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## व्यापार सुविधा संख्या 12 / 2021 (Trade Facility No. 12 / 2021)

**Subject : : Electronic mechanism to amend BL number in Prior/Advance BE with Auto Approval - Reg (ICES Advisory 13/2021 dated 25.05.2021)**

Kind attention from members of Trade is invited to the ICES Advisory No. 10/2021 dated 29.03.2021 & this office Trade Facility No. 11/2021 describing the changes enabled in Customs EDI System for implementation of provisions of filing of Advance Bill of Entry under Section 46 of Customs Act (as amended vide Finance Act 2021).

2. As explained in the advisory, while filing Bill of Entry declaration in the system where MBL is not available, MAWB/BL No. shall be declared as NOMBL (in case of sea) or NOMAWB (in case of air), as the case may be, with mandatory declaration of HBL. For regularization with Arrival Manifest, the importers have the option to update the MBL in the Bill of Entry at any point in time later to regularize/link the BE with Arrival Manifest through a simple online amendment process which is auto approved in Customs System. This online amendment process has also been elaborated in the above advisory.

3. Cases, however, have been reported where the advance BE was originally filed with BL number (and not NOMBL/NOMAWB) but the same was given incorrectly with

some typographical error. In such cases, importer has to currently approach the Customs officer for updating the correct BL number and regularize the BE. To ease this process and make it contactless, the same mechanism as has been given for NOMBL/NOMAWB cases in Advisory 10/2021 has now been expanded to cover these cases also. If the declaration of MBL Number/HBL number has been filed wrongly at the time of filing of prior/advance BE, the importer/customs broker can file BE amendment of the IGM details with amend code as **A\_PBEIGM** to update the correct MBL(MAWB)/HBL(HAWB) Number. The System has been enabled to auto approve such amendments and the BE will be auto regularised by the System if the given BL numbers match with the ones given in the IGM. This would do away with the requirement of approval process by the Customs officer. It may be noted that this mechanism is available only to update BL numbers. Other amendments like changes in container details etc. will have to done with officer approval as is being done currently. This mechanism can also be used by the importer to electronically request for BE regularization instead of approaching the Customs officer.

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