

# **SEZ Online – New Functionalities/Features**

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Functionalities made available on the SEZ Online system are reviewed and enhanced / modified from time to time. New functionalities are added in the system based on the inputs and requirements received from various user groups. These functionalities are developed based on understanding developed by NDML team from study of existing practices and procedures in this regard and efforts are made to provide features on the system those are compliant with the procedural and technical requirements. However, users are requested to refer the relevant legal and authorized documents and formations for reference on legal and authentic aspects of the transactions before filing transactions.

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**1 RBI IDPMS: Import Data Exchange with RBI (BOE, DTA Sale & ZTZ transactions):**

**1.1. Background and Changes:**

As per the RBI & Customs Notification regarding the process of implementation of Import Data Processing & Monitoring System (IDPMS) by RBI, Trade is aware that SEZ Online System already collects the details of the “Authorized Dealer” through whom the Import payment will be handled. From this release onwards, SEZ Online System would be integrated with RBI system for the purpose of IDPMS system. SEZ Online system will send the details of all Import transactions (Bill of Entry / DTA Sales / Zone to Zone Transfer) to RBI with details of “Authorized Dealer” as declared by SEZ Unit / Constituent using SEZ Online System. The data would be sent to RBI on a regular basis after completion of the process of inward entry of the goods at SEZ and receipt of “Out of Charge” orders from SEZ Customs. In case of Provisionally Assessed Imports also the data would be shared with RBI IDPMS System.

It may be noted that RBI will send this data to “Authorized Dealers” and AD would be able to clear the payment only against the data received. Therefore Import payments would be cleared based on data shared with RBI. It is therefore important to ensure that for all transactions, “Approval” and “Out of Charge” is ensured through the system.

It may be mentioned that EDI system is also in the process of getting integrated with RBI IDPMS system and once that is completed all payments would be cleared by AD based on data received from RBI.

**2 Display of Approving Official’s name on SOFTEX form generated through system:**

**2.1. Background and Changes:**

The SOFTEX form generated by SEZ Online system has been enhanced to incorporate name of DC official who approves the SOFTEX

forms using Digital Signature Certificate. Print taken after the approval, will display the name of DC officer who has approved the form. This is being done to facilitate presentation of documents to the Authorized Dealer without requiring ink signature of the approving officer. It may be mentioned that data of software exports is already sent by SEZ Online to RBI and the same is available with the AD through RBI.

**SECTION - C**  
**DECLARATION BY EXPORTER**

I/We@ hereby declare that I/we@ am/are@ the seller of the software in respect of which this declaration is made and that the particulars given above are true and that the value to be received from the buyer represents the export value contracted and declared above. I/We@ also declare that the software has been developed and exported by using Authorised and legitimate datacom link and certified that the software described above was actually transmitted. I/We @ undertake that I/we@ will deliver to the authorised dealer bank named above the foreign exchange representing the full value of the software exported as above on or before 9-9-16 (i.e. within the period of realisation stipulated by RBI from time to time ) in the manner specified in the Regulations made under the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999.

**I/We @ am/are not in the Caution List of the Reserve Bank of India.**

Place: Mumbai  
Date: 09/09/2016  
Name: Manpreet Kaur  
Designation: Manager

**Stamp (Signature of the Exporter)**

**This SOFTEX Form is digitally signed and submitted by SEZ Unit in SEZ Online System.**  
*This statement will be populated after entity approver submits the transaction to DC Office*

**Space for use of the competent authority in STPI/EPZ/SEZ**

Certified, on the basis of above declaration by the SEZ/STPI unit, that the software described above and the export value declared by the exporter in this form is as per the corresponding invoice/gist of invoices submitted and declared by the Unit.

Place: Mumbai (SEZ City will be populated)  
Date: 09/09/2016 (Date of approval of the Softex Form)  
Name: Kalpesh Arora (First Name & Last Name of the approving DC Official)  
Designation: On behalf of "Office of (DC Office's Name here)"

**Stamp (Signature of the Designated/Authorised Official of STPI/EPZ/SEZ)**

**This SOFTEX Form is digitally signed and approved by Office of the Development Commissioner in SEZ Online System.**

@ Strike out whichever is not applicable

Figure 1: Section - C of SOFTEX Form

### 3 Auto generation of EDF number and SOFTEX Number:

#### 3.1. Background and Changes:

As it has already been informed earlier, presently, SEZ Manufacturing and Software Units are required to collect the EDF number for Physical exports and SOFTEX Number for Software exports from Regional Offices of Foreign Exchange Division of RBI or from its Website after submitting the necessary information / forms. Further, the Units are required to maintain

inventory of these numbers and use them against individual Shipping Bill / Software Exports Invoices. Units may also be required by RBI to explain the utilization of numbers procured. There are also few cases where Units have used incorrect numbers / duplicate numbers resulting in errors.

To resolve these problems and reduce the work at the end of SEZ Units, SEZ Online system has developed a module for system based automatic generation of EDF / SOFTEX Numbers. It may be mentioned that SEZ Online System is already integrated with RBI EDPMS System and is sharing data of Shipping Bills and Software Export invoices on a regular basis after approval by proper authorities. Under guidance from DC Offices, SEZ Online team had approached RBI so that Unique EDF Number / SOFTEX Number, in RBI desired format, can be directly generated by SEZ Online system so that SEZ exporters need not visit RBI to apply for and obtain this number. RBI has approved the proposal.

Accordingly, from this release onwards, for all transactions submitted in SEZ Online System Unique EDF Number / SOFTEX Number will be generated directly by the system and this information need not be submitted by the users. Following points must be noted:

- ✓ EDF number will be generated at Shipping Bill / Bill of Export level (single number for the transaction and all invoices forming part of such transaction).
- ✓ SOFTEX Number will be generated at invoice level (each invoice will be provided a unique number even if multiple invoices to the same client for the same country and currency combination).

### **3.2. Changes in Shipping Bill form:**

Following changes are being made in Shipping Bill in this regards.

- ✓ An additional field called “EDF Number Generated by SEZ Online” will be displayed in Shipping Bill transactions. This will be a system generated field and will not be available/open to users for any data entry/edit. The field will be displayed as blank at the

time of request creation, review etc. Value in this field will appear after submission of the request to DC/Customs if following conditions are met.

- ✓ EDF Form number will get generated in all the cases except for the few as mentioned below
  - User has declared that there is No Foreign Exchange involved in the transaction
  - Type of Shipment selected is either “Merchant Exporter - Pink SB” or “Status Holder - Pink SB”
  - Re-export is applicable on ALL the items under that Shipping Bill
- ✓ EDF number generated by SEZ Online system will be displayed on Confirmation Screen and Print-Trial/all copies of Print of the transaction.
- ✓ Existing field named “EDF Form No.” will be optional and need not be used
- ✓ Header will change from “EDF / SDF Details” to “Details of Export Declaration Form (EDF) for submission of electronic data to RBI”

### **3.3. Changes in DTA Procurement with Export Benefit form:**

If user declares that EDF is applicable for the transaction (i.e. “EDF Details Applicable” checkbox has been selected), the above mentioned system generated field “EDF Number Generated by SEZ Online” will become applicable for the transaction. The field will not be available/ open to users for any data entry/edit. It will be displayed as blank at the time of request creation, review etc. Value in this field will appear after submission of the request to DC/Customs.

Existing field named “EDF Form No.” will be optional. Rest of the fields under this section will also remain as they are.

#### **3.4. Changes in SOFTEX form:**

In case of SOFTEX, along with the existing column of SOFTEX Number, a new column called “SOFTEX Number Generated by SEZ Online” will be displayed in Invoice Details grid. SOFTEX Number generated by SEZ Online will be unique for each invoice in that transaction. Users will continue to be able to upload invoices with the SOFTEX Number as per existing functionality; however this existing SOFTEX Number field will become optional while uploading the data. Therefore this field can be left blank while preparing and uploading the data. In case of Deficiency raised by DC office, the exporter will be able to delete existing Invoices against which system has already generated SOFTEX Number and will be able to upload new set of Invoices. In this case, the system will generate new SOFTEX Numbers for newly added invoices.

#### **4 *Populating an alert message on importing Prohibited or Restricted items:***

##### **4.1 Background and Changes:**

Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) publishes a list of the items which are Prohibited or Restricted for Importing from Abroad as per the policy regime. It was desired by DC Offices and Customs that in the interest of better intervention, alerts may be provided if such Items are incidentally selected / declared by the Unit for Imports. The system will build a master of such items and alert the Units and Customs if such items are being imported. From this release onwards, system will have a facility to check all the items being imported against this master data and System will identify such items (i.e. items having CTH applicable which describe Restricted/Prohibited items) and will display the corresponding alert to customs as well as importers/exporters. Users may accordingly take necessary actions as applicable.

In case of import modules i.e. BOE, DTA Sale & ZTZ, the alert message will be displayed after saving the item in the Bill of Entry. The alert message will be displayed at Request Id level and will continue to be displayed to all the users involved in the processing of that transaction through Inbox/Search Request.



The screenshot displays a 'Bill of Entry Form' with the following details:

- Request ID :** 171602131746
- Total duty amount:** Rs.21737320.48
- Overall duty rate:** 13.73 %

An alert message is shown in red text:

Some of the items 85176990 in this declaration are **Prohibited Items** as per DGFT Notification, Kindly Check.  
Some of the items 01021020 in this declaration are **Restricted Items** as per DGFT Notification, Kindly Check.  
Some of the items 17049010 in this declaration are having **country specific prohibition** as per DGFT Notification, Kindly Check.

The form includes several tabs: BOE Details, Shipment Details, Invoice Details, Item Details, and Item Duty Details. The 'BOE DETAILS' section is currently active and shows:

BOE Type	Home Consumption	Source of Import	Abroad
Purpose Of The Transaction	Manufacturing		

The 'Importer Details' section is also visible at the bottom of the form.

Figure 2: Alert on importing Prohibited or Restricted items - Import Transactions



## 5 Shipping Bill - Improvements in SEZ Online System transactions filing and processing:

### 5.1 Background and Changes:

In order to achieve better user experiences SEZ Online has revamped certain User Interfaces (request UI) for Shipping Bill to reduce the page refresh and time taken to prepare and file the transactions, thereby saving request filing and processing time of the users.

- ✓ Section for Certificate details on selecting “Quality Certificate” checkbox under General Details tab: As soon as the checkbox for Quality Certificate is checked, fields for adding Certificate will be displayed by default without having to click on “ADD” button. Users must click on Add button for adding the subsequent certificates.

The figure displays two screenshots of the SEZ Online system interface for Shipping Bill. The left screenshot shows the 'Quality Certificate' section with a checkbox checked and a text box containing 'There is no date record to display' and an 'Add' button. The right screenshot shows the same section with the 'Add' button replaced by 'Save' and 'Cancel' buttons, indicating that a certificate has been added and is now being edited. Both screenshots show various fields for shipping details, including consignee address, type of shipment, and EDI/EDF details.

Figure 3: Shipping Bill - Quality Certificate Details

- ✓ Populating fields for adding Non Standard Currency on selecting “Non Standard Currency Details” checkbox under General Details tab: As soon as the checkbox for Non Standard Currency Details is checked, fields for adding Non Standard Currency will be displayed by default without having to click on “ADD” button. Users must click on Add button for adding the subsequent Non Standard Currencies.

The figure displays two screenshots of the SEZ Online Documents interface, illustrating the process of adding non-standard currency details. The left screenshot shows the 'Non Standard Currency Details' section with the 'ADD' button highlighted. The right screenshot shows the 'Add Non-Standard Currency' form fields highlighted, including Currency Name, Exchange Rate, Exchange Certificate Date, Currency Code, Exchange Certificate No., and Certificate Issuing Bank.

Figure 4: Shipping Bill - Non-standard Currency Details

- ✓ Populating fields for adding Invoice details for the first invoice under Invoice Details tab: As soon as user clicks on Invoice Details tab, fields for invoice details for the first invoice will be displayed by default without having to click on “ADD” button. Users will continue to be able to add multiple invoices by clicking Add button.

The screenshot displays the 'Shipping Bill - Invoice Details' form. The 'Invoice Details' tab is active, showing a 'List Of Invoices' section with a message 'There are no data records to display.' and 'Add' and 'Refresh' buttons. Below this is an 'Action Details' section with 'Mode' (Auto, Re-assign), 'Internal Remarks', and 'Remarks History' links. The right panel shows the 'Invoice Details' form with various fields: Invoice Type, Invoice No., Invoice Value, Invoice Currency, Exchange Rate, Nature of Transaction, Adjustment Value, Adjustment Flag, Invoice Date, Nature of Payment, Exporter Contract No., Period of Payment, Whether Invoice Value Includes, Method of Valuation, Whether Seller and Buyer are related, If yes, whether relationship has influenced the price?, Adjustment Reason, Adjustment Value Currency, Is Buyer same as Consignee?, Buyer Name, Buyer City, Buyer PIN, Buyer Country, Buyer Address Line 1, 2, and 3.

Figure 5: Shipping Bill - Invoice Details

- ✓ Populating “Add Item Details” under “Item Details” tab for the first item, without having users to click on ADD button: Under “Item Details” tab, “Add Item Details” section will be displayed by default along with “List of Invoices” grid for the first item of the first Invoice. Users must click on Add button for adding the subsequent items in the list.

Figure 6: Shipping Bill - Item Details

- ✓ Default population of Invoice-Item details under “View/Edit Part Consignment Details”: In case when goods are moving out of the SEZ in parts, the option for “View/Edit Part Consignment Details” will be selected as “Yes” by default and corresponding table containing Invoice – Item details will be displayed. Along with this, the section where user can enter the current consignment quantity will be displayed. “Save” button can be made enabled only when user select radio button as “Complete”.

Invoice No	Invoice Date	Item Serial No	Description	Total Consignment Quantity	Quantity Already Transported	Current Consignment Quantity	Current Consignment Value	Remaining Quantity	View History
actual12329052010		1	Item Description	250	0	0	0	250	

Figure 7: Shipping Bill - Part Consignment Details

- ✓ Removal of Payment details screen from the request submission process by entity approver: While processing each and every charged transaction the system presents the pages for selecting the payment mode and expects users to confirm the fee payment. As the payment is by default charged to fee deposit account maintained in the system; these pages and confirmation can be removed. Therefore from now onwards, Payment Details screen will not be displayed at the time of request submission by entity approver. Payment will continue to be deducted from respective account balance of the Entity and alert will be displayed to user if the balance is not sufficient for submitting that transaction.

Payment Details Help

Transaction Type	Transaction Amount (in INR)	Service Tax (in INR)	Edu Cess + Higher Edu Cess (in INR)	Sub Total Amount (in INR)
Shipping Bill	200	0	0	200

\* All amounts are rounded off upto to nearest INR.

Total Amount **200 INR**  
Remarks :

**Payment Mode \***  
 My Account  
 Online Payment Using Gateway

Available Amount 10972

Please select checkbox to edit Mobile No. & Email address.  
**Mobile No :**  **Email ID :**

Figure 8: Shipping Bill - Payment Details

## **6 Max. Date range will be increased for INBOX and Search Request functionality:**

### **6.1 Background and Changes:**

Currently, the default date range populated in Inbox/Search Request screens is only being considered as maximum range allowed to search in the respective screens (i.e. if default date range allowed is 7 days, then the maximum date range allowed is also the same, 7 days).

Now, by default the date range (From Date – To Date) will be displayed as last 7 days under Inbox as well as Search Request screens. However, users will be able to search the requests of maximum last 1 month.

## **7 Old Item upload facility disabled:**

### **7.1 Background and Changes:**

System has upgraded and improved the Item Upload facility for the following modules. The upgraded facility has been implemented over the last 12 months. Most of the users are using the new facility which allows them to file complete details. In view of this it is proposed that older versions of item upload module will be removed and disabled. Below are module names with their latest item upload version that are already being supported in SEZ Online System.

- ✓ Zone To Zone Transfer – v5.0
- ✓ Bill Of Entry – v5.0
- ✓ Sub-contracting – v5.0
- ✓ DTA sales – v5.0
- ✓ DTA Procurement – v5.0
- ✓ Shipping Bill – v1.0