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Sub: Automated Generation of Rotation number based on VCN

Kind attention of Shipping Lines, Shipping Agents, Port Authorities, Terminal operators and all the stakeholders is invited to the Advisory number-27/2020 dated 05.08.2020 issued by Directorate General of Systems regarding Automated Generation of Rotation number based on VPN wherein it was informed that Electronic communication of Voyage Call Number (VCN) message has already begun for those ports who are already on PCS platform. Once VCN message is filed with Customs, there will be automated generation of Rotation Numbers based on the VCN messages received by customs automated system. The current practice of Shipping Lines applying for rotation number from ICES at the Customs formations accordingly would be discontinued in phased manner.

2.   Currently, rotation number for EGM is generated in ICES based on the request by the vessel operator. This current system for rotation number generation will be discontinued for seaports and be replaced with automatic generation directly based on the VCN message received from PCS or any other system designated by the Port. A VCN enquiry is already available on ICEGATE to check the rotation number for a vessel (https://enquiry.icegate.gov.in/enquiryatices/vcnEnquiryAction). The Shipping Lines can also directly obtain the same from Port or PCS. The same rotation number should be used for filing EGM and for preparing messages for both, Sea Arrival and Sea Departure Manifests under the SCMTR.

3.   This would require awareness among the shipping Lines operating at this port and readiness of the port system to share (i) VCN message with ICEGATE, (ii) receive the rotation number, and (iii) share the same with the Shipping Lines. For the ports already integrated with PCS, the same would be exchanged between ICEGATE and PCS. A confirmation from shipping lines whether they are sharing VCN details with PCS, would be appreciated.

4.   For the other ports not integrated with PCS, web-based utilities have been made available on ICEGATE within the login of terminal operators to submit the VCN details and receive the rotation number. The terminal operators will also be able to check the rotation number in the VCN based enquiry on ICEGATE as mentioned at para 2. Such Terminal operators can also integrate with customs automated system. Technical details for integration are available on ICEGATE at(https://www.icegate.gov.in/Download/CBIC_Port_Message_Integration_Specification_Docum ent_v1.0.docx).

5.   It is requested to Shipping Lines, Terminal operators/Port Authorities in Mumbai Customs Zone I jurisdiction to ensure their readiness, after which the new dispensation for automatic generation of the rotation number will begin port by port. While the VCN message for ports connected with PCS is already being received by Customs.

6.   Once a port is enabled for automatic generation of rotation number, rotation number would be available only against the VCN details submitted by the port/terminal.

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