

# UN/LOCODE Conference

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### Indian Scenario

# *UN/LOCODEs*

- UN/LOCODE is one of key codes globally used for trade facilitation.
- It provides a coded representation for trade and transport locations e.g. wherever ports, airports, inland depots are located.
- The UN/LOCODE is required for any trade and transport location in India to start functioning for Customs clearance facility.

# *Indian Scenario*

- A subcommittee on UN/LOCODEs finalizes the codes to be issued to Indian trade and transport locations
- Any trade and transport location in India needs to obtain UN/LOCODE before starting Customs clearance facility.
- The Indian focal point(FP) analyses/verifies the codes as per UNCEFACT Recommendation 16 and ensure the availability of that LOCODE with UN/LOCODE directory.
- The FP coordinates with UN ECE LOCODE secretariat and manages the UN/LOCODE data maintenance request(DMR) system.

# *Indian Scenario*

- The FP for India is

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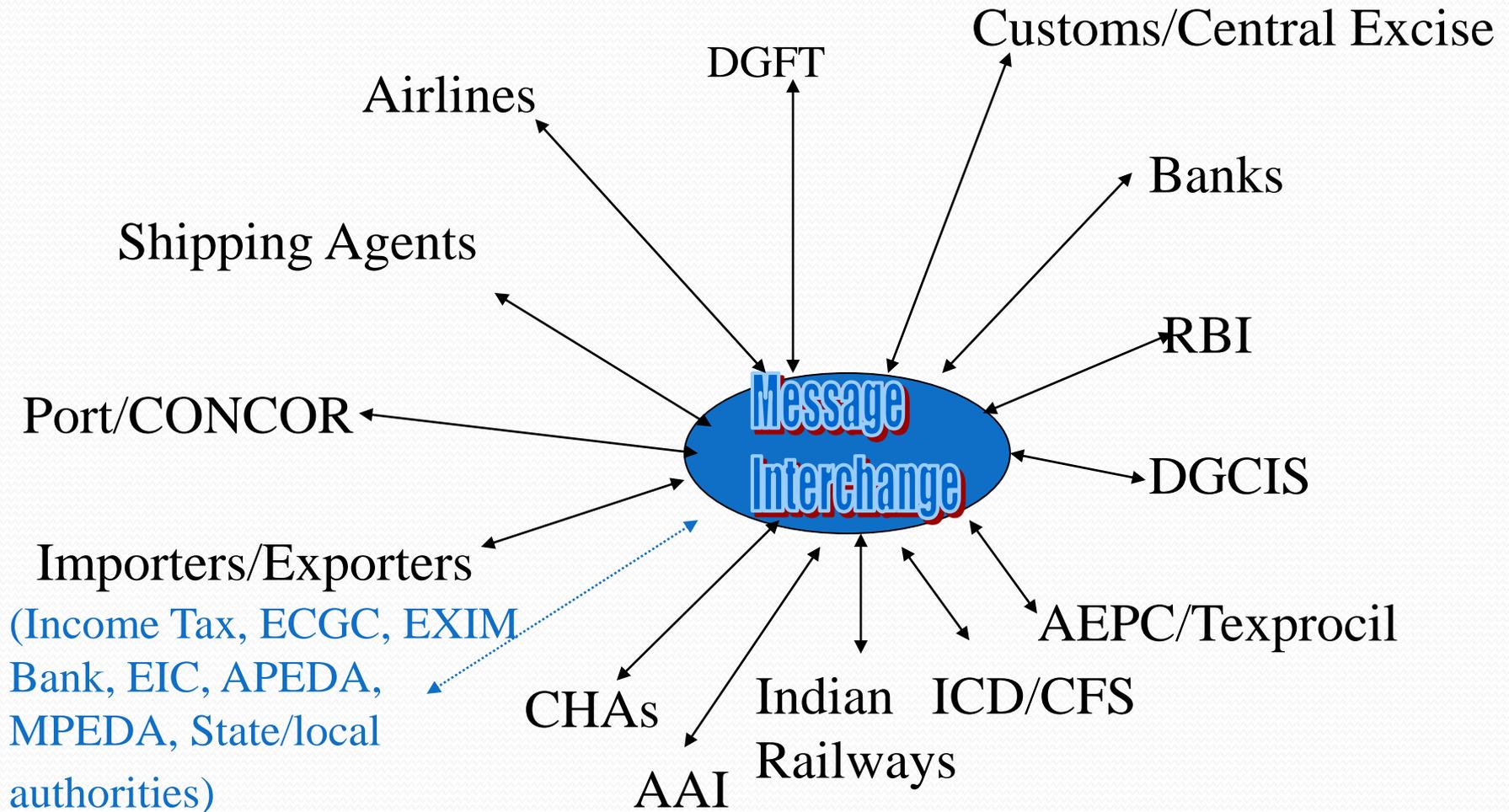
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- Approx. 1200 Indian trade and transport locations have already been assigned UN/LOCODEs till date.
- Every year around 10 to 100 new UN/LOCODEs are issued for Indian trade and transport locations.

# The Indian eTrade Community



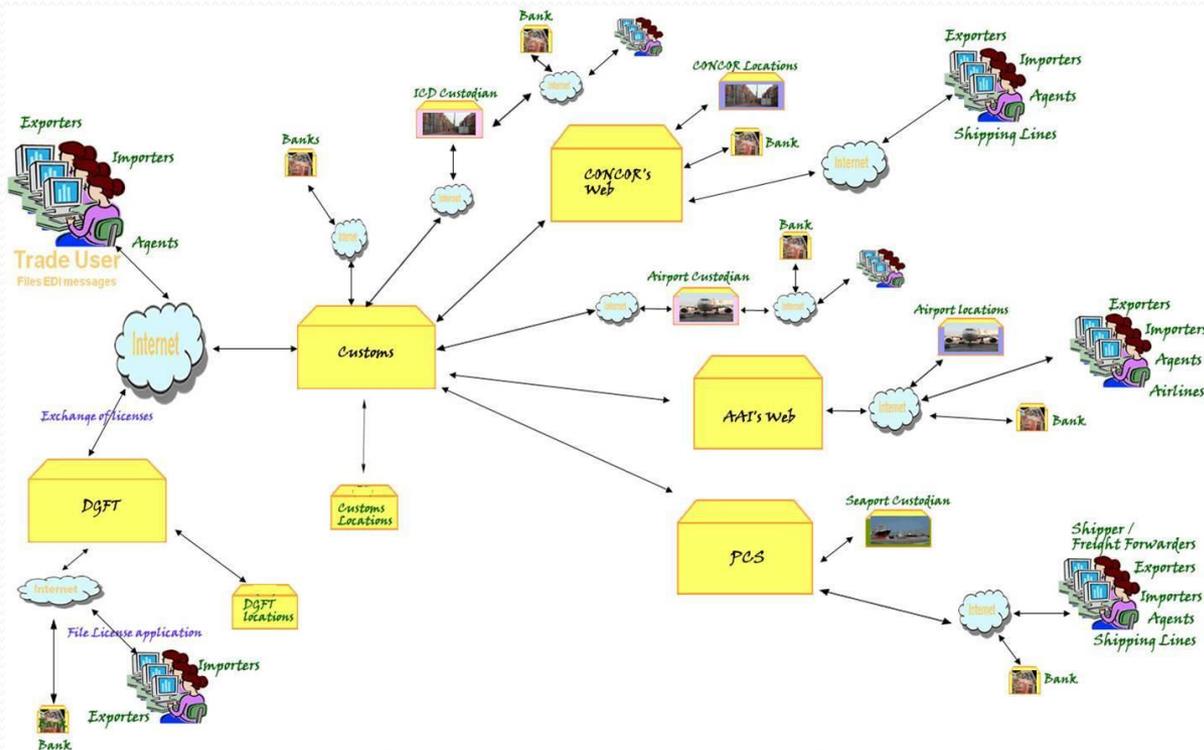
## **Stakeholders :**

## **Project Spread**

- 1. Customs (121 locations)**
- 2. DGFT (36 locations)**
- 3. Sea Ports (24 locations)**
- 4. Airports (15 locations)**
- 5. Container Corporation (39 locations)**
- 6. Central Warehousing Corporation(33 locations)**
- 7. Banks ( across country)**
- 8. RBI**
- 8. Indian Railways**
- 9. Export Promotion Organisations**
- 10. DG commercial Intelligence / Statistics**
- 11. Inland Container Depots / Container Freight Stations(64)**

# UNLOCODE integration with eTRADE

- The eTRADE project under Department of Commerce promotes effective and efficient eDelivery of services by various regulatory/facilitating agencies involved in foreign trade so as to enable the trade to avail services from these agencies in online environment.



# *UNLOCODE integration with eTRADE*

- UN/LOCODEs are integrated in the eTRADE so as to facilitate uniformly recognizable Indian trade and transport locations for international trading community.
- The eTRADE project facilitates
  - E-delivery of services / clearances by community partners like Customs and Custodians at SeaPorts, Airports and ICD/CFSs, to exporter, importer, agents
  - E-filing of export/import documents by exporter, importer, agents etc. to Customs and Custodians at SeaPorts, Airports and ICD/CFSs.
  - Electronic exchange of documents between community partners i.e. Customs and Custodians at SeaPorts, Airports, ICD/CFSs.
  - e-Payment by exporter, importer, agents for
    - Custom duties;
    - DGFT's license fee and
    - Charges (handling/freight, etc) of Custodians at SeaPorts, Airports, ICD/CFSs .

# *Benefits/Issues with UNLOCODE*

- UN/LOCODEs provide unique standardized representation to Indian trade and transport locations across the world.
- For local usage we add the UN/LOCODE function classifier as the sixth digit to clearly differentiate between seaports, airports, multimodal facility at the same location.

# *Benefits/Issues with UNLOCODE*

- Issues

- The challenge with current UN/LOCODE DMR system is that it is an offline system.
- There is a need for provision for identification of a country focal point or any other user. A user can request LOCODE for any country in the present system.
- There are communication gaps between LOCODE secretariat and users.
- There is no system for notification to users whenever any addition/change DMR is finally accepted and incorporated in the database.
- The requestor has to check the entire database all the time to see if the previous request has been accepted or not as the status is communicated for rejected/problem cases only.

# *Benefits/Issues with UNLOCODE*

- Suggestions
  - The DMRs w.r.t to a particular country may be accepted through country FP only (wherever FPs are there and recognized by the secretariat)
  - The status of DMR should be visible to FP/requestor at any point of time.
  - There should be a notification to FP/requestor whenever the DMR is finally accepted.
  - The FP/requestor may be provided date wise search facility to see the status of requested DMRs in a particular period.
  - The directory is updated only twice a year which needs to be improved. The frequency of directory updation may be monthly or bi-monthly.



- Thanks.

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