ICES Advisory 04/2020 (SCMTR) – Registration and Message Implementation for Custodians and Transhippers

Dear all,

Pl refer to ICES Advisory 01/2020 dated 13.01.20 on Registration and Application Process for all the Stakeholders under SCMTR, 2019 (trail mail and copy of advisory attached). While the registration of stakeholders has picked up at some ports, many ports are yet to submit the report as was desired by 20.01.19. Further, email dated 21.01.20 (with reminder on 24.01.20) was sent to all the SMs/ASMs for nominating a nodal officer for timely completion of the registration activity. The details of the nodal officers have also not been communicated by many sites. Since the new regulations will come into effect from 16.02.20, registration of all the stakeholders is of paramount importance failing which they would not be able to file necessary declarations/manifests with Customs from 16.02.20. The same may therefore be taken on priority and the report as desired vide Advisory 01/2020 be shared. The details of the nodal officers may also be emailed immediately to team.ices@icegate.gov.in

2.   It is further requested that all the Custodians and Transhippers under your jurisdiction (ICDs, CFSs and Terminal Operators) be advised to complete the SCMTR application process at the earliest. Additionally, vide ICES Advisory 14/2019 dated 13.06.2019, all custodians (including CFS custodians) were advised to apply for ICEGATE MFTP on-boarding through the respective SMs/ASMs in a prescribed template and also register in ICEGATE Portal with their digital signature. But the same is still pending from many sites

3.   With effect from 16.02.20, the stuffing/stripping messages as well as the arrival/departure time of every cargo carrying vehicle will have to be electronically transmitted by the Custodians (including CFSs) to ICEGATE. The Message Implementation Guideline of these messages have been uploaded on the ICEGATE website under the Sea Cargo Manifest Regulations tab (https://www.icegate.gov.in/SeaManifestRegulation.html). Once the same is enabled, the current practice of stuffing details entered by the officer in case of exports will be discontinued and container wise stuffing message will be electronically filed by the Custodians with ICEGATE. The same will be displayed to officer in ICES for approval. The changes to generate a Cargo Identification Number (PCIN) for every Shipping Bill which will be referred by the Custodian to file stuffing/stripping message have already been made. Even in case of imports, to track and trace container details of LCL cargo, the stuffing/stripping messages will be required to be filed electronically by the Custodians.

4.   Further, for any movement of transhipped cargo, the Transhipper will be required to file the Customs Inland Manifest (CIM) both at departure and on arrival at the respective Customs areas, including CFSs. The message implementation guide for Transhippers is also available on the ICEGATE website.

5.   It is therefore requested that the Custodians/Transhippers under your jurisdiction may be advised to complete the registration/SCMTR application formalities expeditiously and undertake necessary IT developments at their end as per the Message Implementation Guide for starting the electronic transmission from 16.02.2020.

Regards,

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