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Respected Sir,

We place on record our sincere appreciation to your good self and entire CBIC team for measures taken to facilitate the Exim trade during this pandemic COVID 19. Hopefully this adversity will enable us to use technology more productively to improve efficiency.

We wholeheartedly appreciate CBIC circular no.19/2020 which will provide online final print of bill of entry after out of charge. Thus requirement of print has been redundant.

We wish to state that following measures undertaken on import side for ensuring paperless transaction such as

- i) Online registration
- ii) Auto out of charge
- iii) Online query reply
- iv) Late fee waiver on email etc.

Have been extremely helpful to entire trade. Many customs stations are working by creating assessment group wise email ids which have in a short time created culture of no physical presence.

We humbly suggest that need of the hour is to promote exports..

Many of such initiatives if replicated on the export side will help to avoid personal interaction and maintain social distancing while processing export shipments.

We wish to highlight the following areas where online interactions (on ICEGATE or even e- mail locally) will overcome personal presence at various levels.

1. Online registration of Shipping Bills as being done in imports..
2. Auto LEO generation of shipping bills where the message for inward entry of container is confirmed by the Custodian. With effective usage of e-Sanchit this can be explored as per risk analysis. At least for factory sealed containers of exporters.
3. Online copy of SB to be generated and shared on ICEGATE after LEO like in imports.





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4. Shipping Lines/ Airlines should not insist on hard copy of shipping bill at the time of handing over online LEO verification is more foolproof.
5. Usage of high-end container scan images need to be used for examination in case of non RMS shipping bills.]

With paperless initiative introduced on import side at grass-root level, handling of RMS facilitated import BE is more simpler than handling an RMS facilitated shipping bill.

Export process if revamped by utilisation of intelligent system infrastructure, CBIC can monitor exports more effectively while also facilitating.

Imports has witnessed good amount of facilitation, hopefully now will be turn of exports.

Your kind co-operation shall be highly appreciated.

Thanking you,

Yours truly,

For Federation of Freight Forwarders' Associations in India

Sd/-

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