

ADVISORY CIRCULAR FOR REGISTRATION OF BENEFICIARIES ON ICEGATE– REG.

Circular No. ES/224/2020-21

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URGENT & IMPORTANT

To: Members of the Council

Sub: Advisory circular for registration of beneficiaries on ICEGATE– reg.

Dear Member,

We would like to inform you that the *Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs* (CBIC), Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, Government of India has issued an Advisory Circular for **registration of beneficiaries** on Indian Customs Electronic Commerce / Electronic Data interchange (EC/EDI) Gateway (**ICEGATE**).

As you may be aware, Customs had introduced **Single Window Interface for Facilitating Trade (SWIFT)** as part of ease of doing business initiative to integrate Customs and other Participating Government Agencies (PGAs) for seamless processing of import and export clearances and **SRTEPC** is one of the PGAs.

Single Window Interface in eSANCHIT will allow a trader to submit all supporting documents for clearance of consignments electronically with digital signatures. This will prevent him from approaching different regulatory agencies with hardcopies of the documents, thereby making the entire process of consignment clearance paperless and smooth.

It is mandatory for all the importers and Exporters to upload the documents relating to regulatory compliances electronically.

CBIC has now brought all the Participating Government Agencies (PGAs) on board eSANCHIT whereby instead of importer/ exporter, the PGAs will upload the Licences, Permits, Certificates and other Authorizations (LPCOs) on eSANCHIT. **Therefore, all the beneficiaries of LPCOs are essentially required to register on ICEGATE.**

Members may kindly refer **CBIC Circular No.35/2018-Customs dated 1.10.2018** for registration of beneficiaries on ICEGATE wherein all the importers/ exporters, customs brokers or any other beneficiary transacting with customs were requested to come forward and register on ICEGATE. In addition to this, CBIC had also introduced simplified auto registration of the beneficiaries (IEC holders) vide **Circular No. 14/2019-Customs dated 3.6.2019**.

It may be informed that out of 51 PGAs brought on board on eSANCHIT only 18-20 PGAs are able to upload the LPCOs due to the fact that beneficiaries are not coming forward to register themselves on ICEGATE.

To receive the benefits of eSANCHIT, it is requested that the IEC holders transacting with **SRTEPC** are directed to mandatorily register on ICEGATE before applying for any Licence, Permits, Certificates & Other Authorizations (LPCO).

Please note that while applying for issuance of any LPCO, a certificate to the effect that the beneficiary (importer/ exporter) has registered with ICEGATE with an updated authentic email id shall be furnished.

A detailed procedure on registration is available at ICEGATE website under the path https://www.icegate.gov.in/Download/New_Registration_Demo_Updated_APPROVED.pdf

Members may kindly make a note of the above and do as directed.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

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