

All Traders and Declaring Agents

**COMMON QUESTIONS ON CUSTOMS DECLARATIONS/PROCEDURES :
HELPLIST 14**

I am pleased to list below the questions and answers for List 14:

Q1	I have transmitted a Customs Outward declaration (OU) for export of a consignment of sea-stores. It was rejected with the error message - 'Departure date'. Why is this so?
A	For declaration of dutiable sea-stores with declaration purpose 'X' , the 'departure date' (only one day is allowed) should not be more than 1 day from the 'removal start date' eg: Removal date= 27/8-28/8/96; then the departure date must be 28/8-28/8/96.
Q2	Our MES client had recently imported a consignment of goods and stored them at his own warehouse in the Customs territory. Owing to insufficient storage space, our client would like to store them in our warehouse in the FTZ. Is this allowed?
A	The warehouses in the FTZ are meant for storage of imported goods pending entry into the Customs territory or re-export to foreign destinations. Goods brought from the Customs territory into the FTZ should be meant for export only and not for re-entry into the Customs territory at a later date. Please ask your client to look for alternative storage facilities in the Customs territory.
Q3	Our bank guarantee lodged with your department has expired recently. Can we take back the original copy of the bank guarantee or will it be returned to the issuing bank?
A	An expired bank guarantee will not be returned to the company or the bank. However, a valid bank guarantee, upon written request, may be returned to the company if we have confirmed that it has no outstanding matters with us.
Q4	I have a Customs permit which was declared by my colleague. As he is not around, can I sign this permit on his behalf and clear the cargo with it?
A	If you are one of your company's declarants who has been registered with Customs, you may sign this permit, with your name and NRIC/Passport No. indicated below the signature.
