

Single Window in Customs

Indian Customs has introduced SWIFT (Single Window Interface for Facilitating trade) w.e.f. 01.04.2016 for ensuring ease of doing business. Under SWIFT, the Importers electronically lodge Integrated Declaration at a single point only with Customs. The required permission, if any, from other regulatory agencies (such as Animal quarantine, Plant quarantine, Drug Controller, Textile Committee etc.) is obtained online without the importer/exporter having to separately approach these agencies. Benefits of Single Window Scheme include:

- a. Reduced Cost of doing business;
- b. Enhanced transparency;
- c. Reduced duplicity and cost of compliance;
- d. Optimal utilization of man power.