

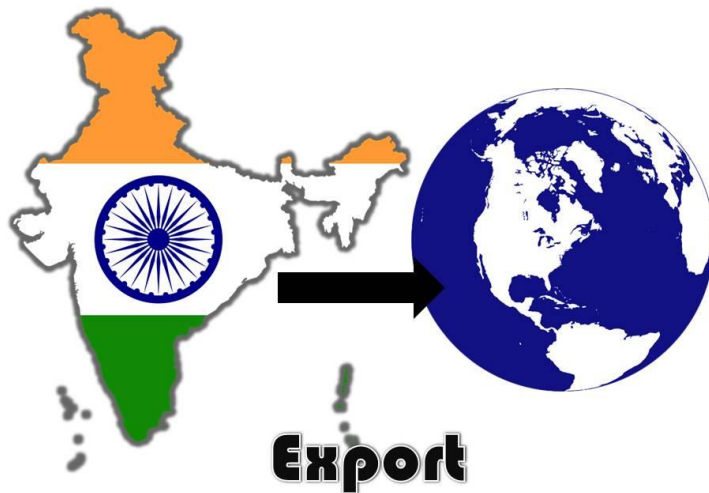


A Quick Guide on
IMPORT-EXPORT
TRADE

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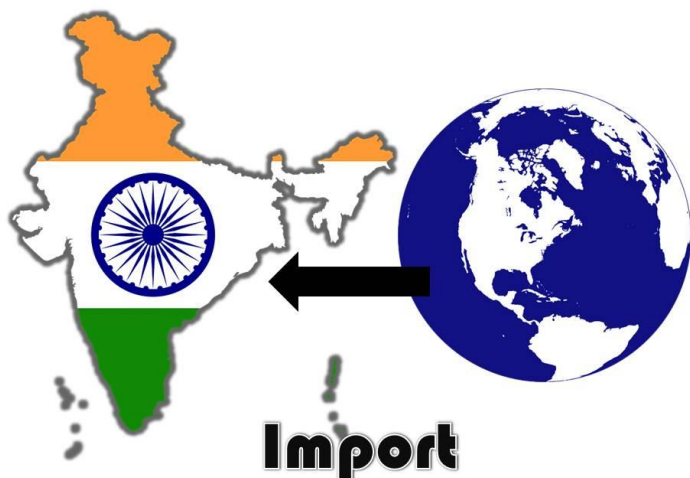
What is Export?



Export refers to **selling** of goods from India to a foreign country.

The seller of such goods and services is called an **exporter**.

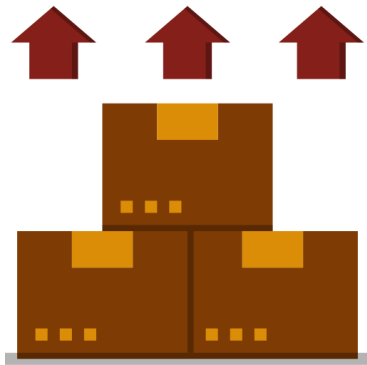
What is Import?



Import refers to **buying** of goods from a foreign country to India.

The buyer of such goods and services is called an **importer**.

What is Custom Duty?



Customs Duty is a kind of **indirect tax levied by the customs and excise department** on the imports of goods into India and exports of goods from India in certain specific cases.

Customs Duty is charged whenever there is an import of goods into India. The rate of Customs Duty varies according to nature of goods.

The rate of Customs Duty on different types of goods can be referred from [this link](#).



Why Countervailing Duty (CVD) is imposed?

Evidently, there is no other indirect tax levied on the import of goods by the government other than the Customs Duty.



This considerably **lowers the market price of imported goods** as compared to the market price of similar goods manufactured in India, which is unfavorable for manufacturing sector of India will decline nation economic growth.

In order to counter the aforesaid situation, the government levies Countervailing Duties (CVD).

What is Special Additional Duty (SAD)?

Special Additional Duty is the duty charged over and above the BCD and CVD while import of goods into India. SAD is levied additionally to import duty.

Central Government levies SAD duty with regard to import of a **like article from a preferential trade area into India**, where tariffs of certain goods are reduced through a trade pact between the participating nations.

Are there any other import duties as well?

In addition to aforesaid import duties, there are certain other levies charged by Central Government that are as follows-

Anti-dumping Duty (ADD)

There are certain goods that are exported by other countries into India at a price less than the normal price prevailing in the exporting country which can pose serious competition to the like goods of Indian manufacturers.



To counterbalance the negative effect of cheaper imported goods, government levies an Anti-dumping Duty on import of such goods.

Safeguard Duty

Safeguard duty is charged by central government on specific goods, such as in order **to protect the interests of domestic industry.** The government can also levy provisional safeguard duty if are goods are custom cleared within Domestic Tariff Zone.



What are the essential requirements for export?

Before entering into the import-export trade, one needs to fulfill essential documentation, legal compliances and hiring of custom agent. Here is a detailed explanation of all these requisites:



Essential Documentation

3 main documents are mandatory for shipment of goods overseas:

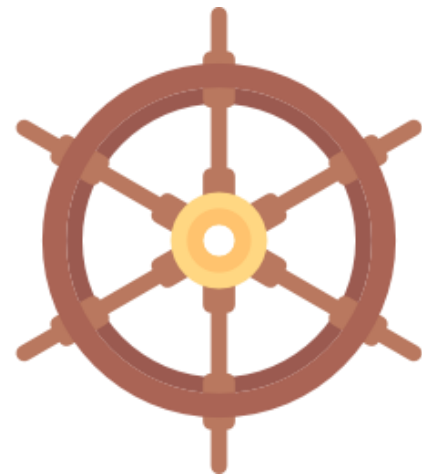
- Shipping Bill
- Bill of Lading
- Export General Manifest

Shipping Bill

Upon preparation of all invoices, packing lists and other documents for customs clearance prior to loading of the consignment of goods for export, a mandatory legal document needs to be filed by the exporter/consignor of the shipment, which is called shipping bill.

Shipping bill is also known as **Bill of Export**.

[Follow this link](#) to know more about shipping bill and download forms.



Bill of Lading

A bill of lading is a document issued by carrier of the goods describing the type, quantity and destination of the goods being exported.

The bill of lading also serves as **acknowledgment of receipt of shipment** when the cargo arrives at the destined customs port.



This document **must accompany the consignment** regardless of the form of transportation and must be signed by an authorized representative who may be anyone from the **carrier, exporter** and **importer**.

Export General Manifest

After the customs clearance of the goods to be exported and before dispatch of consignment, the carrier is supposed to furnish detailed information about his goods with the customs department, in a document called Export General Manifest or EGM. This document serves as an evidence or proof of export for the custom authorities.

What are the essential requirements for Import?

Essential Documentation

2 main documents are mandatory for import of goods:

- Bill of Entry
- Import General Manifest

Bill of Entry

Bill of Entry is a legal document issued by the custom department on furnishing import consignment declaration either by Importer directly or through customs agent.



This document is the legal consent for clearance of import goods from the custom port.

[Download Bill of Entry Form](#)

Import General Manifest

Once cargo has arrived at a port, the carrier has to furnish the details of its arrival. The Import General Manifest specifies all the relevant details regarding consignor, shipper, consignee, quantity and volume of packages, description of items in packages, number and date of filing air waybill or bill of lading etc.

What are the Documents required in Post Parcel Import -Export?


If the motive behind shipment is other than trade, there are specific documents needed. Here is a list of documents required in **Post Parcel customs clearance-**



Commercial invoice: This is issued by the seller of the goods.

Customs Declaration Form – This form is approved by the Universal Postal Union (UPU) and an international authority as to harmonize national postal administration of two nations in questions. [Download Form](#)

Form - I


INDIAN CUSTOMS DECLARATION FORM
(Please see important information given overleaf before filling this Form)

1. Name of the Passenger
2. Passport Number
3. Nationality
4. Date of Arrival(DD/MM/YYYY)
5. Flight No.....
6. Number of Baggage (including hand baggage).....
7. Country from where coming
8. Countries visited in last six days.....
9. Total value of dutiable goods being imported (Rs.).....
10. Are you bringing the following items into India?
(please tick Yes or No)

(i) Prohibited Articles	Yes / No
(ii) Gold jewellery (over Free Allowance)	Yes / No
(iii) Gold Bullion	Yes / No
(iv) Meat and meat products/dairy products/fish/poultry products	Yes / No
(v) Seeds/plants/seeds/fruits/flowers/other planting material	Yes / No
(vi) Satellite phone	Yes / No
(vii) Indian currency exceeding Rs. 10,000/-	Yes / No
(viii) Foreign currency notes exceeding US\$ 5,000 or equivalent	Yes / No
(ix) Aggregate value of foreign exchange including currency exceeds US\$ 10,000 or equivalent.	Yes / No

Please report to Customs Officer at the **Red Channel** counter in case answer to any of the above questions is 'Yes'.

Signature of Passenger





Sample of CD Form

Consular Invoice

THE GOVERNMENT OF BRAZIL			
Date:		Port of Loading	
Invoice No.:		Port of Discharge	
Issued At:		Date of Departure	
		Carrier:	
EXPORTER		CONSIGNEE	
Marks and Numbers	Quantity	Description of Goods	Value of Shipment
Other Charges		Total (FOB, CIF, or CIP)	
		Amount of Charges	
Certified Correct By:		Total U.S.\$	
Witnessed By:			
Fee Paid: U.S. \$			

Consular invoice: This invoice is certified by the counsel general of the importing nation situated in the country of export. This document is needed while transfer of goods to and from countries such as Kenya, Burma, Iraq, Mauritius, Uganda, Tanzania, New Zealand, Brazil.

Sample of a Consular invoice

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:		IF PAYING BY MASTERCARD, DISCOVER OR VISA, FILL OUT BELOW.	
HEALTHY LIVING CLINIC LLC 375 S COURTENAY PKWY STE 7A MERRITT ISLAND, FL 32952-4868		CHECK CARD USING FOR PAYMENT	
16466-44SK		<input type="checkbox"/> MASTERCARD <input type="checkbox"/> DISCOVER <input type="checkbox"/> VISA <input type="checkbox"/> VISA	
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED		CARD NUMBER	SIGNATURE CODE
		SIGNATURE	EXP. DATE
		STATEMENT DATE	PAY THIS AMOUNT
		ACCT. # Your Account #	
		SHOW AMOUNT PAID HERE \$	
Please check box if address is incorrect or insurance information has changed, and indicate change(s) on reverse side.		300109A	
STATEMENT		16466-44SK*T5M10EA1J000030	
PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN TOP PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT			

A VISA invoice template

Legalized/Visa Invoice - This type of legally and VISA approved invoice is issued for transfer of specific goods, as to substantiate the seller's authenticity before the respective consulate or chamber of commerce & industry or embassy.





Certificate of Inspection

Certificate of Inspection-
This is needed to validate that the goods have been duly inspected before dispatch of consignment.

Black List Certificate – This is important in case goods are sent between or through nations that have strained political relations. This certificate assures that the ship or the aircraft carrying the goods has not infringed borders of those country(s).



YOUR LOGO HERE		PURCHASE ORDER	
[Your Company Name] [Your Company Slogan]			
[Street Address]	P.O. NO. (100)	DATE December 16, 2013	
[City, ST ZIP Code]	CUSTOMER ID (ABC12345)		
[Phone] [Fax]			
[e-mail]			
VENDOR [Name]	SHIP TO [Name]		
[Company Name]	[Company Name]		
[Street Address]	[Street Address]		
[City, ST ZIP Code]	[City, ST ZIP Code]		
[Phone]	[Phone]		
SHIPPING METHOD	SHIPPING TERMS	DELIVERY DATE	
QTY	ITEM #	DESCRIPTION	JOB UNIT PRICE LINE TOTAL

Shipping Order


Shipping Order – This is the legal order issued by the Shipping (Conference) Line which notifies the exporter about the reservation of area of shipment in a cargo through the specific vessel from a specified port and on a specified date.



What is Import Export Code?

The Import Export Code is a 10 Digit unique code issued by Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) of commerce and industries ministry of government of India.

Application Status Page 1 of 2


भारत सरकार
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
O/O ADDITIONAL DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FOREIGN TRADE
अपर & NSP; महानिदेशक विदेश व्यापार का कार्यालय
A BLOCK, 11TH FLOOR, GOVT. AHMEDABAD-380001
आयात-निर्यात कोड (आईईसी) का प्रमाण-पत्र
CERTIFICATE OF IMPORTER-EXPORTER CODE (IEC)
(This is a computer generated certificate. The authenticity of this document may be verified by clicking on 'View Your IEC' link on the website of DGFT i.e http://dgft.gov.in)

1. नाम/User Name [REDACTED]

2. पता/Address [REDACTED]

3. उस व्यक्ति का नाम व पदनाम जिनका फोटो शक अपलोड किया गया है/Name and Designation of the signatory applicant whose photograph has been uploaded [REDACTED]

4. ब्रांच/डिवीजन/इकाई का पता, यदि कोई है/Address of the Branch/Div./Unit if any
Branches: NIL

5. आईईसी संख्या/IEC Number [REDACTED]

6. जारी करने की तिथि/Date Of Issue: 04.10.2017

7. स्थाई खाता सं./पैन/PAN [REDACTED]
स्थान/Place: Ahmedabad (SMT. K. LALITA)
दिनांक/Date: 12.10.2017 सहायक महानिदेशक विदेश व्यापार/Asst. Director General of Foreign Trade

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Sample of IEC code Certificate

IEC code is foremost requirement to commence import and export trade from India. An importer or exporter in India not permitted to do import and export trade without an IEC.

What is Import Export Code License?

The government has listed out specific goods where import and export cannot be done with an Import Export Code alone.

It is mandatory to undergo another compliance, which is issuing of Import Export License.

The goods where IEC License is mandatory include precious & semi-precious stones, firearms and other defense supplies, seeds, some plants and animals, insecticides, drugs and pharmaceuticals, inflammable substances, and industrial chemicals, some electronic items and items reserved for the small-scale manufacturing units.



Hiring a custom agent

The next crucial step is to hire a custom agent, who can assist you in the entire process of the import or export and related documents compliance.



A Customs House Agent (CHA) or simply custom agent is an individual or party authorized to act as a mediator for transaction with respect to the entrance or departure of consignments at a customs station, in any export/import business.

While hiring a custom agent you must ensure that he performs the Following duties:-

- Analyzing the shipping documents.
- Categorizing the goods, ascertaining the taxes, rates, and duties.
- Coordinating the process of shipping, storage, and delivery of cargo.
- Providing cargo insurance against theft, damage, and other risks.
- Organizing the entire customs clearance process
- Apply for drawback duty refund, credit under MEIS or SEIS scheme

What is customs clearance?

A customs clearance is simply a legal permission that a customs authority of a country grants to a importer or exporter so that their goods can enter or exit the country for the purpose of international trade.

It is a consent given to a shipping agent certifying that he has paid all the necessary customs duty and has met all legal compliances for international trade.

The documentation required for customs clearance has been discussed above in detail. The process of customs clearance has been briefly described below-

Step 1: Calling of the vessel



Once the vessels carrying the goods enter a particular country, the carrier must make sure that calling of vessels is made at the customs port or airport.

Step 4: Goods to be in Charge of the custodian



On arrival of the vessel, until the completion of the customs clearance process, the goods are supposed to remain in the custody of a 'Custodian'. A custodian is a person authorized by the Principal Commissioner or the Commissioner of Customs for the purpose of taking charge of the cargo.

Step 5: Filing Bill of Entry

Bill of Entry For Ex-Bond Clearance																	[Refer Bill of Entry Regulations 1976]		Licence No.					
Port Code		S = Sea A = Air L = Land		Bond S. No. & Date			Import Dept. S. No. and Date			Customs House Agent Code			Importer Code(IEC/ GSTIN/PAN etc as applicable)		Importer's Name and Address									
Vessel's Name		Rotation No. Date		Line Number			Port of Shipment		Country of Origin and Code		Country of Consignment (if different) and Code		Bill of Lading Date											
PACKAGES		QUANTITY		GOODS			CUSTOMS DUTY				ADDITIONAL DUTY				IGST									
No. and Description	Marks and Numbers	Serial No.	Unit Code	Weight /Volume/Number etc.	Description ----- R.I.T.C. No (Give details of each class separately)	Customs Tariff heading ----- -- Exemption Notification No. and year	Nature of duty code	Assessable Value under Section 14 Customs Act, 1962 Rs.	RATE ----- Basic ----- Auxiliary Rs.	AMOUNT ----- Basic ----- Auxiliary Rs.	C.E.T Head ing ----- Exemption Notification No. and year	Value under Section 3 Customs Tariff Act, 1975 Rs.	Rate	SAD	Total Additional Duty	GST Code	IGST Rate	Exemption Notification for claiming Exemption from IGST	IGST Amount	GST Compensation Rate	Exemption Notification for claiming Exemption from GST Compensation Cess	GST Compensation Amount	TOTAL DUTY Rs.	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	
Gross Weight																	TOTAL NUMBER OF PACKAGES (IN WORDS).....		TOTAL AMOUNT OF DUTY (IN WORDS)					
																 Import Clerk		RUPEES.....			TOTAL.....		
																			(By pin-point typewriter)					

A Bill of Entry specimen

The Bill of Entry is to be filed electronically by the importer before or upon entry of the cargo at the port. During this stage, the importer has to do self-assessment for all the duties and taxes and has to settle all liabilities. Upon this stage, the importer will be issued the Bill of Entry number.

Step 6: Submission of BoE:

Upon e-filing, the Bill of Entry is to be submitted to the customs authority, along with the duty-challan and other supporting documents for complete custom clearance.

Now, the importer can take charge of the cargo.

To know about the complete procedure and the directions regarding customs clearance, please refer to [this link](#).

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How to claim Refund on Export?

To safeguard the interests of the exporters in India, the government has a special avenue, which is called **Custom Duty drawback**.



Duty drawback refers to whole or partial refund of Custom duty, Central Excise duty and other indirect taxes paid to the Government of India in order to export the goods.

The concept of drawback applies in the following cases-

- a. Export goods imported into India.
- b. Export goods manufactured with imported material.
- c. Export goods manufactured with indigenous material.
- d. Export goods manufactured with imported or indigenous materials.

Broadly, there are two schemes introduced by the government as regards duty drawback-

- **Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS):**



Under this scheme, the government has enlisted certain goods in [Appendix 3B of Handbook of Procedures](#), where exporters are granted duty scrips that are freely transferable on realization Freight On-Board (FOB) value of exports at a specified rate between 2 and 5%.

Where such scrips can be used?

Such duty credit scrips can be used for paying off custom duties for import of inputs goods, excise duties, service tax and payment of custom duties in case of Export Obligation default.

- **Service Exports from India Scheme (SEIS)**



Under this scheme, the exporters of service sector providers of notified services as per Appendix 3E are eligible for freely transferable duty credit scrip @ 5% of net foreign exchange earned.

Can I claim Refund of GST paid on Export?

Apart from the duty drawback, the government has also facilitated the refund of GST paid on purchase of raw materials and availing input services and such input goods and services was directly used to prepare exported finished goods.



An exporter can claim GST refund on account of:

1. Export of goods & services
2. Exports in SEZs units
3. Deemed exports
4. Refund of tax on purchases by a UN agency or embassies.
5. Any judgment, decree, or order from the Appellate Authority, Appellate Tribunal or any court.
6. Refund of accumulated ITC on account of inverted tax structure.
7. Refund of early deposit
8. Excess deposit by mistake
9. A provisional refund @ 90%, which is availed in case of zero rated supplies.

How to claim GST Refund online?

The complete process of claiming GST refund has been described below-

Step 1: Login to GST portal. Go to Services > Refunds > Application for Refund.

The screenshot shows the GST portal dashboard. The header includes the logo of India, the text 'Goods and Services Tax', and a user profile for 'DUTCHUNCLE TECH SOL'. The main navigation bar has 'Dashboard' selected, with other options like 'Services', 'GST Law', 'Search Taxpayer', 'Help', and 'e-Way Bill System'. A secondary navigation bar lists 'Registration', 'Ledgers', 'Returns', 'Payments', 'User Services', and 'Refunds'. The 'Refunds' section is expanded, showing 'Application for Refund' and 'Track Application Status'. The 'Application for Refund' link is highlighted. Below this, there are three buttons: 'RETURN DASHBOARD >', 'CREATE CHALLAN >', and 'VIEW NOTICE(S) AND ORDER(S) >'. On the right side, there is a user profile for 'SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED' with a 'View Profile' link and a 'Quick Links' section containing 'Check Cash Balance', 'Liability ledger', and 'Credit ledger'. The footer contains copyright information for 2016-17 Goods and Services Tax Network, site update information, and design credits to GSTN.

Step 2: Select the refund type by choosing 'Refund of Excess Balance in Electronic Cash Ledger' and clicking 'CREATE'.

The screenshot shows the 'Select the Refund type' form. The title is 'Select the Refund type:' and there is a refresh icon. A legend indicates that a red dot indicates mandatory fields. The form contains a table with the following rows:

<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Refund of Excess Balance in Electronic Cash Ledger	<input type="button" value="CREATE"/>
<input type="radio"/>	Refund of ITC on Export of Goods & Services without Payment of Integrated Tax	<input type="button" value="CREATE"/>
<input type="radio"/>	On account of supplies made to SEZ unit/ SEZ developer (without payment of tax)	<input type="button" value="CREATE"/>
<input type="radio"/>	Refund on account of ITC accumulated due to Inverted Tax Structure	<input type="button" value="CREATE"/>
<input type="radio"/>	Recipient of Deemed Exports	<input type="button" value="CREATE"/>
<input type="radio"/>	Refund on account of Supplies to SEZ unit/ SEZ Developer (with payment of tax)	<input type="button" value="CREATE"/>
<input type="radio"/>	Export of services with payment of tax	<input type="button" value="CREATE"/>

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Step 3: A screen will appear showing all balances in Electronic Cash Ledger on which refund can be claimed. Enter the values of the refund to be claimed in the 'Refund Claimed' table as shown below.

• Indicates Mandatory Fields

Refund Amount Details

Balance Available in Cash Ledger (in INR)

	Tax (₹)▼	Interest (₹) ▼	Penalty (₹) ▼	Fee (₹)▼	Others (₹)▼	
Intergrated Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Central Tax	544.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
State/UT Tax	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CESS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Refund Claimed (in INR)

	Tax (₹)▼	Interest (₹) ▼	Penalty (₹) ▼	Fee (₹)▼	Others (₹)▼	Total (₹) ▼
Intergrated Tax	₹0.00	₹0.00	₹0.00	₹0.00	₹0.00	0.00
Central Tax	₹0.00	₹0.00	₹0.00	₹0.00	₹0.00	0.00
State/UT Tax	₹0.00	₹0.00	₹0.00	₹0.00	₹0.00	0.00
CESS	₹0.00	₹0.00	₹0.00	₹0.00	₹0.00	0.00
Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Note: 1. The amount claimed is subject to recovery of dues (if any) by the department. You are advised to discharge the liabilities at the earliest.
2. Enter the Amount of Refund (<=amount in the Cash Ledger) to be claimed in the above table.

Step 4: Enter the Bank Account number where you want the refund to be credited from the drop-down menu and click 'SAVE'.

Total 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00

Note: 1. The amount claimed is subject to recovery of dues (if any) by the department. You are advised to discharge the liabilities at the earliest.
2. Enter the Amount of Refund (<=amount in the Cash Ledger) to be claimed in the above table.

Bank Account Number

Select Account Number*

Note: In case you seek to change the preference of the bank account which is not appearing in the drop down list, please add bank account by filing non-core amendment of registration form. Disbursement of a refund amount will be credited to the selected account here.

Important Message

- Once you fill the details in relevant Tables, Please save the form to proceed to Submit. Please **correct any errors** occurred during save before proceeding to submit.
- Please be informed that once "Proceed" button is clicked, **no modification will be allowed.**
- The Electronic Cash ledger balance visible here is your current balance.
- Application can be saved at any stage of completion for a maximum time period of 15 days. If the same is not submitted within 15 days from the date of form creation, the saved draft will be purged from the GST database.

SAVE PREVIEW PROCEED

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Step 5: Enter the name of the Authorised Signatory and click 'Submit with EVC' button in case of a proprietorship or partnership firm. In case of LLPs or Company, click on 'Submit with DSC' button. The refund form GST RFD-01A will be generated as shown in next page-

GST RFD-01A

Refund of Excess Balance in Electronic Cash Ledger

Taxpayer Details

1. GSTIN
2. Legal Name
3. Trade name
4. Type of Taxpayer
5. Tax Period

Refund Amount Details

Balance Available in Cash Ledger (in INR)

	Tax	Interest	Penalty	Fee	Others
Integrated Tax	0	0	0	0	0
Central Tax	0	0	0	0	0
State/UT Tax	1	0	0	0	0
CESS	0	0	0	0	0

Refund Claimed (in INR)

	Tax	Interest	Penalty	Fee	Others	Total
Integrated Tax	0	0	0	0	0	0
Central Tax	0	0	0	0	0	0
State/UT Tax	0	0	0	0	0	0
CESS	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0

Note: 1. The amount claimed is subject to recovery of dues (if any) by the department. You are advised to discharge the liabilities at the earliest.

2. Enter the Amount of Refund(<= amount in the Cash Ledger) to be claimed in the below table.

After inspection by a GST officer, the refund will be credited to the applicant's bank account.

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What is ICE GATE?

In order to cope with the complications and hitches faced by the businessman, the Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC) has introduced the interactive and very user friendly interface for the exporters, which is known as ICEGATE.



ICEGATE is an abbreviation for the Indian Customs Electronic Commerce/Electronic Data interchange (EC/EDI) Gateway.

ICEGATE is a very convenient and foolproof online portal that facilitates e-filing services to the applicants, i.e. the trade and cargo carriers and other clients of Customs Department, who are collectively called **Trading Partners**.

Today, ICEGATE links about **15 broad types' partners** with the Customs EDI through exchange of messages. The e-linking of Trading Partners with Customs EDI has tremendously speeded up the Customs clearance procedure and has boosted up the EXIM Trade.



How does ICEGATE simplify Import-Export?

With the help of ICE GATE you can carry out the following functions easily and seamlessly:

- 1.** Electronic filing of the Bill of Entry or the import goods declaration.
- 2.** Electronic filing of Shipping Bills also referred to as export goods declaration.
- 3.** Transmission of electronic messages related to the aforesaid bills between Customs and the Trading Partners via-
 - E-mail,
 - Web-upload, using the communication protocols commonly used on the internet.
 - File Transfer Protocol (FTP), which is used while transferring documents like the DSC, EVC etc.
- 4.** E-payments of all the trading bills.
- 5.** Tracking status of Import-Exports Code.
- 6.** Tracking status of documents at Customs ED.
- 7.** This gateway facilitates the cargo airlines and shipping agencies to file manifests over the internet. A manifest is a document, generally a list or an invoice of the passengers/goods that are supposed to be consigned in the vessel.
- 8.** Online registration for Intellectual Properties Rights (IPR)
- 9.** Online verification of DEPB/DES/EPCG licenses.

Others features of ICEGATE

- 10.** Via this facility, the captain and the cargo logistics operators communicate with each other the information related to cargo and logistics using Customs EDI.
- 11.** ICEGATE also facilitates transmission of data between CBEC and the other regulatory authorities such as Directorate General of Foreign Trade, Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Ministry of Steel and Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCIS).
- 12.** In National Import Database (NIDB) and Export Commodity Database (ECDB), all the digital documents and messages that are to be processed by the Customs department via Indian Customs EDI System (ICES), are handled by the ICEGATE. This is functional at as many as 134 customs locations.
- 13.** Providing 24X7 service support helpdesk facility to all trading partners.



Is there any mobile app for ICEGATE?

Yes! As a step further towards seamless and faster customs clearances, the CBEC on 27th January 2018 had launched a highly advanced mobile app for ICEGATE, which is called the '**ICETRAK**' app. ICETRAK is an acronym for Indian Customs Enquiry for Trade Assistance and Knowledge.



Besides, the government has launched **ICETAB**, and state-of-the-art tablet for Customs officers to ensure faster and on-the-spot Custom Clearance.



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