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<u>Sub: CBIC extends export related benefits for exports made through courier</u> mode

Dear Member,

CBIC vide Circular No.15/2024-Customs on 12/9/2024 (<u>enclosed</u>) has extended export-related benefits for courier shipments. A Press Release is also issued by Ministry of Finance in this regard (<u>enclosed</u>).

Due to limitations in the Express Cargo Clearance System (ECCS), payments for Duty Drawback, RoDTEP, and RoSCTL could not be processed for courier exports. To resolve this issue, the Indian Customs EDI System (ICES) will now be used at International Courier Terminals (ICTs) to process these benefits. As ICES has the requisite facilities such as scroll generation and integration with PFMS these aforesaid payment process will be smoothened.

The modalities are explained below -

- -- Authorized couriers shall file Shipping Bills for benefits (Drawback/RoDTEP/RoSCTL) via ICEGATE, using their existing courier registration with Customs.
- -- Custodians at International Courier Terminals (ICT) must register on ICEGATE to handle export goods and exchange related messages. Goods will be examined at the ICT post-registration.
- -- Courier terminals will handle physical logistics, while customs clearance will be managed through ICES.
- -- Detailed guidelines will be provided in an Advisory (enclosed) from DG Systems.

CBIC has made relevant amendments to the Courier Imports and Exports Regulations, 2010, vide Notification No.60/2024-Customs NT) dated 12.09.2024 (enclosed).

Briefly, these amendments are:

- -- include provisions for Duty Drawback, RoDTEP, and RoSCTL in the regulations.
- -- incorporate a reference to the 'electronic integrated declaration' which is filed on ICES as provided in the Shipping Bill (Electronic Integrated Declaration and Paperless Processing) Regulations, 2019; and

-- provide that Courier Export Manifest (CEM) shall be filed in all cases of courier exports, except where the export is under Duty Drawback, RoDTEP or RoSCTL scheme. Such shipments would be covered by the Export General Manifest.

Members may kindly make a note of the above.

Regards,

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