



The present practice of verification of Shipping Bills and Bills of Entry is to route them through SIIB. However, the actual work of verification is being done under the control and supervision of the Manifest Clearance Department.❖ The process of routing via SIIB is only increasing two steps as no verification is done by SIIB (Exports) and the copy of the same is forwarded to MCD.❖ This is not only time consuming but also delays the process which at times is very crucial to the investigating/rebate sanctioning authorities. Besides, it increases work load in the SIIB Section.

It has, therefore been decided that the work relating to verification of genuineness of Shipping Bills and Bs/e etc. shall be directly handled by the Manifest Clearance Deptt., which shall act as the Nodal Agency for the purpose.❖ During the transitional period, the enquiry letters from other formations which are addressed to SIIB, shall be marked to AC (MCD), at Dak stage and the formation seeking the enquiry should be informed to correspond directly with AC (MCD).

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