

## CUSTOMS – CIRCULARS

### **Circular No 7/2019-Customs**

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Discontinuation of printing of Advance Authorisations/Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) Authorisations on security paper by DGFT for authorisations issued with EDI ports as port of registration

In order to enhance the ease of doing business for exporters, DGFT has decided to discontinue the issuance of Advance/EPCG Authorisations on security paper as was the practice so far. DGFT has issued Policy Circular 19/2015-2020 dated 14.02.2019 notifying this change. This shall come into effect for authorisations issued from 01.03.2019 onwards for cases where the port of registration is an EDI port.

Advance/EPCG Authorisations shall continue to be transmitted electronically by DGFT to the Customs server. The details of the said authorisations would be visible in ICES to all officers involved in import/export cycle i.e. registration of the authorisation, assessment of Bill of Entry, examination of imported goods, giving out of charge to imported goods as also assessment of shipping bills, examination of export goods and giving let export order for export goods.

The process of registration of authorisations and taking bond/bank guarantee remains unchanged except that no physical copy of the authorisation shall be presented by the authorisation holder. The authorisation holder or his duly authorized representative shall approach the designated officer at the port of registration with details of his authorisation i.e. IEC Number and the authorisation number. The details of the authorisation will be available on ICES, which will include any additional/special condition transmitted on the ICES such as imposition of higher bank guarantee, waiver of bond/bank guarantee etc. The amount of bond/bank guarantee will continue to be determined and the authorisations registered as per the instructions contained in relevant Board's Circulars and ICES.

