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All Traders and Declaring Agents



AUTO-PROCESSING OF INWARD DECLARATIONS FOR LOCAL SHUT-OUT NON-DUTIABLE CARGOES



Currently, a trader is required to apply for a Customs Inward Permit for the return of shutout non-dutiable goods from a Free Trade Zone (FTZ) to his premises under the following circumstances:

- a That the removal is made after 24 hours of entry of the goods into FTZ;
- b That the goods are not earlier released from a bonded warehouse; and
- c That the goods are not previously imported under a Temporary Import Scheme.

2 The Inward Declaration for shutout non-dutiable goods is currently processed on-line and the trader needs to fax a copy of supporting documents (viz., application letter, invoice, delivery note, etc) to Customs for verification. To facilitate the processing of such declarations, we have carried out enhancement to our in-house system to process them electronically effective 1 Mar 2001. In transmitting the declaration, please enter the following remarks in the "Remark" field, - "The goods are shut-out cargoes".

3 With this automation, trader needs only to produce the following documents to the Customs at the Checkpoint for verification:

- a A letter from the exporter or his agent explaining the reasons for taking delivery of the shut-out goods. The details of the goods are to be stated in the letter; and
- b Delivery Note, invoice and other supporting documents

4 If you need further information, please contact the Customs Call Centre on telephone number 3552000 followed by (*) (0).

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