

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on Import and Export Permits

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To: All Traders, Freight Forwarders,
Cargo Agents and Carriers

We are pleased to list below for your information the answers to the FAQs by traders and declaring agents in applying for Import and Export Permits:

Question 1

I have applied for a Joint "TT" permit. Must I apply for a TDB Export Permit ("OU")?

Answer

A Joint "TT" permit serves as a TDB Transhipment Permit and Customs Transhipment Permit. It covers both "IN" and "OU". The "TT" Permit is to be applied only for goods which are covered under a "Through Bill of Lading" or a "Through Air Waybill" transhipment. Hence, you need not apply for a TDB Export Permit ("OU").

Question 2

Can I declare more than one exporter in one Permit?

Answer

This is not allowed because only one exporter's name and his CR number can be declared in one Permit application. When requested by TDB, an exporter should support his application with the invoice issued under his company's name for the sale of the goods.

Question 3

Can I amend the quantity column for a TDB Export Permit?

Answer

The quantity is a critical field for which amendment is not permitted. You should cancel the Permit and re-apply another Permit with the correct quantity if you have not used the Permit. If you have used the Permit in exchange for the Bill of Lading, you should inform us in writing of the correct quantity.

Question 4

Can I apply for one Import or Export Permit for several Bills of Lading?

Answer

This is not allowed. You have to apply for one Permit for one Bill of Lading or one Air Waybill.

Question 5

If I import 1,000 pieces of umbrellas and the unit quantity is "TEN". How do I convert the quantity in the Import Permit application?

Answer

You should divide the 1,000 pieces by 10 and the resulting quantity to declare should be "100 TEN".

Question 6

My consignment was imported under the ATA Carnet for exhibition purposes. Must I apply for an Export Permit if I want to export the consignment to another destination?

Answer

You need not apply for an Export Permit to export the consignment that was originally imported under the ATA Carnet. You must obtain the endorsement from Customs on the ATA Carnet before export and produce the endorsed ATA Carnet to the Carrier's Agent to effect shipment of the goods.

If you have any enquiries on these questions and answers, please call the Customs Call Centre at Tel. No. 63552000.