


## WeBOC goes operational at KEPZ from today

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### RECORDER REPORT

KARACHI: The Web Based One Customs (WeBOC) is going to be operational at Karachi Exports Processing Zone (KEPZ) from May 2, 2019 (today).

According to the notification issued by Model Customs Collectorate of Export (PMBQ), the WeBOC module is going to be operational from May 2, 2019 (today) and the shifting of consignments destined for the zone from sea ports to KEPZ to be done through WeBOC inter-port movement module.

Therefore, the collectorate has directed to mention the via-port of EPZ of EPZ cargo in IGM/VIR as 'KEPZ'.

Needless to mention, the customs had planned to implement WeBOC for the clearance of inwards and outwards consignments at KEPZ in last year and developed a new module but remains unable to implement it at KEPZ, due to the reservations of the stakeholders.

The stakeholders were of the view that although the KEPZ was tax-exempted and the stakeholders were not required to obtain NTNs, the customs department was trying to implement the system 'WeBOC' which had the mandatory requirement of NTN for getting its User ID and password.

Keeping the said issue in view, the stakeholders at KEPZ has knocked the court's doors over the said decision of the customs department and got stay order over the implementation of WeBOC at KEPZ.

Later, the customs department after series of talks has agreed to issue KEPZ's Unique ID number to its stakeholders and the same could be accepted against the mandatory requirement of NTN for getting User ID and password of the system and now the customs department has made appropriate amendments in the system.

Therefore, after successful negotiations between the stakeholders of KEPZ and customs department, the case has been withdrawn from court that led paving the way for the implementation of WeBOC at KEPZ.

Meanwhile, Arshad Khursheed, general secretary, Karachi Customs Agents Association (KCAA) appreciated both customs and KEPZ for resolving the issue that made the implementation of WeBOC module possible at KEPZ.