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Sub : Customs procedure for export of cargo in closed containers from Inland Container Depots (ICDs) to Bangladesh using Inland Waterways

Dear Member,

The Central Board of Indirect taxes and Customs (CBIC) has issued Circular No.17/2022-Customs, dated 9th September 2022, on Customs procedure for export of cargo in closed containers from ICDs to Bangladesh using Inland Waterways. In the 'Waterways Conclave 2022' organized by the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) in April 2022, several stakeholders had evinced interest in using the inland waterways for exports to Bangladesh.

In order to augment the multi-modal connectivity and leverage the bilaterally agreed inland waterways routes (IBP routes) between India and Bangladesh, CBIC has now decided to extend the provision of off border clearance at ICDs for containerised movement of export cargo under e-seal to Bangladesh using inland waterways as an additional measure towards trade facilitation. The goods being sent from India to be cleared at the ICDs shall be first brought by rail/roads to the gateway ports of Kolkata/Haldia from where containers shall be loaded on a barge/vessel for further journey by the inland waterways route to Bangladesh through Land Customs Station of Hemnagar.

This essentially entails two legs of journey:

a) The first leg involves movement of customs cleared export cargo after the grant of Let Export Order, from ICD to gateway port of Kolkata or Haldia by rail or road; and

b) The second leg involves the unloading of cargo from train/truck and further loading on to a barge/vessel at the gateway port of Kolkata or Haldia for final exit/cross over to Bangladesh through LCS Hemnagar using the IBP route. For ensuring secure movement, e-seals shall be used on the containers though the entire journey.

A copy of the CBIC Circular No.17/2022 is enclosed herewith ([click here](#)). You are requested to please take a note of the above.

Regards,

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Executive Director

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