

Customs Seeks to Put Exports in Cruise Mode

Cargo to bypass inspectors, to sport RFID chip from Oct

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New Delhi: Keen to eliminate inspector raj in movement of India's exports, the customs department is devising a plan that will allow goods to move from factory to ships without any checks.

From October consignments would not be required to be sealed in the presence of inspectors. Instead they will sport an RFID chip with details of the consignment that can be accessed by a reader.

"Supervised sealing of containers will be discontinued from October," said a government official. Instead, electronic self-sealing with RFID chip will be introduced, the official added. Only those consignments with perceived risk will be closely examined.

This would enable cargo to move expeditiously and prevent unnecessary hold ups at ports bringing down transaction cost of exporters and also chances of

Factory To Ship

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Risk-based assessment to be in place to check consignments



corruption.

The development follows the risk-based assessment introduced by the Customs through SWIFT, or Single Window Interface for Facilitating Trade, in April this year.

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