Addendum to Rates Master Circular/e-RD/2019/0

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Sub: Registration of demand for wagons electronically (e-RD) through FOIS
Ref: Rates Master Circular/e-RD/2019/0

Please refer to Rates Master Circular under reference regarding registration of demand for wagons electronically (e-RD) through FOIS.

The matter has been examined and it has been decided to incorporate following additions and modifications in the Rates Master Circular/e-RD/2019/0 -

Additional sub-para 5.3.10 under para ‘5.0 REGISTRATION OF CUSTOMERS AVAILING e-RD FACILITY’

“5.3.10System will provide facility for registration of a customer as aggregator under Freight Forwarder Scheme. A customer wishing to work as aggregator will have to pre-register by filling the details (as mentioned in second bullet of Para 5.2) about itself and other customers after obtaining authorisation from them. The said customer/aggregator will get its credentials verified by presenting relevant documents in original to the office of Sr. DCM of any Division close to the customer. After completion of verification, Sr. DCM shall process it as per provisions under para 5.3 above and mark the customer as ‘aggregator’. ‘Customer/consignor’ shall include ‘aggregator’, unless otherwise specified for particular provisions of this policy.”

Additional sub-paras 7.1.1(a), (b) & (c); 7.5 and 7.6 under para ‘7.0 PROCEDURE FOR E-DEMAND REGISTRATION’

“7.1.1 (a) Freight Forwarder Scheme - In case of Freight Forwarder Scheme, the aggregator shall place e-Demand while selecting the consignors from the authorized list of customers it has opted at the time of user registration. The aggregator shall have an option to enter the Less than Wagon Load (LWL) Forwarding Notes also. If the aggregator does not have all the details of Forwarding Notes at the time of placing e-Demand, it can place e-Demand with a single Forwarding Note with due payment of requisite Wagon Registration Fee. It will subsequently provide complete details of Forwarding Notes, at the time of supply of rake, to the Goods Clerk. At least one Forwarding Note and Railway Receipt have to mandatorily be for the aggregator as consignor. All dues related to demurrage, wharfage, etc. will be levied on the aggregator.”

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"7.1.1(b) Iron Ore Traffic - In case of Iron Ore traffic, the modalities will be as under-

i. The customer will provide all requisite details (including destination, consignee etc.) as per the Transit Permit for registering demand online through e-RD. With regard to priority ‘C’, ‘D’ traffic of iron-ore, since FOIS already has an interface with i3MS and JIMMS, it will validate the details of electronic Forwarding Note submitted through e-RD by customer against details (including Transit Permit etc) received from State authorities through i3MS and JIMMS. FOIS will validate the electronic Forwarding note against details of sanctioned program uploaded in RAS by EDRM’s office. This shall subsequently enable Railway to dispense with the need of manual submission of signed forwarding notes (signed by mining authority) from customers.

ii. In cases where State Governments have yet not implemented any online system of information/Transit Permit transmission to FOIS, customers will upload scanned copy of Forwarding Note validated (i.e. signed and stamped) by the authorized officer of Mining Department of respective State Government registering demand in e-RD for priority ‘C’ traffic. The duly validated Forwarding Note will subsequently be submitted to the goods clerk at the time of loading for verification. CRIS shall make provision in the e-RD Module to facilitate the customer for uploading the scanned copy of the Forwarding Note signed and stamped by the authorized officer of Mining Department of respective State Government.

iii. For iron-ore loading on KK line, ECoR shall impress upon NMDC Ltd. to register demand through e-RD.

iv. For CBT (Central Board of Traffic) and priority ‘C’ customers, customer name and destination will be fixed according to allocation. This check will be developed by CRIS.

v. FOIS/CRIS will make provision for placing a cap/limit on number of indents under priority ‘C’ per customer in accordance with program approved by EDRM’s office. Acceptance of rake demand should be limited to number of allocation.

vi. As far as priority ‘D’ indents of priority ‘C’ customers are concerned, FOIS will make provision for a check on destinations, in accordance with approval of EDRM’s office. Flagging of priority C-cum-D customer will be as per approval of EDRM office only."

"7.1.1(c) Salt Traffic- In case of Salt traffic, concerned zonal railways will take up the matter for provision of linkage between FOIS and corresponding system of respective State Government authority to enable electronic validation of details provided by customers from Salt commissioners’ office. Till electronic system is set up, the customer will upload scanned copy of certificate validated (i.e signed and stamped) by concerned Salt commissioners’ office while registering rake requirement in e-RD. At the time of sanctioning the rake requirement, railway authority will view the uploaded copy of Forwarding Note and cross-check the rake requirement against the already sanctioned program. Once the rake requirement is sanctioned, the customer can place e-demand against the sanctioned program.”

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"7.5 A screen as ‘Splitting of Demand/Forwarding Note’ shall be available in the application, which will be used by Railway user to capture complete actual Forwarding Note details including the Less than Wagon Load (LWL) Forwarding Notes (more than one Forwarding Note in a wagon) as provided by the customer before reporting of Wagon Transfer Register (WTR) allotment in the Application. The option of ‘Splitting of Demand/Forwarding Note’ after registration of demand and before supply of rakes shall be available for all types of traffic including FFS aggregator. However, only FFS aggregator will be permitted to place multi-consignor demands as per para 7.1.1(a) above. This option shall be available with block rake/mini rake demand and not with piecemeal demand."

"7.6 Sequencing to multiple Forwarding Notes will be generated as X.002, X.003, X.004 and so on for the e-Demand registered with single Forwarding Note with number as X.001."

Modification in item (a) and (b) of para ‘12.0 TRAFFIC FOR WHICH e-RD WILL BE AVAILABLE’

“(a) e-RD will be available for all freight traffic including container traffic and iron-ore.”

“(b) e-RD is available for the freight traffic originating from one station/siding by a single consignor. It is applicable for FFS aggregator. It is not available for traffic originating from more than one station/siding and/or by multiple consignors.”

Modification in para ‘13.0 INTERVENTION OF GOODS SHED STAFF’

“13. There shall be no intervention of goods shed staff in case of e-RD; except in cases requiring splitting of Forwarding Notes after demand registration.”

This issues in consultation with Traffic Transportation Dte and with the concurrence of Finance Dte. of Ministry of Railways.

In case of iron ore, the Zonal Railway may develop a mechanism to monitor the compliance of statutory requirements. CRIS will make necessary modifications in the module accordingly.

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