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**Public Notice No. 34/2021**

**Sub: Electronic mechanism to amend BL number in Prior/Advance BE with Auto Approval.**

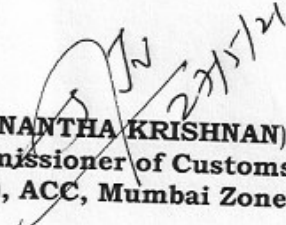
Kind attention of the importers, exporters, Customs Brokers and all other stakeholders is invited towards the ICES Advisory No. 13/2021 dated 25.05.2021 describing the changes enabled in Customs EDI System for implementation of provisions of filing of Advance Bill of Entry under Section 46 of Customs Act (as amended vide Finance Act 2021) on the above mentioned subject.

2. Reference is also invited to legislative changes in Section 46 of the Customs Act, 1962 introduced through the Finance Act, 2021 and the Board Circular No. 08/2021-Customs dated 29.03.2021 conveyed vide Public Notice No. 17/2021 dated 31.03.2021 and Board Instruction No. 05/2021-Cutoms dated 24.03.2021 conveyed vide Public Notice No. 16/2021 dated 27.03.2021 and Public Notice 19/2021 dated 07.04.2021 issued by ACC.

3. As explained in the advisory, while filing Bill of Entry declaration in the system where MBL is not available, MAWB/BL No. shall be declared as NOMAWB, as the case may be, with mandatory declaration of HBL. For regularization with Arrival Manifest, the importers have the option to update the MBL in the Bill of Entry at any point in time later to regularize/link the BE with Arrival Manifest through a simple online amendment process which is auto approved in Customs System. This online amendment process has also been elaborated in the above advisory.

4. Cases, however, have been reported where the advance BE was originally filed with BL number (and not NOMAWB) but the same was given incorrectly with some typographical error. In such cases, importer has to currently approach the Customs officer for updating the correct BL number and regularize the BE. To ease this process and make it contactless, the same mechanism as has been given for NOMAWB cases in Advisory 10/2021 has now been expanded to cover these cases also. If the declaration of MBL Number/HBL number has been filed wrongly at the time of filing of prior/advance BE, the importer/customs broker can file BE amendment of the IGM details with amend code as A\_PBEIGM to update the correct MBL(MAWB)/HBL(HAWB) Number. The System has been enabled to auto approve such amendments and the BE will be auto regularized by the System if the given BL numbers match with the ones given in the IGM. This would do away with the requirement of approval process by the Customs officer. It may be noted that this mechanism is available only to update BL numbers. Other amendments like changes in container details etc. will have to done with officer approval as is being done currently. This mechanism can also be used by the importer to electronically request for BE regularization instead of approaching the Customs officer.

5. Difficulty, if any, in implementation of these instructions should be brought to the notice of the Additional Commissioner (EDI) or Deputy Commissioner (EDI), ACC on [ediaccmum5@gmail.com](mailto:ediaccmum5@gmail.com) or on [icegatehelpdesk@icegate.gov.in](mailto:icegatehelpdesk@icegate.gov.in) & contact EDI section, ACC, Sahar for any further assistance.
6. This Public Notice should be considered as Standing Order for the purpose of officers and staff of ACC, Mumbai Customs Zone-III.
7. All trade associations/members of Customs Brokers Association are requested to take note and publicize the contents of this public notice among their members/constituents.
8. Difficulty, if any, faced in implementation of this Public Notice may be brought to the notice of the Additional Commissioner of Customs, EDI, ACC, Mumbai (Email. [ediaccmum5@gmail.com](mailto:ediaccmum5@gmail.com)).

  
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