



Relief to Exporters on export of goods with payment of taxes

Exporters of goods when exporting goods with payment of tax (GST - IGST), they are eligible to claim the refund of taxes (IGST) paid at the time of exports of goods. This payment of taxes can be **discharged either by utilizing input tax credits unutilized in their electronic credit ledger or by utilizing amount un-utilized in their electronic cash ledger.**

Exporters have to file their periodical returns as prescribed under GST Law viz. GSTR-1 and GSTR-3B and then details submitted to the GSTIN portal will be passed / migrated to the Customs Department for release of the taxes paid at the time of exports of goods on the basis of Shipping bills generated by the Customs Department. Automated System of Custom Department [ICEGATE] will verify the details submitted in GST returns with Shipping Bills and other data available with them, and if these details completely match, then refund of taxes would be credited into the bank account of exporters. However, exporters are committing mistakes while filing details at the time of filing periodic returns viz. GSTR-1 and GSTR-3B.

It was observed that there are **still numerous Shipping Bills having invoice mismatches between the GST returns data and the custom data** presented along with the Shipping Bills resulting in error. **This error is terms as SB005 error.** This results in

blocking of the IGST refund disbursement, which is otherwise fully automated, except for the refund scroll generation.

CBIC (Board) had already issued instructions and clarifications in this matter by issuance of circulars 08/2018 – Customs, dated 23-03-2018, 15/2018 – Customs, dated 06-06-2018, 22/2018 – Customs dated 18-07-2018, 40/2018 – Customs dated 24-10-2018 and 26/2019 – Customs dated 27-08-2019.

The matter has been re-examined. Considering that the entire country is facing unprecedented challenges due to the COVID 19 pandemic, and that the exporters are **facing genuine hard-ships due to the SB005 errors**, it has now been decided **to extend the facility of SB005 error correction in the Customs EDI system for Shipping Bills with date up to 31.12.2019 by issuance of Circular No. 22/2020 – Customs, dated 21-04-2020.**

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