

**OFFICE OF THE COMMISSONER OF CUSTOMS
AIR CARGO EXPORT, NEW CUSTOM HOUSE,
NEW DELHI - 110037**

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Subject: - Implementation of Indian Customs EDI System 1.5 (ICES 1.5) at Air Cargo Export, New Custom House, New Delhi, under CBEC's IT Consolidation Project regarding.

Attention of the Exporters, Importers, CHAs, Trade Partners and all other agencies concerned is invited to the computerized processing of Export / Import documents under Indian Customs EDI System in Air Cargo Export.

1. Currently, ICES operations at Air Cargo (Export) are being implemented on a standalone system on which LAN based connectivity has been provided to concerned Customs officer, Service Centre and Punjab National Bank. The System is being managed by officials from the National Informatics Centre.

2. As part of the implementation of CBECs IT Consolidation Project, the EDI operations at Air Cargo (Exports) Delhi will be migrated to ICES 1.5, an enhanced /modified version of the application software currently operational. This software, developed by NIC, would be implemented at CBEC's National Data Centre, Delhi. The System integrator for the project is M/s TCS. The application would cater to the needs of Customs officials at Air Cargo (Exports), Delhi as also the Service Centre Operator, who would be working on CBECs new Local Area Network Infrastructure implemented by M/s HP Sales India Private Ltd. 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 implemented.

Service Centre

3. The Service Centre presently working at Export Shed and managed by M/s CMC will continue to be managed by M/s CMC under arrangements with Central Board of Excise & Customs and there shall be no change in existing charges. However the Service Centre shall now be connected to the Central Server/ National Data Centre through ICEGATE. There shall be no floppy submission at Service Centre under ICES1.5.

CHAs / Importers / Exporters

4. The CHAs/Importers/Exporters may file their documents either through Service Centre or through ICEGATE from their premises. The acknowledgement for filing Bills of Entry/Shipping Bills would reach the registered e-mail address of CHAs/Importers/Exporters. The details of message exchange formats for filing Bills of Entry/Shipping Bills are available at ICEGATE website <http://www.icegate.gov.in/ICES1.5.htm>. The CHAs/Importers/Exporters may use their own software for filing Bills of Entry / Shipping Bills 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.

Airlines

5. The Airlines should file EGM only through ICEGATE. The acknowledgement for filing EGM would reach the registered e-mail address of the Airlines. The message exchange formats for filing EGM are given on ICEGATE Website <http://www.icegate.gov.in/ICES1.5.htm>. The Airlines may prepare/use their own software for filing EGM in prescribed message exchange formats. The facility for filing of EGM through floppy at Service Centre is not available in ICES1.5.

Bank

6. The Punjab National Bank branch at New Custom House would be connected to Punjab National Bank Central Server through Internet and the bank Central server through EDI messages through ICEGATE.

Custodian

7. The message exchange with Custodian which was going in ICES1.0 shall continue in ICES1.5. However this shall be through ICEGATE.

Changes

8. The implementation of the new application would entail certain changes in the existing Customs Systems and procedures at Air Cargo Exports and New Custom House. These are being listed below for ease of reference:

a) The enquiry (documents status) facility to users of Service Centre would include documents 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.

c) The printout of 'Out of Charge' copy of Bills of Entry and Let Export Order and EP copies of Shipping Bills would now be printed from the SSO-ID of 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 stationary and services.

d) It may be noted that since the documents numbers are to be assigned by the Central Server at a National level, once other ICES 1.5 sites are operational, all documents numbers e.g. for Bills of Entry, Shipping Bills, EGMs, Challans, would not be in a continuous series for each location.

e) The duty payment challans would now be provided to the Punjab National Bank (PNB) through electronic messaging and the bank in turn would electronically confirm payment details to ICES 1.5 System.

(f) CHAs filing Export/Import documents would be required to use their PAN based registration numbers, provided by the Policy Section of Import & General Commissionerate, New Custom House, New Delhi. As per the Public Notice No.

05/2010 dated 10.03.2010 issued by the Commissioner of Customs (Import & General), NCH, New Delhi, all the CHAs were requested to verify their 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 1.5. Hence, all the CHAs are once again requested to follow the procedure prescribed in the above-said Public Notice, before migration. Similarly all the Carrier Agencies (Airlines, Console Agents, and Freight Forwarders etc.) need to get themselves registered in Central Directory at National Data Centre as per said public notice. Any agency that fails to get itself registered at Central Directory will not be able to function in ICES 1.5.

g) DEPB Licenses registered in location running on ICES1.5 shall be available for automatic online debits against Bill of Entry filed at any of the ports which are operational under ICES1.5. A common Ledger of licenses shall be centrally maintained in the system for debits in respect of Bills of Entry filed at all the ICES location operating under ICES1.5. 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 Version1.0. 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.

h) The specification 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>**.

9. Regarding Helpdesk facilities the following may be noted:

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

b) Users may also directly contact System Manager, Air Cargo Exports, New Custom House, New Delhi or the following designated Customs officers in case of any difficulty:

i) Sh. Dinesh Kumar Gupta, ADC (System Manager) Tel: 25656078
(e-mail: dinesh.gupta@icegate.gov.in)

ii) Sh. S. K. Roy, DC (EDI) Tel: 25652098
(e-mail: sanjay1.roy@icegate.gov.in)

iii) Sh. Rajan Lachala, AC (Exports) Tel: 25653582

iv) Sh. Lal Bahadur, Superintendent (EDI) Tel: 9891476335
(e-mail: lal.bahadur@icegate.gov.in)

v) Sh. Shoorvir Singh, Inspector (EDI) Tel: 9899769558

SCHEDULE OF MIGRATION

10. Tentative date to start migration activities is 26.11.10. However exact date shall be communicated separately.

a) Punjab National Bank is advised that Desk Manager handling challans pertaining to the above locations should ensure that the challans are accepted by the cash officer till start of migration are either accepted or rejected. There should not be any document pending in the Cash Managers queue at end of day on which migration starts since data from this queue will not be migrated as part of the migration of ICES operations data centre.

b) The Custodian should note that all IGMs / EGMs details which have been filed through Service Centre should be submitted in the system failing which these details will have to be re-entered after migration to data centre.

c) For Service Centre operation it may be noted that all documents entered in the Service Centre and pending for submission must be submitted prior to migration failing which these would have to be re-entered after migration of ICES operation to Data Centre.

11. Difficulties, if any, faced by the trade may be brought to the notice of the Systems Manager, Air Cargo (Exports), New Custom House, New Delhi.

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