

Procedure of transmission of Shipping bills to DGFT

Transmission Procedure and treatment of acknowledgements received from DGFT

All types of finally assessed shipping bills, for which EGMs have been filed, are being transmitted by all ICES locations to DGFT through ICEGATE under the cover of digital signatures on daily basis. There are two files for each location for each day (one data file and other control file) even if no shipping bill is available for transmission to DGFT. These shipping bill files sent by Customs are acknowledged by DGFT with pre defined codes. These shipping bills are either accepted or rejected by DGFT and all acknowledgements are sent to ICES locations for automatic updation of the status. Shipping bills which have been rejected are retransmitted to ICES locations through ICEGATE. Action taken at Customs end, for the acknowledgement files as per codes received from DGFT, is explained as under:

1. Error Code 00: All such shipping bills are considered as accepted by DGFT and thus no further re-transmission takes place.
2. Error Code 01: There is mismatch between data file and its corresponding control file. Therefore, the file with same name is re-generated and re-transmitted.
3. Error Code 02: This file contains the shipping bills which are rejected by DGFT along with rejection code against each shipping bill. These shipping bills are re-transmitted in next day's message file provided the rejection code is not 09 (which reflects Duplicate shipping Bill).
4. Error Code 04: Either data file or corresponding control file is not received by DGFT. Therefore, message file with same name is re-generated and re-transmitted.
5. Error Code 05: DGFT has already accepted file with the same name. Therefore, no further re-transmission takes place.
6. All other codes are applicable only at shipping bill level and therefore, can appear against shipping bills mentioned in acknowledgement file with error code 02. These shipping bills are re-transmitted in next day's message file provided the rejection code is not 09 (which reflects Duplicate shipping Bill).

Availability of enquiry menu at ICES locations

For the facilitation of exporters an enquiry module has been made available which is working at service centre of each ICES location for enabling exporters to check the status of transmission of SBs. The following two options are available in AMD menu at Service Centre:

- i) DGFT SB Status
- ii) DGFT SB Retransmission

Some ICES Locations such as Nhava Sheva CH, Mumbai CH, etc. have enabled e-mail facility through which DGFT-SB data transmission status can be obtained. This facility also triggers the re-transmission of SB data if the same has already not been transmitted. For example in case of Nhava Sheva CH, the user can check the status on <http://www.jawaharcustoms.gov.in/newsite/autoMail/SHIPPINGBILL.asp>. Websites of the concerned custom locations may be viewed for complete details.

DGFT SB Status MENU:

It facilitates the exporter by displaying the status as per the acknowledgement received from DGFT which is as under:

1. All shipping bills sent in file for which acknowledgement message is received with code 00 or 05 are displayed as 'A', Accepted by DGFT.
2. All shipping bills sent in file for which acknowledgement message is received with code 01 or 04 are displayed as 'R', Rejected by DGFT. Date on which these shipping bills are re-transmitted is also displayed.
3. All shipping bills with error code 09, received in acknowledgement file with code 02 are displayed as 'A', Accepted by DGFT and the remaining are retransmitted in next day's file. Its file name and date of re-transmission is also displayed.
4. If the enquired SB is not yet sent to DGFT, it will be sent to DGFT in next day's file provided it fulfills all the required criteria for the same. Message to this effect is also displayed.

DGFT SB Retransmission MENU:

Through this option exporter can request Customs to retransmit the shipping bill to DGFT irrespective of the acknowledgment status received from DGFT. If the SB meets all the requirements, it will be sent to DGFT in next day's file else, an error message is displayed mentioning the shortcoming.

Procedure of Automatic retransmission of SBs to DGFT

On checking the status at the service centre if the status is shown as 'R', the shipping bills are automatically transmitted to DGFT in next day's file. In cases where the status is shown as 'A' shipping bills are retransmitted to DGFT if so requested by the exporter.

Grievance redressal Mechanism at ICES locations

There is no need of any communication from DGFT for retransmission of shipping bills by Customs. In case of any problems, exporters are advised to contact the DC (EDI) or the Systems Manager of the local Customs House.