



# Federation of Freight Forwarders' Associations in India

National Apex Body of CUSTOMS BROKERS' ASSOCIATIONS IN INDIA

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Mr. Raj Kumar Barthwal  
Member – Custom  
Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs  
North Block,  
New Delhi – 110 001

Respected Sir,

Sub. : Exports under MEIS scheme - Technical difficulties faced by trade

Availment of MEIS benefit for export is very vital to exporters. We wish to bring to your kind notice that exporters are compulsory required to put a remark in Reward item box with a tick mark 'Y' while feeding data in the Custom EDI System for enabling automatic transmission to DGFT site.

However we wish to bring to your kind notice that

- a) On number of occasions, due to bonafide human error, filling up of MEIS Reward column with 'Y' is missed out. In such a scenario, the Custom Broker / Exporter has to approach the concerned Jurisdictional Customs officers to obtain a certificate since the relevant information regarding claiming of MEIS are available in the Invoice.
- b) The Customs officer, after examining the case, approves the amendments as per the evidence available and provides manual certificate.
- c) Amendment in the EDI System is not possible since cancellation of LEO in the Custom EDI is not possible. Due to this transmission of MEIS data to DGFT is not being done.

We suggest that in order to rectify such bonafide errors in Customs EDI system, cancellation of LEO for export Shipping Bills should be permitted in the Customs EDI system. This will help the exporter to claim MEIS benefit from DGFT.

In this regard, we also highlight following 2 important judgements passed by Hon'ble High Court (Copies attached)

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Considering the above, we request that:

- 1) Customs EDI System should permit cancellation of LEO to incorporate such amendments.
- 2) Till such time provision is made under EDI system, in view of the above judgements, the Authorities should permit the amendments on manual basis for DGFT to issue MEIS licence to the exporter.

Your kind co-operation in the above matter shall be highly appreciated.

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Yours faithfully,

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