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Eligibility Criteria for availing of DPD Scheme by Importers

CBIC has taken various steps which have had the impact of reducing the dwell time as well as bringing down the logistics cost of EXIM clearances. One of the flagship initiatives in this regard has been the **Direct Port Delivery (DPD)** of containers to the importers thus obviating the need of routing the clearance through the **Container Freight Stations (CFSs)**.

Although this initiative is in operation at all the ports , however, Board has felt the need for providing general guidelines / eligibility criteria so that reach of DPD could be made maximized .

Ideally, any fully facilitated Bill of Entry (BoE) filed at the gateway port ought to get the DPD benefit. However, feedback from the field has suggested that factors like *non-receipt of original documents from abroad* and *consequent delay in issuance of Delivery Order, financial and credit woes, delay in settlement of dues of shipping lines, opening PD Account with the terminals* are some of the reasons inhibiting a larger section of importers to opt for DPD. CBIC by promoting DPD has raised the bar of efficiency. It is, therefore, but natural that other players in the EXIM logistics chain get their act together so that this successful reform measure could be made even more widespread.

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