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Sub : Implementation of software Module for Transhipment of Cargo From Port to ICDs reg.

Attention of all Importers, Custom House Agents (CHAs), Steamer / Shipping Agents (SA)/ Shipping Lines (SL), MLOs, Custodians of imported goods, officers of Customs and all others is drawn to PN No. 37/2004 dated 08.07.2004 & PN No. 43/2004 dated 13.08.2004 regarding automation of transshipment procedure. Attention is also drawn to PN No. 46 /2002 & 48/2002 dated 02.08.2002 wherein computerized filing and processing of the IGMs under ICES has been introduced. Attention is also drawn to PN NO. 09/2006 dated 27.01.2006 wherein the facility of treating the IGM itself as transshipment request was extended to shipping lines and the requirement of filing a separate application for transshipment was dispensed with.

2. In partial modification of the above referred public notices, it has been decided that in addition to the shipping lines, MLOs are also not required to file a separate application for transshipment and the IGM itself would be treated as an application for transshipment in their case also. Accordingly, the necessary changes have been made in the existing software module and the SMTP portion of the IGM will be treated as request for transshipment in case of MLOs also and they would not be required to file a separate application for transshipment provided the following conditions are satisfied :-

- (i) MLOs obtain a one time registration with Custom House by filing an application in the format prescribed in Annexure A to this public notice.
- (ii) The field relating to the Port of destination is duly filled in and its value is different than the Port of discharge
- (iii) 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).
- (iv) Transshipment fee is paid through a PLA being maintained by the MLO with the Customs House.

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

3. To extend this facility to MLOs, one more field namely MLO code is being added at serial no. 40 in message no. SACHI 02 (message no. 1B) and at serial no. 41 in message no. SACHI 21 (message no. 24) as this information is not available in IGMs but is required for transshipment purposes.

4. 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 and MLO namely, CHA and importer.
- (ii) 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.
- (iii) the TP fee is to be paid through Revenue Stamps or Challan.

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

5. All the procedure outlined in PN referred to above would continue to be followed in such cases where application for transshipment is filed. Copies of the revised formats of Message no. 1B and 41 and application for registration are enclosed herewith which may be used for filing IGMs.

6. The effective date of this Public Notice is 03/04/2006.

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