

East Coast Railway

Office of the
Pr. Chief Commercial Manager
Bhubaneswar-751017
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Commercial circular No.78 (G)/2022

Sub: e-RD- Submission of Letter of credit (LC) in case of goods traffic pertaining to Bangladesh

Ref: 1. Railway Board's Rates Master Circular/e-RD/2019/0 dt 11.11.19 and its addendum and corrigendum(PCCM/ECOR's Commercial Circular No.228(G)/2019 dtd.11.11.2019)

2. Board's Letter No. TC-I/2020/101/e-Rd/Misc (3319111) dated 14.02.2022 (PCCM/ECOR's Commercial Circular No.53(G)/2022 dtd.14.02.2022)

Railway Board's letter No.TC-I/2019/101/I Pt. (3316676) dated 04.03.2022 (addendum No.3 to Rates Master Circular/e-RD/2019/0) regarding e-RD- Submission of Letter of credit (LC) in case of goods traffic pertaining to Bangladesh which is self explanatory, is enclosed herewith for information and necessary action.

All concerned to note and act accordingly.

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(रेलवे बोर्ड RAILWAY BOARD)

No.TC-I/2019/101/1 Pt. (3316676)

New Delhi, dt.04.03.2022

General Manager
All Zonal Railways

Sub: e-RD -Submission of Letter of Credit(LC) in case of goods traffic pertaining to Bangladesh

Ref: (i) Rates Master Circular/e-RD/2019/0 and its amendments

(ii) Board's letter No.TC-I/2020/101/eRD/Misc.(3319111) dt.14.02.2022

References have been received regarding submission of Letter of Credit(LC) in case of goods traffic pertaining to Bangladesh wherein it has been pointed out that difficulties are being faced by exporters due to large pendency of indents with Railways for Bangladesh. The present practice allows indent to be placed without LC being available at the time of placement of indent. Department of Commerce (Logistic Division)/Ministry of Commerce & Industry have also forwarded representations to the Ministry of Railways on this matter and have asked for a review of the policy.

The matter has been examined. In supersession of all earlier instructions, it has been decided to make submission of Letter of Credit(LC) details mandatory for placing indents in case of goods traffic pertaining to Bangladesh, by incorporating following additional Para 7.7 in Rates Master Circular/e-RD/2019/0 -

"7.7 Submission of Letter of Credit(LC) in case of goods traffic pertaining to Bangladesh

- a) Customer interested to place indent for Bangladesh should register themselves under e-RD module of FOIS.
- b) Indent can be placed after feeding the Letter of Credit (LC) details in the e-RD module of FOIS. The customer will feed LC details (e.g. LC number, date of issue, date of expiry, name of bank, name of beneficiary, tonnage mentioned in LC, tonnage moved by any other mode of transport on the same LC) and upload LC document on e-RD module. LC details will not be changed after registration of indent subject to para (j).
- c) Consignor or consignee should be one of the beneficiaries mentioned in the LC. The LC should be valid during the registration of demand and period of validity should at least be upto the date of supply of wagons.

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- d) The customer can place indent only after feeding LC details in the e-RD module. Registration of LC details on e-RD module does not violate ODR in any way.
- e) Multiple indents can be placed against a LC subject to the condition that cumulative tonnage of all such indents should not exceed the tonnage mentioned in the LC. However, multiple LCs cannot be linked to one indent. The tonnage for indents will be worked out on the basis of notified Permissible Carrying Capacity for traffic to Bangladesh (*refer Para 5 of Rates Master Circular/PCC/CC+8/2020/0 and as amended from time to time*).
- f) Wagon Registration Fee(WRF) in case of goods traffic pertaining to Bangladesh will be ₹2,00,000/- (rupees two lakh) per rake. It will be applicable to all customers including Premier Customer (i.e. Premier Customer will not be exempted from WRF in case of Bangladesh Traffic).
- g) The customer will submit physical copy of LC to the Goods clerk before loading of wagons. There should be no discrepancy between LC details fed in e-RD and physical copy submitted to the Goods clerk.
- h) The responsibility of ensuring genuineness and validity of LC is that of the customer. The customer has to ensure that there is no misdeclaration. In case of any misdeclaration, Railways will cancel the relevant indent and forfeit the WRF for the relevant indent.
- i) If a rake gets detained by Customs due to discrepancy in LC or any other cause attributable to the customer, Detention Charge (whose rate will be same as Demurrage) will be levied for the period of detention of the rake.
- j) If validity of LC expires before supply of rake, then it should be re-validated by the customer. However, revalidation of LC for an existing indent will not violate ODR in any way. After revalidation of LC, the customer will upload the revalidated document against the same LC on e-RD module and will also update the date of expiry of LC in the system. Other details of the revalidated LC should be same as that of the original LC. No rake will be supplied against an overdue LC.
- k) These guidelines will be applicable for all types of goods traffic (including NMG rakes) pertaining to Bangladesh.
- l) LC number as given at the time of indenting will be captured in Railway Receipt."

These guidelines will be implemented **with effect from 1st April 2022**. However, from the date of issue of this circular, all indents for goods traffic pertaining to Bangladesh will be accepted through e-RD only (i.e. no physical indent will be accepted).

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Procedure in case of indents placed prior to the date of issue of this circular, will be as follows -

- i. All customers (e-RD as well as those who had placed physical indents) will upload LC details in the system by 31st March 2022.
- ii. Till such date, loading of wagons will be allowed as per extant procedure.
- iii. If a customer is unable to upload LC details by 31st March 2022, all such indents will be treated as null and void, and WRF, if any, will be refunded.

In view of above, **Chapter-2 of Goods Tariff (Vol-II) may be modified** by incorporating following sub-para-

"201(5) (iv) Wagon Registration Fee in case of goods traffic pertaining to Bangladesh will be ₹2,00,000/- (rupees two lakh) per rake. It will be applicable to all customers including Premier Customer (i.e. Premier Customer will not be exempted from WRF in case of Bangladesh Traffic)."

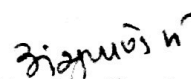
"201(15) (f) when misdeclaration is reported between Letter of Credit(LC) details entered in eRD and the physical copy thereof submitted to the goods clerk, in case of goods traffic pertaining to Bangladesh."

With a view to provide prior notification to customers, Zonal Railways will display these guidelines on Notice Boards of Goods Sheds. CRIS will intimate each customer (who have placed indent in eRD) via email.

CRIS will make requisite provision in the system for implementation of these guidelines.

Further, the guidelines prescribed vide Board's letter under reference (ii) is reiterated that change of consignee name in the forwarding note is not permissible in case of traffic pertaining to Bangladesh.

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


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