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Sub: Procedure for handling of export cargo (with filed EGM/SDM) returning to JNCH due to closure of Strait of Hormuz

Dear Madam / Sir,

This is to inform you that JNCH has issued Public Notice No. 36/2026 dated 16-03-2026 ([copy enclosed](#)) on procedure for handling of export cargo for which Export General Manifest (EGM) / Sea Departure Manifest (SDM) has been filed returning to Nhava Sheva / JNCH port in the wake of closure of the Strait of Hormuz due to geopolitical situations in the Middle East. Accordingly, the following procedure shall be followed for handling such cargo:

1. In Full Container Load (FCL) cases where exporter intends Back to Town (BTT) of cargo from Terminal Exit Gate, where Let Export Order (LEO) is from CPP/CFS of JNCH

In short, if a full container (FCL) has already received export clearance (LEO) at a CFS/ CPP under JNCH and has exited the terminal, but the exporter now wants to bring it back into the port (BTT), then in this situation what is the procedure.

- Exporter/Customs Broker shall submit an application to the concerned AC/DC (CPP/CFS) from where LEO was granted.
- The application must include details of Shipping Bill, incentives (DBK, RoDTEP/RoSCTL), IGST, container details, etc. Please refer the format in the above Public Notice.
- Mandatory enclosures:
  - o Online/Manual Challan for return of DBK
  - o Online/Manual Challan for return or suspended/cancelled of RoDTEP/RoSCTL script.
  - o Proof of IGST payment (if applicable)
  - o Intimation to GST authorities (in case of LUT exports)
- AC/DC shall issue a conditional BTT permission.
- Movement order will be issued by Superintendent (PG-Tech) to the terminal.
- At the Terminal Gate, the Gate/Preventive Officer (PO) shall verify :
  - o If seal intact → then the container will be allowed for BTT

o If seal tampered → container will be sent to CFS/PPP under escort for 100% examination

- Terminal Exit Gate/PO shall maintain records and report on weekly basis.
- LEO and Shipping Bill cancellation shall be carried out by the concerned officer (currently it is manually, till system provision is available).

2. In Less than Container Load (LCL) cases where exporters intend BTT of cargo of their Cargo where LEO is from JNCH

- The procedure mentioned in the above point no 1 shall be followed
- Application may be filed by console agent.
- Container cannot be directly cleared from terminal.
- Container must be moved to originating CFS. BTT permitted after due process at CFS by AC/DC.
- AC/DC (CFS) shall permit BTT of such cargo by cancelling LEO and Shipping Bill manually, until the DG system enables post-EGM cancellation.

3. In FCL cases where exporters intend BTT of cargo from Terminal Exit Gate, where LEO is from a Customs Station other than JNCH

- BTT NOC to be received from originating Customs Station via email at ([psojnch@gov.in](mailto:psojnch@gov.in))
- PG-Tech will issue movement order.
- At Terminal:
  - Seal intact → release allowed as per NOC
  - Seal tampered → resealed and sent back to originating station
- Completion of BTT to be intimated to originating Customs Station.

4. In FCL cases where exporters intend BTT of cargo from a Customs Station other than JNCH, where LEO is from JNCH

Exporter/Customs Broker shall apply to AC/DC (PPP/CFS) at JNCH. Please refer the format in the attached Public Notice.

- Submit required documents (same as mentioned in Point No. 1).
- AC/DC shall issue BTT NOC.
- At destination Customs Station:
  - Seal intact → BTT allowed and intimation sent to JNCH
  - Seal tampered → container resealed and returned to JNCH

5. General Instructions

- Cancellation of LEO and Shipping Bills will be done manually until system functionality is enabled.
- This procedure comes into force with immediate effect.
- The Public Notice shall operate as a Standing Order for officers and staff.
- Any difficulties in implementation may be reported to Shri Giridhar Gopalkrishna Pai, Commissioner of Customs, NS-II, JNCH at [commr-ns2@gov.in](mailto:commr-ns2@gov.in); [apmainexp@jawaharcustoms.gov.in](mailto:apmainexp@jawaharcustoms.gov.in)

Members are requested to strictly comply with the above procedure.

Regards,

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