



EXPRESS CARGO CLEARANCE SYSTEM (ECCS)

Breaking Barriers, Enabling Paperless Compliant Trade

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Foreword from Pr. DG Systems



I am pleased to note that EICI is releasing ECCS newsletter to commemorate 25th year of its formation.

EICI has played pivotal role for promotion of Indian express industry. Express courier industry is a fast-moving industry delivering parcels within hours across the world. It caters to the delivery of parcels to individuals sitting in remote corners of the country. It also helps the small businesses across the nation to export their products to their domestic and international consumers in fastest mode. Express industry also caters to E-commerce which shall further revolutionise the industry.

EICI in collaboration with DG Systems, CBIC, Government of India developed the Express Cargo Clearance System (ECCS) to automate the customs clearances of imports and exports through express industry. Since its inception, EICI has played active role in the development, enhancements and modifications of the ECCS to provide seamless user experience and to improve the performance of the application.

On this 25th year of its formation, this ECCS newsletter shall be of significant importance to showcase the growth of ECCS and Express Industry in India.

I wish all the best to EICI for their endeavours.



About EICI

Founded in 1997, EICI is a not-for-profit organization, which is an apex industry association that represents leading international and domestic express companies in India.

EICI is a key driver of policies impacting the express industry and aims to create a favourable environment by promoting the common interest of its members.

As a trade facilitation initiative, EICI operates common user international express terminals at Delhi & Bengaluru airports.

As an industry initiative EICI has set up an Express Industry Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana Skill Centre (PMKVY) in Bhiwandi.

EICI with Indian Customs have jointly and successfully developed and implemented a state-of-the-art electronic Express Cargo Clearance System (ECCS) for Custom clearance of express shipments, which has increased India's global competitiveness and led to Ease of Doing Business and a Paperless Work Environment.

Express Industry End to End Solution for Customers



Introduction to ECCS:



I. The Express Cargo Clearance System (ECCS) enables automated customs clearances in the courier mode under Courier Imports and Exports (Electronic Declaration and Processing) Regulations, 2010.



II. Out of 14 ICTs, nominated by CBIC, vide Notification no. 27/2018 dated 28-03-2018, ECCS has been launched at 9 International Courier Terminals viz. Mumbai, Delhi, Bengaluru, Ahmedabad, Cochin, Chennai, Jaipur, Kolkata and Hyderabad. As on date, all courier clearances are online.

Some Key Features of ECCS:

- 100% Paperless clearance/Documentum enabled
- Risk Management Enabled
- Integrated with Hand-held barcode readers ensure fast and secure clearances
- Dynamic allocation of work items ensure clearance efficiency

New Modules Developed in ECCS:



PCA Module

Post Clearance Audit module for ECCS was rolled out at the Audit Commissionerate, Mumbai Customs Zone-I on pilot basis.



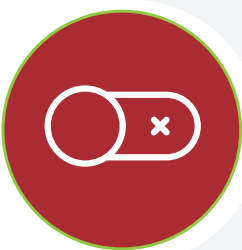
Enable Export of Gems & Jewellery

In order to enable export of Gems & Jewellery in ECCS, changes in CSB V, as prescribed by CBIC Circular No. 09/2022-Customs dated 30-06-2022 and Notification no. 57/2022 – Customs (NT) dated 30-06-2022, were deployed in production on 07-08-2022 for both UI and bulk upload filing.



OCRM Module

The online courier registration module (OCRM) will convert the present registration process of Courier companies into digital mode and eliminate the need for physical interaction between Couriers and Customs department. An Online Courier Registration Module has been launched in ECCS on 23-09-2022 for registration of new Courier companies intending to operate as Authorized Couriers.



Deactivation of Inactive Couriers

The inactive Couriers, i.e. those which have not filed CBE or CSB for the past one year at all the locations at which they are registered have to be deactivated in ECCS as per Customs Notification 85/2021 dated 27-10-2021. The module for deactivation of inactive Couriers in ECCS is being implemented.



Integration with IDPMS/EDPMS of RBI

As advised by RBI, the ECCS has been integrated with IDPMS/EDPMS of RBI w.e.f. 27-01-2022. The data in respect of commercial courier import/export, with validated AD code is being shared with ICEGATE, for further transmission to IDPMS/EDPMS modules of RBI. As desired, the Courier Bills of Entry (CBEs) and Courier Shipping Bills (CSBs) filed in ECCS, on and after 02-01-2022 were uploaded to ICEGATE for further transmission to IDPMS/EDPMS of RBI.



ECCS Statistics Data for 2021-22:



Average CBE/Day **11163**
 Average CSB/Day **35343**



Revenue **INR 4210 Cr.**



Dwell Time Import **04 Hrs 52 Min**



Dwell Time Export **03 Hrs 29 Min**

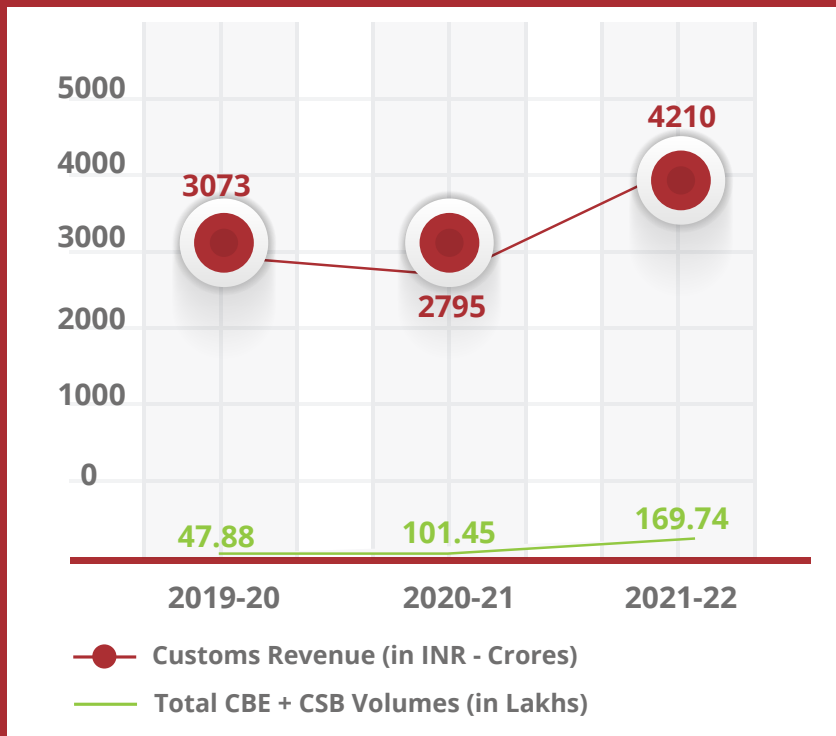


Facilitation level Import **84.25%**



Facilitation level Export **93.49%**

↗ ECCS Revenue and Volume Trend





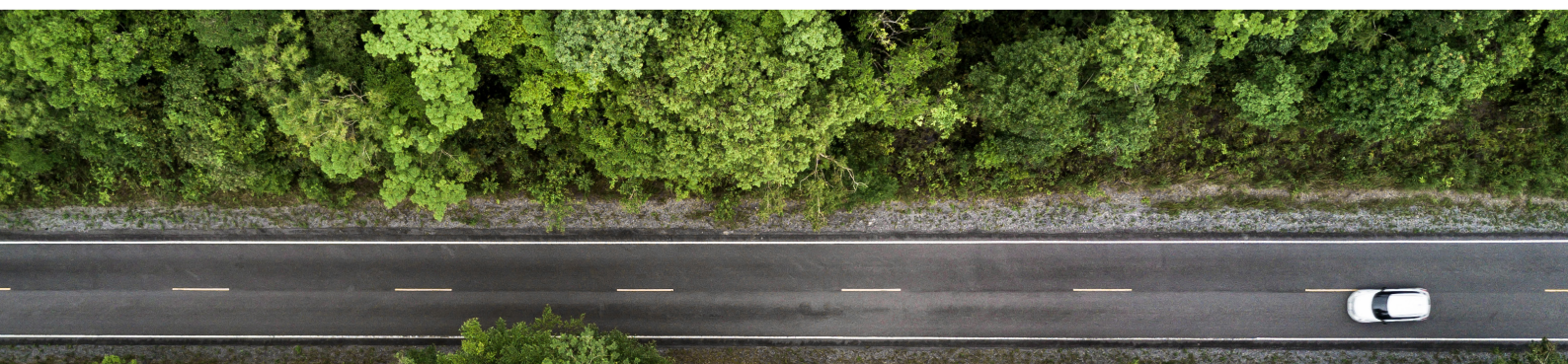
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The International Express Industry has been linking Indian businesses to the world for decades. The industry has been growing continuously in size, investments, jobs and relevance, creating an all-round ecosystem for micro, small and medium scale businesses in India to reach global markets. Due to the industry's capability of providing end-to-end express logistics solutions, Indian businesses enjoy time definite global reach which are aligned with global standards apart from our own unique strengths of trade promotion.

In international Trade, Customs clearance plays a critical role for ensuring efficient and time bound movement of goods through the express network. Digitalisation of Customs clearance procedures is critical for ensuring efficiency and ease of doing business. Express Cargo Clearance System (ECCS) is a vital link which is ensuring speed and compliance. It provides high levels of trade facilitation and continues to adapt to the needs of the industry within regulatory framework. One of the USPs of ECCS is the wonderful synergy of CBIC and Express Industry to bring seamless Customer experience. The regular interactions which are initiated by Additional Director General (Systems), WZU, Mumbai provides real time opportunity to recognize and resolve on ground requirements and challenges.

We are confident that ECCS with its continuous improvements for enabling India Trade will continue to pioneer in the areas of enabling speed, paperless trade, reduced cost of compliance, efficiency and seamless message exchange which would be the bench mark for other digitalization by Government of India.

On behalf of the Express Industry, we would like to thank Directorate of Systems and Data Management as well as CBIC in their endeavor for ensuring seamless functioning of ECCS.



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