Respected Sir,

Petition to Restore and Improve publication of Daily List of Export Import as per CIC order  # CIC/SS/A/2011/000937, US Customs practice. File no : 401/49/2003/CUS-III.

DG Systems, Under CBEC, Dept of Revenue has discontinued publication of Daily List of export Import despite CIC order  # CIC/SS/A/2011/000937.

Daily List Users Association and other Trade Bodies like FICCI, Assocham, PHD Chamber, Indian Chambers of Commerce, Aluminium Association of India, FORTI have requested CBEC to restore publication.

British Govt started publication of Daily List of Export Import with members of Trade as a token of Transparency and Trade Felicitation at 8 individual ports.

Since now more than 130 ports are operational compared to british times, repeated demands have been made by the industry from time to time and over 400 petitions sent to CBEC to improve the format and publish national data with a reduced time lag.

However data was published from only 8 ports started by British, out of 130 ports, and with a time delay of 30 to 90 days.

Improvements were not done, since CBEC perceives this is as non core activity, revenue collection being the primary activity, the resource allocation was very poor, hindering the publication of national daily list. Other most important factor is powerful multinational importers lobby which wants this information to be suppressed.

**DG Systems finally published National Daily List at it's website, after CIC order CIC/SS/A/2011/000937, this led to availability of data within 3 days and also coverage went up to 110 ports.**

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| Benefits of Daily List |
| * Diversification in New Markets, Products.
 | * Planning for growth.
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| * Import Substitution.
 | * Value added manufacturing.
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| * Check Dumping.
 | * Check Price manipulation
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| * Duty evasion by unscrupulous parties.
 | * Under invoicing
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| * Almost Real time – released in 3 days
 | * Covers 110 ports in India
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**Withdrawal of Publication**

Suddenly , in 23rd November 2016, DG Systems has withdrawn publication of this data despite CIC orders on Nov 2016 with out giving any cogent reason.

In the Era of Make in India and Startup India, encouragement of Domestic Manufacturing, Transparency, Ease of Business , Encouragement of Exports and Trade Felicitation are the core guidelines of our National Policy.

**Such a measure, amounts to complete antithesis of our national policy.**

The study of concerned File no : 401/49/2003/CUS-III obtained under RTI act , reveals , an unrelated reason has inadvertently resulted, in stopping of the publication.

On file it has been mentioned that it is decided to stop the publication due to complaints of leakage of Indian export invoices with details like overseas buyer names at Individual ports, this issue has nothing to do with publication of national statistical daily list which is automated without any human interaction and published from DG systems website.

1. Complaints are for leakage of India Exportwith details like overseas buyer names at Individual ports, however CBEC has stopped have stopped publication of **statistical export and import data as well.**
2. Import trade has many mal practices and anti national activities like under invoicing, over invoicing, evasion of duty, havala, evasion of vat etc . There is no national interest served by protecting imports even if there are complaints from genuine importers, Imports in general is not a trade which should be protected, rather Indian Customs should proactively as the guardian of our national interest and national policy should felicitate :
* Initiation of Anti dumping and evasion of duty cases.
* Discovery of new products for domestic manufacture.
* Reporting of Mal practices in imports.
* Creation of non tariff barriers.
1. Indian Customs, may please explore the strategic rationale behind US customs which despite stiff privacy laws in US, to safeguard domestic manufacturing via US Govt.Notification 19 CFR 103.31 publishes limited data in case of exports and entire data with names of US importer and Overseas Supplier in case of imports, thus effectively creating a built in check and making dumping of goods, price manipulation and evasion of duty extremely difficult. There is a complete framework of rules mentioned in the US govt Notification to balance privacy and right to information.
2. Complaints are for leakage at Individual ports, whereas National Daily List publication at Icegate is automated with no human interaction or intervention hence no malpractices are possible.
3. It is learnt that in the past too, in the two board meetings held and the decision made was to continue the publication, and there is no link between leakage of export invoices at individual ports and automated publication of national statistical data at Icegate.
4. Stopping of Official publication of statistical data will in fact now multiply thousand times the leakage at Individual ports as lakhs of business will be forced to look for information through “other” means.
5. Publication of this information becomes, more important due to Make in India, Startup India, Ease of Business, Transparency, Trade Felicitation, Right to Information, Encouragement of Domestic Manufacturing, Encouragement of Exports, Value added manufacturing and protection of domestic industry.
6. Recent negative growth in exports and unhealthy balance of trade especially with China.
7. DGCI&S data does not give any direction, as it is summarized group data at 8 digit of Harmonized tariff, and does not give any direction to trade, due to limited 20,000 8 digit HS codes wherein in reality there are millions of products. Complete product description is essential and is only available in Daily List from Customs.
8. Industry does not need free data, Customs can charge a reasonable fee of 100 lakhs per annum for national data of exports and imports, earlier too Customs used to charge Rs 50 thousands per port for export or import per annum, US Customs also charges a fee.
9. Indian Customs can add certain conditions as done by US Customs to ensure data is not misused by frivolous websites.
10. More than 350 petitions from members of trade were sent to improve the format.
11. Under CIC order # CIC/SS/A/2011/000937, DG Systems has already created a central automated software to publish national data at Icegate. Hence there is no management issues as such. Individual publication at various ports is welcome to be withdrawn if the data of such port is already published at Icegate.
12. Online Petition has been started at DailyListusers.org to send more petitions from larger sections of Industry.
13. Reputed Trade Bodies like FICCI, Assocham, PHD Chamber, Indian Chambers of Commerce, Aluminium Association of India, FORTI have also requested CBEC to restore publication.
14. Complaints are for leakage of exports invoices with name of Indian exporters and their buyers. Daily List is statistical in nature without any names and data fields are ordered to be published by Central information commission. Further prohibition of an official source of publication will certainly cause an increase of leakage at individual ports.

Publication is automated without human intervention-  format is Statistical and harmless in nature.

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| Daily list of imports | Daily list of exports |
| 1. Port or country of origin2. Description of goods3. Customs tariff heading4. Quantity5. Unit quantity code6. Value of goods (in rupees) | 1. Port of destination2. Description of goods3. Customs tariff heading4. Quantity5. Unit quantity code6. Value of goods (in rupees) |

Respected Sir / Madam,

Availability of real time, complete, accurate and national Export Import information is a pre-requisite of sound and efficient planning in field of Foreign Trade which totals to almost 46% of our GDP.

Hence, it is of National public interest, that all efforts need to be made to consider strategic impact of this publication on the lines of US Customs.

We request your immediate intervention to examine the matter fairly, it has merit and concerns national public interest, the publication has been stopped since 26th November 2016 and needs to be immediately restored.

Publication of this information is critical due to lack of direction from DGCI&S data, which is summarized at 8 digit Harmonized tariff, with only 20,000 codes wherein in reality there are millions of products. Further DGCI&S data is delayed by 3 months and often incorrect.

**Relief Sought**

* Restore automated national daily List at Icegate wef from 26th November 2016.
* Expand the 70 year old legacy format, as per need of modern trade. Example : US daily List. US Govt.Notification