

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS
CUSTOM HOUSE, COCHIN – 682 009.

Trade Facility No.17/2005

Subject: - Numbering of Export packages – Procedure - Regarding.

It has been noticed that some export consignments are brought to the Customs Area by the exporters/ CHAs without proper numbering of the packages. The EDI System requires the total number of packages along with numbers and markings made on the packages to be entered in the system at the stage of 'goods registration' in the Docks. The EDI system is also designed to randomly select the 'package numbers' for examination by the Customs. Hence it is essential to have the numbering on the packages not only to effect speedy clearance of the goods but also to avoid any scope for possible manipulation in the process of selection of packages for examination.

2. In view of the above, following procedure is prescribed for numbering and marking of export packages before they are produced for 'Goods Registration' for strict compliance of the exporters, CHAs and all concerned.

(i) All packages brought for export should be serially numbered and prominently marked for identification. The export documents should contain detailed packing list or invoice cum packing list as the case may be, indicating the marks and numbers on the packages, amongst other details. In case of packages not having any markings the same should be clearly indicated in the export documents. However there can be no such exemption for numbering of the packages.

(ii) The numbering and marks should be prominent and unique. Paper stickers, which can be easily removed and replaced/substituted will not be accepted for this purpose. In case of packing in bales where numbering / marking by ink is not possible, the same can be made on the cloth, which can be properly stitched on to the bales. In case of any doubt or discrepancy on the method of numbering and marking of any specific consignment, the same should be brought to the notice of AC/DC (Docks) / CFS for necessary action.

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Commissioner of Customs

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(2) All Custodians of Export Cargo in the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Customs, Cochin.

(3) All members of Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee.

(4) Notice Board.