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Sub: Ease of Customs Duty Payment – Introduction of Payment Aggregator

Dear Madam / Sir,

This is to inform you that Ministry of Finance has issued Circular No. 13/2026-Customs dated 24 March 2026 ([copy enclosed](#)) introducing a Payment Aggregator facility on the ICEGATE e-payment platform to further streamline customs duty payments and enhance ease of doing business.

Key Clarifications:

- A Payment Aggregator has been onboarded on ICEGATE to enable multiple digital payment options and improve the overall efficiency and reliability of customs duty payments.
- Importers/exporters can now make payments using Credit Cards, Debit Cards, and UPI, in addition to existing modes.
- The facility expands the existing payment ecosystem and increases the number of banks available for e-payment from 23 to 41, thereby improving accessibility and reducing dependency on limited banking channels.
- All payments made through the aggregator will be seamlessly credited to the Electronic Cash Ledger (ECL), enabling faster utilization for duty payments.
- Any applicable convenience/transaction charges levied by banks or payment service providers will be borne by the user.
- The facility ensures faster processing, reduced transaction failures, and better reconciliation, thereby expediting customs clearance.
- Currently ICICI, IOB, SBI and HDFC bank have been onboarded on ICEGATE as payment aggregator. Subsequently, more banks will be added as and when the testing is completed with them.

Members are also advised to ensure proper reconciliation of payments made through the Payment Aggregator with their Electronic Cash Ledger balances on ICEGATE. This will help in avoiding any discrepancies or delays in the utilization of funds for duty payments. Detailed user guidelines and step-by-step procedures for using the new

payment facility have been made available on the ICEGATE portal (<https://www.icegate.gov.in/guidelines/payment-gateway>)

Members are advised to go through the detailed guidelines available on the ICEGATE portal and consider utilizing this facility for smoother, faster, and more efficient customs duty payments.

Regards,

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Executive Director

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