four copies of the TR-6 challan at the designated bank along with the monetary instrument (cash, demand draft, pay order, instruction of debit of bank account at the designated bank etc) for payment of duty.

(c) The bank enters the particulars of receipt of the amount in their System and returns two copies of TR-6 challan to the CHA / importer, stamped and signed. The bank retains two copies of the TR-6 challan.

(d) After receipt of the duty, the bank conveys this information electronically to the ICES. The ICES permits registration of goods, which prelude to Customs examination, only after receipt of electronic payment confirmation from designated bank.

(e) The stamped challans are then presented, along with other documents for registration of goods for examination.

8. Procedure after implementation of E-Payment Module

The existing system of duty payment by physical mode shall continue as it is done presently. However, the facility of duty payment by E-Payment mode (E-Payment) is being introduced as an additional facilitation measure to the trade. The importers / CHAs are requested to avail this facility by observing the following procedures.

(a) The person desirous of availing the E-Payment facility must approach the designated bank i.e. State Bank of India, Main Branch, Tuticorin for opening an INTERNET ACCOUNT.

(b) CBEC has set up a CUSTOM E-Payment Gateway (CEG) at ICEGATE (www.icegate.gov.in). The users who are already registered with ICEGATE will automatically be able to avail the facility of e-Payment as REGISTERED USER without any further registration process. However, even the users who are not registered with the ICEGATE can avail e-Payment facility as an UNREGISTERED USER.

(c) In the ICEGATE home page, a person can select the e-Payment icon from the main menu or if the person is using any other module of ICEGATE (like document filing), he can select the e-Payment option from the side screen menu.

(d) On selection of E-Payment option, the e-Payment page will open. The users already registered with ICEGATE can login with their user ID and password as REGISTERED USER. Thereafter their (personal) web page would open which will display all the unpaid challans due to

the Bills of Entry filed by him.

(e) If the person is an UNREGISTERED USER, or he intends to make payments of duties on the documents not filed by him through ICEGATE, then he can make E-Payment by entering the IE Code of the importer. The CEG will display all the unpaid challans against Code.

(f) Once the list of unpaid challans is displayed to the registered / unregistered user, he must select "PAY" option against the challan for payment.

(g) On selection of the challan the user will be shown the options of the "designated" banks for the purpose of E-payment. The user can select any bank authorized for e-payment at Tuticorin Port and Inland Container Depot, Tuticorin. (at present this facility is offered by State Bank of India only).

(h) Thereafter, the user will see the web page of the selected bank. He would be required to login as an "Internet Customer" of the bank.

(i) After successful login in the bank site, the user will be shown the details of the challan including the amount to be paid. The user shall be prompted to confirm the payment option.

(j) On successful payment, a cyber receipt will be generated by the bank on successful transaction. Then user may take the printout of the receipt for his reference. The bank will prompt the user to come back to the CEG (Customs E-Payment Gateway) after completion of the transaction.

(k) The user must come back to the ICEGATE site to complete the transaction.

(l) In case of an incomplete transaction or link failure, a VERIFY option is automatically activated against the concerned challan for verification of the duty payment details. In case of incomplete transaction, the Importer/ CHA must go back to ICEGATE and select the VERIFY option against the challan. On selecting the VERIFY option, the Importer/ CHA is taken back to the site of the Bank for completion of the transaction. The VERIFY option must be exercised on the date of payment itself, and the option would be de-activated the next day.

(m) After e-payment is made at CEG, ICEGATE will send the payment particulars to the ICES location. Thereafter, the Bill of entry shall automatically move to the examination queue.

(n) The importer / CHA need not produce any proof of payment for the clearance of goods in case of e-payment. However, he is advised to retain the copy of the cyber receipt with him for future reference for his own convenience.

(o) In case of problems in e-Payment, the Importer/ CHA can contact the ICEGATE 24 hour helpdesk by phone at (011) 23370133 or (011) 23379020 or by email at icegatehelpdesk@icegate.gov.in.

9. The facility of e-payment shall commence from 01.01.2008 with Main Branch, State Bank of India, Tuticorin (BSR Code000943)

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