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All Members/All Members of the COA

Dear Sir,

Subject : Implementing Electronic Sealing for Containers by exporters under self-sealing procedure prescribed vide circular 26/2017- Customs dated 01.07.2017

Ref. : File No. 450/08/2015—Cust.IV

This is in continuation of our earlier circular ref. no. Plexh/Cir/861 dated 3rd July 2017 regarding Export procedure and sealing of containerized cargo. The Central Board of Customs and Excise has further clarified on Implementation of Electronic Sealing for Containers by exporters under self-sealing procedure through Circular no. 36/2017-Customs dated 28th August 2017.

The details as per circular 36/2017-Customs 28th August 2017 are reproduced/highlighted as follows for your convenience:-

1) Procedure :-

- i) All those exporters who are already operating under the self-sealing procedure need not approach the jurisdiction Custom authorities for the self-sealing permission.
- ii) Under the revised procedure once the permission of self-seal of the export goods from a particular premise is taken, it will be valid unless withdrawn by the jurisdictional principal commissioner or commissioner of customs if non-compliance noticed.
- iii) In case the exporters makes a request for a change in the approved premise(s), then the procedure prescribed in circular 26/2017-Cus shall be followed, and a fresh permission granted before commencement of self-sealing at the new premises.
- iv) Principal commissioner/commissioner would be required to communicate by 20.09.2017 to Risk Management Division (RMD) of CBEC, the IEC (Importer Exporter Code) of the following class of exporters :
 - (a) exporters newly granted permission for self-sealing;
 - (b) exporters who were already operating under self-sealing procedure
 - (c) exporters who were permitted factory stuffing facility; and
 - (d) AEOs (Accredited Clients Programme)

- v) It is necessary to declare the physical serial number of the e-seal at the time of filing the online integrated S.B or manual S.B before the container is dispatch for the designated port/ICD/LCS.
- vi) Exporters shall directly procure RFID (Radio frequency identification) seals from vendor, conforming to the standard specification mentioned in para 3 of Circular No.36/2017-Cus. The exporters will be required to obtain seals directly. They shall provide details such as IEC etc., at the time of purchase for identification as well as for using the standard web application necessary to support an RFID self sealing ecosystem.
- vii) In case, the RFID seals of the containers are found to be tampered with, then mandatory examination would be carried out by the customs authorities.

2) Standard Specification of the seal :-

- i) RFID should be tamper proof one-time-bolt seal, each bearing a unique serial number.
- ii) Each seal shall be a one-time-bolt-seal bearing a unique serial number and brand of the vendor in the format ABCD XXXX XXXX, where ABCD stands for the brand of the vendor and X (8 digit) is a numerical digit from 0-9.
- iii) RFID seal shall conform to ISO 17712:2013 (H) and ISO/IEC 18000-6 Class 1 Gen 2 which is globally accepted in industrial applications and can be read with the use of UHF (i.e 860MHz to 960 MHz) reader – Scanners.
- iv) The manufacturer or vendor, as the case may be, shall be in possession of certifications required for conformance of the ISO standard ISO 17712:2013 (H) namely, clause 4, 5 and 6. Before commencement of sales, the vendor shall submit self – certified copies of the above certifications to the Risk Management Division (RMD) and all the ICDs/Ports where he intends to operate along with the unique series of the seals proposed to be offered for sale.

3) Application, Record Keeping and Data Retrieval System

- i) It is clarified that the information sought from the exporter in para 9 (vii) of the circular 26/2017-Customs shall now be read as :
 - Importer Exporter Code (IEC)
 - Shipping bill number
 - Shipping bill date
 - E-seal number
 - Date of sealing
 - Time of sealing
 - Destination customs station for export
 - Container number
 - Trailer – Truck number

Members please note that information should not be mounted in the electronic seal but tagged to the seal using a 'web/mobile application' to be provided by the vendor of the RFID seals. Once the data is uploaded by the exporter should not be overwritten or edited.

- ii) All vendors will be required to transmit above information to RMD or respective destination ports/ICD's export declared by the exporter.
- iii) All vendors shall required to make arrangements for reading/scanning of RFID one – time- Bolt seal at the customs ports at their own cost.
- iv) The integrity of RFID seal would be verified by the Customs officer at the port by using reader-scanner which are connected to Data Retrieval System of the Vendor.
- v) Since in all the ports where containerized cargo is handled would require reader scanners, principal commissioner of the port shall notify the details of the nodal officers for the smooth operating of this system.
- vi) The transaction history of the self-sealing should be visible to the exporters for their reference.
- vii) The vendor shall also undertake to integrate the information stored on the data retrieval server with ICEGATE at his own cost on the date and manner to be specified by the Directorate General of System, New Delhi.

THE NEW SELF-SEALING PROCEDURE SHALL COME INTO EFFECT FROM 01.10.2017, till then the existing procedure shall continue.

For circular, please click on below link

<http://www.cbec.gov.in/resources/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-circulars/cs-circulars-2017/circ36-2017cs-revised.pdf>

This is for your kind information.

With best regards,
Yours sincerely,

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