

Advisory to Taxpayers and Stakeholders – Enhancements in the e-Way Bill (EWB) Portal

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As part of the ongoing efforts towards strengthening data quality, traceability, and operational efficiency in the E-Way Bill (EWB) system, certain functional enhancements are proposed to be introduced in the EWB portal. The advisory covers the following proposed changes:

- a) Mandatory capture of “Ship-To GSTIN” in Bill-To Ship-To transactions for improved traceability and data accuracy; and
- b) Introduction of EWB Closure functionality to enable taxpayers to voluntarily close E-Way Bills in specified scenarios.

The advisory also includes the proposed implementation timelines and necessary action points for stakeholders to undertake requisite system changes and preparedness activities.

[The link to the advisory is provided here](#)

Thanks,
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1. Background

It is hereby informed that certain functional enhancements are being implemented in the e-Way Bill (EWB) system with a view to strengthening data integrity, improving traceability of goods movement, and enabling system-driven closure of transactions. All taxpayers, transporters, ERP/API integrators, and other stakeholders are requested to take note of the following changes and initiate necessary system readiness measures.

2. Mandatory Capture of “Ship To GSTIN” in Bill-To/Ship-To Transactions

- a) In cases involving Bill-To/Ship-To scenarios, the field relating to the **“Ship To GSTIN”** shall now be captured as a **mandatory data element** during e-Way Bill generation.
- b) Where the consignee is an unregistered person, the value **“URP”** shall be entered in the “Ship To GSTIN” field.

3. Introduction of Voluntary e-Way Bill Closure Facility

- (i) A new **e-Way Bill Closure facility** has been introduced in the e-Way Bill system on voluntary basis to enable closure of the e-Way Bill once delivery of goods is completed.
- (ii) The e-Way Bill may be closed by:
 - a) Supplier
 - b) Recipient

- c) Transporter involved in the transaction
 - d) Driver or authorized person whose mobile number has been provided for closure
- (iii) For suppliers, recipients, and transporters, the **e-Way Bill Closure** option is available after login under the **e-Way Bill** section of the portal.

(iv) Closure can be performed:

- **e-Way Bill-wise, or • Date-wise**

(v) A mobile number may be entered at the time of e-Way Bill generation specifically for closure purposes. Currently, this option is **voluntary** in nature.

(vi) If required, the mobile number can also be updated during:

- Vehicle updation
- Consolidated e-Way Bill operations
- Extension of validity

(vii) The **mobile number-based closure facility** has been provided under the **Search** option on the e-Way Bill Common Portal. All active e-Way Bills linked to the concerned mobile number are displayed, enabling closure by the authorized person.

(viii) e-Way Bills can be closed on:

- The same day of delivery, or
- The immediately succeeding day

(ix) An API has also been provided for system integrators and API users. For closure through API, the following details are required to be transmitted:

- **e-Way Bill number • Closure date • Remarks**

(x) Illustrative screenshots of the EWB closure functionality are appended below e-Way Bill Close option provided for logged-in users.



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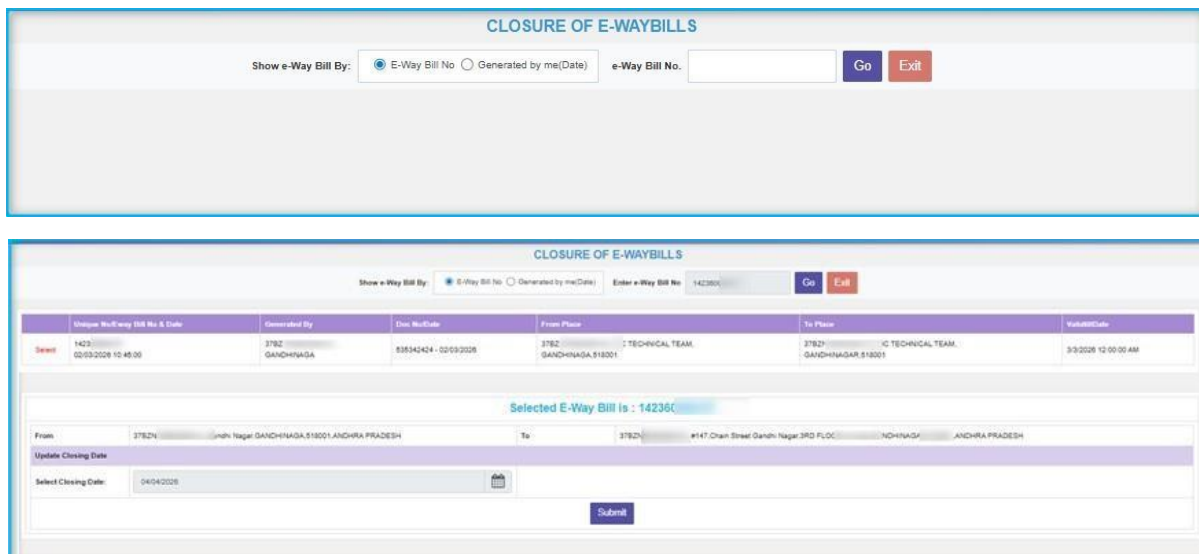
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A) E-WayBill Closure by logged in user: i) by E-WayBill Number ii) by E-WayBill Generated Date

i) Screenshots of Closure by E-waybill Number ...



ii) Screenshot of closure by Generated Date ...

CLOSURE OF E-WAYBILLS

Show e-Way Bill By: E-Way Bill No Generated by me(Date) EWB Generated Date: 04/04/2026

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Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Unique E-Way Bill No. & Date	Generated By	Dis. No/Date	From Place	To Place	Validity
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Delete 1623006 02/03/20	3782 GANC	88965 - 02/03/20	3782 GANC	TECHNICAL TEAM	3/3/2008 12:00:00 AM
Delete 1723006 02/03/20	3782 GANC	409483 - 02/03/20	3782 GANC	TECHNICAL TEAM	3/3/2008 12:00:00 AM

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Alert! You are about to close this e-waybill. Are you sure?

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Selected EWB No's Closed successfully!

B) e-Way Bill Closure by Driver or authorized person

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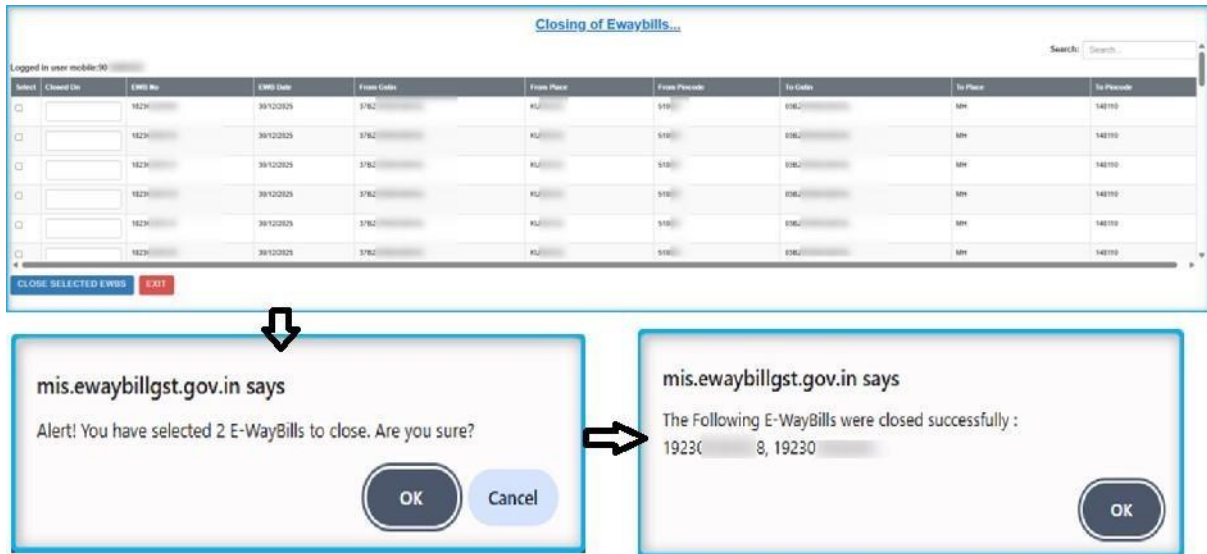
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- Tax Payers
- Transporters
- URP
- Products & Services
- Pincode
- Pin To Pin Distance
- E-Way Bill
- Update Block Status
- Closing Of E-Way Bills

Closing of Ewaybills...

Enter Mobile No

Enter OTP



4. API and System Integration Readiness

a) Necessary **API changes** have been released by NIC in the **Sandbox environment**.

The proposed changes will be deployed in production by **15th June,2026**. All stakeholders are requested to make necessary changes at their end accordingly.

b) All ERP vendors, GSPs, ASPs, and system integrators are advised to:

- i. Access the updated API specifications.
- ii. Undertake testing in the Sandbox environment.
- iii. Carry out suitable configuration changes at their end.
- iv. Ensure seamless transition prior to production rollout.

5. Action Required by Stakeholders

All concerned stakeholders are advised to:

- i. Familiarize themselves with the revised data entry requirements and closure workflow.
- ii. Update internal processes, ERP configurations, and user manuals accordingly.
- iii. Conduct internal testing and user awareness sessions.
- iv. Ensure **compliance from the notified date of implementation**.

6. Further Guidance

For detailed operational steps and feature descriptions, reference may be made to the accompanying technical documentation on the e-Way Bill Closure functionality. Any implementation-related queries may be routed through the designated helpdesk channels.

Thank you,

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