

E-Serve No.: 15 of 2025 | Date: January 28, 2025

<u>Sub: Enabling Voluntary Payment electronically on ICEGATE e-payment Platform</u>

Dear Member,

Kindly refer to Council's E-Serve No.:220 of 2024 dated 26.12.2024 <u>enclosed</u> on CBIC's Circular No.27/2024-Customs dated 23.12.2024 (<u>enclosed</u>) where the Board has introduced the electronic Voluntary/Self-Initiated Payment (SIP) facility on the ICEGATE platform to streamline and digitise customs payment procedures.

In this connection, JNCH has now issued Public Notice No.09/2025 dated 23.01.2025 (enclosed) on the above subject -

Features of the new system:

- The new system will replace the manual TR-6 payments currently used at Customs stations.
- It will allow users to generate self-initiated challans for voluntary payments and then complete transactions through the ICEGATE e-payment platform without needing approval from Customs officers.
- This facility is for payments related to past import/export clearances and should not be used for customs duties on live consignments.
- Users must be registered on ICEGATE and can choose from various payment categories like audits, investigations and penalties (refer to Annexure–A of Circular No.27/2024-Customs).
- Payments can be made via internet banking, NEFT/RTGS and Payment Aggregator Mode, with additional banks to be added once testing is complete.
- The new payment system will be mandatory from 01.01.2025, replacing manual payments, unless specifically approved by the Principal Commissioner/Commissioner of Customs.
- A user manual on the Voluntary/Self-Initiated Payment (SIP) facility is available on the ICEGATE platform (click here: https://www.icegate.gov.in/guidelines/voluntary-payment).

Members may kindly make a note of the above.

Regards,

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