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**Subject : Implementation of Indian Customs EDI System
1.5 (ICES 1.5) at Custom House, Chennai –
regarding**

Attention of the Importers, Exporters, CHAs, trade and all other agencies concerned is invited to the Public Notice 91/2010 dated 25.10.2010 regarding implementation of ICES Version 1.5 at Custom House, Chennai.

2. Currently, ICES operations at Custom House, Chennai, are operational on a standalone system on which LAN based connectivity has been provided to concerned Customs officers, Service Centre and Banks (State Bank of India, Custom House Branch, Chennai & Indian Bank, Harbour Branch, Chennai).

3. As part of the implementation of CBEC's IT Consolidation Project, the EDI operations at Custom House, Chennai, would be migrated to ICES 1.5, an enhanced/ modified version of the application software currently operational at several places. This software, developed by NIC, is implemented at CBEC's National Data Centre at New Delhi. The application would cater to the needs of Customs officials at Custom House, Chennai, as also the Service Centre operators, who would be working on CBEC's new Local Area Network infrastructure. Connectivity to the Central servers at the

National Data Centre has been provided through CBEC's MPLS network, as part of the Wide Area Networking project.

Service Centre

4. The Service Centre at Custom House, Chennai, would continue to be managed by M/s CMC Ltd, under arrangement with CBEC and there would be no change in the existing charges. However, the Service Centre will now be connected to the National Data Centre through ICEGATE.

CHAs/Importers/Exporters

5. The CHAs/Importers/Exporters may file their documents either through Service Centre or through ICEGATE from their premises. The acknowledgment for the BsE/SBs filed through ICEGATE would reach the registered e-mail address of CHAs/Importers/Exporters. The details of message exchange formats for filing BsE/SBs are available at ICEGATE website <http://www.icegate.gov.in> at <http://www.icegate.gov.in/ICES1.5.htm>. The CHAs/Importer/Exporters may use their own software for filing BsE/SBs in ICEGATE in prescribed message exchange formats. The free download version of RES Package is also available on ICES website at <http://ices.nic.in/ICES/Home.aspx> after registration.

Shipping Line/Steamer Agents/Consol Agents

6. The Shipping Lines/Steamer Agents/Consol Agents should file IGM/EGM/Consol IGMs only through ICEGATE. The acknowledgement for filing IGM/EGM/Consol IGMs would reach the registered e-mail address of the Shipping Lines/Steamer Agents/Consol Agents. The message exchange formats for filing IGM/EGM/Console IGMs are available at ICEGATE Website <http://www.icegate.gov.in> at <http://www.icegate.gov.in/ICES1.5.htm>. The Shipping Lines/Steamer Agents/Consol Agents may prepare/use

their own software for filing IGM/EGM/Consol IGMs in prescribed message exchange formats. The facility for filing of IGM/EGM/Consol IGMs through floppy at Service Centre is not available in ICES V1.5.

Banks

7. The State Bank of India, Custom House Branch, Chennai & Indian Bank Harbour Branch, Chennai, Corporation Bank (For Epayment only), Kellys Branch, Chennai through their Central Servers would interact with CBEC's Central server through EDI messages

Port

8. The EDI Message Exchange that was going on in ICES V1.0 would continue in ICES V1.5, with some modifications.

Changes in ICES 1.5 Version

9. The implementation of the new application would entail certain changes in the existing Customs systems and procedures at Custom House, Chennai and the same are listed below for ease of reference:

- a) The enquiry (document status) facility to users of Service Centre would include document submission status (fresh and amendment) and query status. ICEGATE Document Tracking System (DTS) would also continue to be available.
- b) It may be noted that print out of processed Bills of Entry and Duty payment Challans would continue to be obtained by users from Service Centre for the Bills of Entry filed through Service Centre. In case the Bs/E are filed through ICEGATE, then Bills of Entry and Duty payment Challans would continue to be obtained by users from their Premises.
- c) The command for taking printout of Bills of Entry and Shipping Bill after 'Out of Charge'/'Let Export Order', as the case may be,

will be given by the Customs officer(s) designated for the purpose. However, the work of taking out the print from the Printer & other services would continue to be provided by the Service Centre Operator located at the site. In case, the documents are filed through ICEGATE, then specified amount is required to be paid to the Service Centre Operator towards the stationery and services.

- d) It may be noted that since the document numbers will be assigned by the Central Server at National level for all Customs locations, the document numbers e.g. for Bills of Entry, Shipping Bills, IGMs, EGMs, Challans, would not be in a continuous series for each location.
- e) The duty payment Challans would now be provided to the designated Banks through electronic messaging and the bank in turn would electronically confirm payment details to ICES 1.5 system.
- f) State Bank of India, Indian Bank are advised that the Desk Manager handling Challans pertaining to Custom House, Chennai, should ensure that the Challans received upto 4.00 P.M. on 10.03.2011 by the Cash Officer are either accepted or rejected. There should not be any document pending in the Cash Manager's queue at 4.30 P.M. on 10.03.2011, since data from this queue will not be migrated as part of the migration of ICES operations to data centre.
- g) The Shipping line /Consol Agents should note that all IGM/EGM/Consol IGMs which have been filed through Service Centre in Version 1.0 should be submitted in Version 1.0 itself failing which these details will have to be re-entered again after migration through ICEGATE.

- h) It may be noted that all documents entered in the Service Centre and pending for submission in Version 1.0 must be submitted prior to 2.00 P.M. on 09.03.2011 failing which these would have to be re-entered after migration of ICES operations to Data Centre. For instance, if for a shipping bill, a job has been entered and not submitted prior to 2.00 P.M. on 09.03.2011, it would have to be entered again after migration to Version 1.5.
- i) The CHAs filing import and export documents would be required to use their PAN based registration numbers provided by the Policy Section of Custom House, Chennai. As per the Public Notice No. 34/2010 dated 29.03.2010 issued by the Commissioner of Customs, Chennai, all the CHAs were requested to verify the details in the existing CHA Directory to enable creation of an updated CHA Directory at the Data Centre, New Delhi. Only those CHAs, who have verified/updated their details in CHA Directory would be able to transact business in ICES V1.5. Hence, all the CHAs are once again requested to follow the prescribed procedure in the above-said Public Notice, before migration.
- j) It may be noted that in ICES 1.5 generation of temporary scroll will be mandatory for DBK scroll generation.
- k) The specifications for EDI messages for Bill of Entry and Shipping Bills for users filing documents through internet are available on the ICEGATE website: <http://www.icegate.gov.in/ICES1.5htm>.
- l) All Licences registered in locations running on ICES 1.5 shall be available for automatic online debits against Bill of Entry filed at any of the ports, which are operational under ICES 1.5. A

common Ledger of licences shall be centrally maintained in the system for debits in respect of Bills of Entry filed at any of the ICES locations operating under ICES 1.5. Therefore, no TRA shall be required. However, TRA shall be issued for NON EDI Locations which are still operating manually or for ICES location which are running on old ICES Version 1.0. For this the TRA shall be generated in the system and a hard copy of TRA shall be issued which has to be registered in the system at ICES1.0 locations.

m) The TRAs issued by the non-EDI locations and non-centralized locations will be registered in the same manner as license registration. On registration of TRA against a Licence, the system will generate a TRA registration number. This Registration Number should be endorsed on the Importer's copy of TRA (original) and the Customs copy received from the issuing Customs station. Only fresh RAs will be registered in the EDI System. Partially utilized RAs will continue to be handled manually.

10. It is hereby informed that the commencement of live operations in respect of documents to be handled at Chennai Seaport, on ICES 1.5 from National Data Centre shall be with effect from **14.03.2011 at 10.30 AM**. The TIME- SCHEDULE for migration from ICES *v1.0* to ICES *v1.5*, is as per the TABLE below:

Date & Time	Activities	Remarks
09.03.2011 at 2 PM.	Filing Documents in EDI through Service Centre & ICEGATE will be stopped.	
10.03.2011 till 2.00 PM	Officers to process & clear all documents in EDI pending at various stages	EDI Operation would be available for processing only and no new noting is permitted
10.03.2011 at 4 PM	Banks to stop collection of duty payment	

4 P.M.		
10.03.2011 till 4.30 P.M.	Banks to clear all the pending receipts	
10.03.2011 and 11.03.2011	Manual Noting of documents will be permitted.	Except DEPB, EPCG, DEEC Shipping Bills because of Licence Transmission requirements.
14.03.2011 10.30 A.M.	Filing of EDI documents in ICES V1.5	

10.1. Operation at Various Stages includes Assessment, Examination, Query & Replies, Amendment, Duty Payment, Goods Registration, OOC/LEO, Entry Inward, Sailing Report etc.

10.2 The last Drawback Scroll in ICES V1.0 generated was on 01.03.2011. The next DBK Scroll can be generated only on/after 14.03.2011 in ICES V1.5.

10.3. If a Carrier/Console Agent files manual IGM during the period from 10th to 13th March, 2011, then, they will necessarily have to file EDI IGM on 14.03.2011, in ICES V1.5, through ICEGATE only. *For legal purposes, the date of filing of Manual IGM and Entry Inward date entered into Manual IGM would be taken into account.*

10.4. No manual EGM shall be filed during the period from 10th to 13th March, 2011. Hence, EDI EGM shall be filed either (i) on/before 2.00 P.M. on 09.03.2011 in ICES V1.0 or (ii) on/after 14.03.2011 in ICES V1.5 through ICEGATE only.

10.5. For the B's/E which are manually noted, the authorized banks are hereby, directed to collect the duty and report to EDI section by generating scroll on daily basis. Similarly, for the S/Bills, which are manually noted, the aforesaid procedure will apply for collection of duty & cess.

10.6 There would be concurrent audit in ICES V1.5 for all types of Bills of Entry for few days till the introduction of RMS in ICES V 1.5. Further, the Concurrent Audit would be done for all the B/Es noted manually. The concurrent audit will be done by the Appraisers of PCA Section.

10.7 There will be stoppage of messages that are being exchanged with designated Custodians for both Import and Export Modules w.e.f. 10.03.2011 at 2.00 P.M.

11. **New Nomenclature for Import Assessment Groups:**

11.1 Documents means all including B/Es, S/Bills, IGMs, CGMs & EGMs etc. The users of ICES v 1.5 may note that the allocation and nomenclature of Assessment Groups (Import) has been revised as per the TABLE below:

Appraising Group	Chapter Number (Begin)	Chapter Number (End)	Name of Applicable Export Promotion Scheme (Code)
1	1	26	
1A	27	27	
2	28	28	
2A	29	29	
2B	30	31	
2C	32	34	
2D	35	36	
2E	37	37	
2F	38	38	
2G	39	39	
2H	40	40	
2I	41	43	
2J	44	46	
2K	47	49	
3	50	71	
4	72	83	
5	84	84	
5A	85	85	
5B	86	92	
6	93	99	

7			Misc Export Promotion Schemes
7A			Customs Clearance Permit (13) Import Licence for negative list of Import Items (14)
			Jobbing (20)
7B			DEPB (06 & 07)
7D			DEEC (01,02,03, 05 and 17)
7G			EPCG (11 & 12)
7H			Duty Free Credit Certificate (22) Target Plus Scheme (23) Vishesh Krishi Upaj Yojana (24) DFCE for Status Holder (25) Focus Market Scheme (27) Focus Product Scheme (28)
7I			DFIA (26)
7N			Replenishment Licence (8) Diamond Imprest Licence (9)
7R			DFRC (18)
7U			EOU (21)

12. After migration to ICES 1.5, following activities presently handled by Service Centre staff would be handled by the designated Custom Officers/Staff.

Sr. No.	Activities	Designated Officers/Staff
1	Enable Printing of S/Bill after LEO in Shed	PO/EO/TA - Export Shed/EDI
2	Registration of licences /Scripts in case of Exports promotion schemes	TA/STA - Licence Section
3	Re-transmission of Shipping Bills to DGFT	TA/STA - EDI
4	Enable printing of Bills of Entries after out of Charge	EO/TA - Import Shed

13. All stakeholders (Viz., Banks, Custodians, Port Authorities, Steamer Agents, Consol Agents, CCHAA, etc) are hereby requested to take note of all the above points ensure preparedness before migration in pursuance to this Public Notice.

14. Regarding Helpdesk facilities the following may be noted:

ICEGATE

ICEGATE users would continue to interact with the Helpdesk at 011-23379020 and 011-23370113/23370133 or through e-mail icegatehelpdesk@icegate.gov.in. This Helpdesk is managed by M/s Wipro.

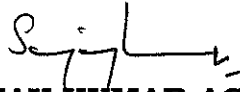
Local Help Desk

After exhausting the above Help Desk facilities, in case the problem still exists and in case the problem requires local solution, then, users may also directly contact the following EDI Officers of Custom House, Chennai.

Sr. No.	Name of the Officers	Designation	Tel. No./E-mail/Fax
1.	Shri. Umasankar Peri	System Manager/Addl. Commissioner of Customs (EDI)	Tel. No. 044-25245028 Fax No. 044-25272319 E-mail- sysmgr.maa1@icegate.gov.in
2.	Shri. A. Chandrasekara Reddy	Asstt. Commissioner of Customs (EDI)	Tel. No. 044-25254219
3.	Shri. T.E. Srikanth	Appraiser (EDI)	Tel. No. 044-25254349
4.	Shri. V. Govindan Shri. C.B. Unni Krishnan	DEO Gr D	Tel. No. 044-25254527 044-25249855

15. It is expected that the new version will greatly facilitate clearance of Import and Export goods, reduce time taken for clearance, and improve the efficiency of Customs. After launch of ICES 1.5, users may like to provide feedback for improvement in the working of the system. CBEC would also be making further modifications in the system to enhance functionality of the system and these changes would be notified from time to time.

16. Difficulties, if any, faced by the trade along with comments/feedback for improvement may be brought to the notice of the System Manager, Custom House, Chennai.


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Chennai Seaport

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1. Member (Computerization System), CBEC, New Delhi;
2. Chief Commissioner of Customs, Chennai Zone, Chennai
3. Director General, Systems, New Delhi;
4. Director General, Valuation, Mumbai;
5. Commissioner of Customs(Sea-Import)/Airport, Chennai;
6. Addl. Director General, RMD, Mumbai
7. Additional Director General DRI (SZU), Chennai;
8. Addl Director General (Systems), New Delhi
9. All Additional /Joint Commissioners, Custom House, Chennai;
10. All Dy/Assistant Commissioners, Custom House, Chennai;
11. Jt. DGFT(SZ), Chennai;
12. NIC, Custom House, Chennai;
13. CMC;
14. M/s.Hewlett Packard / M/s.WIPRO;
15. All Custodian/Chennai Port Trust/Terminal Operators;
16. State Bank of India/Indian Bank;
17. The Chennai Custom House Agents Association, Chennai
18. All Member of Trade Facilitation Committee.
19. ASSOCHAM/FICCI/FIEO;
20. The Chennai Seaport Steamer Agents Association.