

All Traders and Declaring Agents

**COMMON QUESTIONS ON CUSTOMS DECLARATIONS/PROCEDURES :
HELPLIST 18**

I am pleased to list below the questions and answers for List 18:

Q1	My electronic amendment of a Joint Customs/TDB Inward permit was rejected with the error message "Amendment request No.". Why is this so?
A	The amendment could have been rejected because the serial number of this amendment had not been entered in the 'Amendment Request No.' field. Wef 1 Oct 96, electronic amendments for selected fields at the header and item levels for pure Customs permit and joint Customs/TDB permits have been increased from two times to four times. Electronic amendments must be made within the validity period of the permit. Unsuccessful amendments are not taken into account for determining the amendment request number.
Q2	My declaration of an IT (Customs White Transshipment/TDB Inward) permit for a consignment of liquors was rejected with the error message "Out carrier". What should I do?
A	Vessels carrying dutiable liquors and tobacco products must be registered with Customs. Your IT permit was probably rejected because the declared out vessel was not registered with Customs or the registration date has expired or the outward vessel's name declared is not the same as that registered with Customs.
Q3	I have transmitted a Joint Customs White Transshipment/TDB Inward permit with the declaration purpose "X" for the supply of ship spares in containerised form. The place of receipt is "SY" (shipyard). I have keyed in "C" (goods changed from containerised to conventional form) in the field 'Out-FTZ-Operation'. It was rejected with the error message "Out FTZ indicator". Why is this so?
A	Transshipment containers are not allowed to be unstuffed at the shipyard as it is not an FTZ. However if you need to unstuff the container, please do so in the FTZ. The ship spares can then be removed in conventional form from the FTZ to the shipyard. The cargo packing type should therefore be declared as "2" (conventional) as the goods will be produced in this form to Customs for clearance at the checkpoint.
