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**Defacement of Shipping Bill in order to prevent leakage of confidential information**

Representations have been received from exporters relating to leakage of confidential information viz. name and address of the foreign buyer, etc. from the export documents such as shipping bills when they are submitted to various Departments as part of Export/Import documentation procedure. The matter was deliberated and it has been decided to allow defacement of the name and address of the foreign buyers in the shipping bills and other documents when presented to the Regional Authorities for claiming benefits under various export promotion schemes. It is, therefore, clarified that such shipping bills where the name of the foreign buyers are defaced, may be accepted for processing by Regional Authorities under various export promotion schemes, if the applications are otherwise in order.

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