

**OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS (EXPORT), EDI SECTION, JAWAHARLAL
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PUBLIC NOTICE NO. 18/2009
(Referred / amended vide P.N.No. [43/2009](#))

**Sub:- Online Transmission of Licence/Authorizations issued under Duty Exemption
Scheme (DES) and Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme (EPCG)**

Attention of the CHA/Import Export trade is invited to the Public Notice (s)/Office Order No. ,wherein procedure relating to registration of Licences/Authorizations issued under Duty Exemption Scheme (DES) and Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme (EPCG) has been laid down. In terms of these Public Notices/Office Order, various procedures related to imports and exports under above scheme like registration, monitoring of export obligation and redemption of bonds/LUTs etc are carried out manually at this port.

2. In pursuance of the [Board Circular No.3/2009](#) dated 20th January 2009 issued from F.No.605/70/2008-DBK and in order to facilitate the trade, a procedure for online transmission of Shipping Bill and Licence Authorizations issued under Duty Exemption Scheme (DES) and Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme (EPCG) from DGFT to Customs and vice versa through an electronic message exchange system is being operationalized at this port in respect of DES/EPCG licences issued on or after 1st April 2009.

3. As per the procedure prescribed by DGFT, exporters apply for Advance Licence under Duty Exemption Scheme (DES) and licences under Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) to DGFT. As per para 4.12 of the Handbook of Procedures Vol.I, as updated on 11th April 2008, exports under DES can be started immediately on generation of file no which is generated by

DGFT on submission of application for licences under DES. Accordingly DGFT would transmit the messages relating to file numbers so generated by them to Customs so as to enable Customs to permit exports under DES. The exports under EPCG, as per Foreign Trade Policy 2004-09 can be started only after issuance of licences. Accordingly, DGFT would transmit licence messages immediately on issuance of licences under DES and EPCG scheme.

4. The Licences under above mentioned schemes issued by DGFT would be received online by Customs. Such licences would be subjected to the prescribed online validation checks at ICEGATE and thereafter, the same would be available for use by exporters at the port of registration for imports. Details of such licences would also be available on the home page of website, www.icegate.gov.in. As mentioned above, exports under DES can be started immediately after receipt of file number message from DGFT by quoting the relevant file number allocated by DGFT on the export documents. After the issue of licences, exporters would be required to quote the relevant licence number on the export documents

5. The present procedure of registration of file number/licence number and obtaining a Customs registration number at this port would be dispensed with and henceforth the licence number and Customs Registration Number would be one and same. As the licences issued under DES/EPCG will now be received online from DGFT and would be available at this port, Importers would be required to produce the hard copies of licences issued by DGFT alongwith bonds/LUTs and monitoring such bonds/LUTs. Importers are required to quote the licence number on the respective import documents in case they intend to use the licences. No manual debits would be made in the hard copies of the licences at the time of assessment of Bills of Entry for imported cargo.

6. For monitoring of export obligation under licences issued by DGFT under abovementioned schemes, Customs would transmit online all such Bills of Entry and Shipping Bills to DGFT wherever imports/exports have been effected under licences received online from DGFT under DES/EPCG schemes. DGFT would transmit online an Export Obligation Discharge Certificate (EODC) in prescribed format containing details of Shipping Bills to Customs which would also be made available at this port. Based on this EODC, the designated officer at this port would release the bonds/LUTs and the BGs, if any, after causing necessary verifications.

7. For any amendment in licences issued under above schemes by DGFT, Importer would obtain a log print of usage of licence issued by Customs and transmit online the necessary amendment of licence to Customs. No Imports under such licence would be allowed after issuance of log print till the amendment message is received from DGFT.

8. The above procedure would be applicable in respect of file nos /licences /authorizations issued under Duty Exemption Scheme (DES) and Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) on

or after 1st April 2009 by DGFT. The procedure as prescribed in above referred Public Notice(s)/Office Order No. including that of manual registration of file nos/licences/authorizations, would continue to be followed in case of file nos/licences, issued under these schemes, on or upto 31st March 2009

9. Difficulties, if any, may be brought to the notice of the undersigned.

(**Sanjeev Behari**)

Commissioner of Customs (Export)

To

All the Concerned.

Copy to:-

1. The Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Zone II.,
2. The Commissioner of Customs (Import), JNCH
3. All the Addl./Jt. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
4. All the Trade Associations.
5. The Bombay Custom House Agents Association.