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Indian Government Rolls Out Single Window Import Clearances

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Exporter Guide

Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards - Narrative

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Report Highlights:

The Government of India's (GOI) Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC) has launched its Single Window Interface for Facilitating Trade (SWIFT) system. This is a GOI initiative to speed up clearances for inbound consignments and to improve India's 'ease of doing business.'

General Information:

The SWIFT system, launched by GOI's CBEC, enables the exporters and importers to file a common electronic 'integrated declaration' on Indian Custom's Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Gateway known as ICEGATE. The integrated declaration compiles requisite information for Customs, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), Plant Quarantine, Animal Quarantine, Drug Controller, Wildlife Control Bureau, and Textile Committee. The integrated declaration is designed to replace nine separate forms previously required by the abovementioned agencies and Customs. Along with SWIFT, CBEC also introduced an Integrated Risk Management facility for partner government agencies (PGAs), which is designed to ensure that consignments are selected based on the principle of risk management and not selected routinely by inspection agencies.



The GOI has identified the SWIFT system as a key component of upgrading its trade facilitation for goods clearance at the point of entry and exit in India. To coordinate better with agencies and industry stakeholders, port and central level Customs Clearance Facilitation Committees established simplified and streamlined interagency procedures and documentary requirements for imports and exports. The format of integrated declaration form is pasted at the end of this report and it can also be accessed by the custom house agents (CHAs) through the client portal of Customs.

Although the SWIFT system was implemented as of April 1, 2016, FSSAI did not publish an official notification and only stated the following language on its food import clearance portal:

'In the revised scheme of things, the importer/CHA will only be required to upload supporting documents and any clarifications. Direct filing of Application is disabled now. All fresh filing shall be accepted from Single Window only.'



Food Safety and Standards Authority of India

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare

Food Import Clearance System v3.0





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[Sign UP \(Importer\)](#)

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CHA / Importer Updates

- Labelling Requirements as per FSS Regulation(s) 2011
- Download User Manual for CHA / Importer
- Download User Manual for Document Briefcase
- Download User Manual for License Validity of CHA Process

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Related Links

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Single Window Documents





Document Link	Version	Document Type	Last Modified
BE_Message_format_21_30_03_2016	Ver 2.1	 .pdf (635kb)	31 Mar 2016
SW_direct_codemap_19072016	--	 .xlsx (219kb)	19 July 2016
SW_Declaration_FAQ_1.1	--	 .pdf (534kb)	31 Mar 2016
Agency_wise_Filing_guidelines_29_March_2016	--	 .pdf (534kb)	30 Mar 2016
BE_Filing_error_List	--	 .pdf (24kb)	01 Apr 2016
Draft_PGA_Site_Mapping_V1.1	Ver 1.1	 .xlsx (88kb)	31 Mar 2016
SWIFT_Quick_Referencer_V_1.4.1	Ver 1.4.1	 .pdf (1861kb)	19 July 2016

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Circulars

Circular No.	File No.	Document Type	Last Modified
10/2016	F.No.450/147/2015-Cus-IV	 .pdf (635kb)	15 Mar 2016
03/2016	F.No.450/147/2015-Cus-IV	 .pdf (635kb)	03 Feb 2016
09/2015	F.No.450/01/2011-Dir.(Cus)(Pt.I)	 .pdf (635kb)	31 Mar 2015

Agency Fee Structure

S.No.	Agency Name.	Fee Structure	Last Modified
1	AQCS	 .pdf (391kb)	27 May 2016
2	PQIS	 .pdf (304kb)	27 May 2016
3	Textile_Committee	 .pdf (528kb)	27 May 2016
4	FSSAI	 .pdf (231kb)	27 May 2016
5	WCCB	No Charges	27 May 2016
6	DCGI	No Charges	27 May 2016

(60) Unit Quantity Code					
(61) Accessories					
(62) Customs Tariff Head (HS Code)					
(63) Central Excise Tariff Head					
(64) ITC (HS) Code/ RITC					
(65) Unit Price Invoiced					
(66) Whether Retail Sale Price Declared?					
(67) Discounts, if any					
(68) Exemption Notification No. & Serial No.					

(Note: There are 15 different types of exemption notifications)

Additional Data to be collected on behalf of other government (Data to be entered depends on the item)

(69) PGA Exemption Category/ Sr. No. ¹		
(70) Intended End Use/ Purpose of import		
(71) Source Country	(72) Transit Country	
(73) Storage Temperature	(74) Storage Condition	
(75) Item Identification Type/ Code ⁴	Item Composition	
(76) Item Category Qualifier/Code ³	(82) Constituent name	
(77) Item Name Qualifier/Name ⁴	(83) Percentage Composition	
(78) Item Characteristics Qualifier ⁵	(84) Whether Active ingredient?	
(79) Item Characteristics Code:	Production Details	
(80) Item Characteristics (Text):	(89) Manuf./Prod./Grower Code	
(81) Unit of Measure:	(90) Manuf/prod/ Name & Add.	
Item Control	(91) Production Batch No./ Lot No.	
(Tests/inspection/treatment/vaccination)	(91A) Batch Quantity?	
(96) Control Type	(92) Date of Manuf/harvest/Birth	
(97) Control Location	(93) Date of Expiry	
(98) Control Date & Time	(94) Best Before	
(99) Control Results	(95) Residual Shelf life	(System calculates)

List of Supporting Documents (to be uploaded digitally)

(100) ICEGATE user ID	(111) Uploaded file type
(101) Unique Document Number	
(102) Document Type Code	
(103) Document Issuing Party Code	Statements to be made by the Declarant
(104) Document Issuing Party Name & Address	(112) Statement Type
(105) Document reference number	(113) Statement Code
(106) Place of Issue	Statement Text (auto-polulated)
(107) Document Issue Date	(114) Statement Place
(108) Document Expiry Date	(115) Statement Date
(109) Beneficiary Party IE Code	
(110) Beneficiary Party Name & Address	

Notes

1) PGA Stands for "Participating Government Agency"

2) This field captures identification of Imported Items

Examples of Identification Type could be: Animal Microchip Number
Animal Passport Number
Animal Leg-band Number
Animal Ear Tag Number

(The printed form, and the viewing screen will capture both "Identification Type" and "Identification Number")

3) This field captures the regulatory category of the product/item. Agencies use different types of categorization.

"Item Category Qualifier" captures the applicable categorization scheme

For example Plant Part
Plant Category