User Manual e-Clearance for Afterlife Remains (eCARe)

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1. HOME PAGE

The portal homepage can be assessed at https://ecare.mohfw.gov.in.

Existing users can login at the homepage or can sign up as a new consignee.

eCARe portal will work on all the browsers however Safari, Chrome, Firefox, and Microsoft Edge are preferred for best experience.



2. SIGN-UP

- To sign up, select the role type of the person who is signing up from the options provided- Individual,
 Organization or Airline.
- Input all the required information, as: First name, Last name, Email, Mobile number with Country Code and opt for WhatsApp Notification. Opting for WhatsApp Notification feature allows international numbers to receive OTPs on WhatsApp; SMS-based OTP services are only available for Indian phone numbers.
- Add Passport Number of the person who is signing up on eCARe portal and **not the passport number of deceased** and enter captcha code. After providing the details, click on the signup button.
- User will receive confirmation and Username on the screen, as well as on Email/SMS/WhatsApp.
- After completing the sign-up process, the user can login on the portal.



Sample Email

Dear < Consignee Name >

You are registered successfully on e-Clearance for Afterlife Remains. Your registration number is <Registration No.>. You are requested to keep track of this number for further communications.

You can log in to the application using the following credentials:

Username: <Registration No.>

Password: <Password>

This is system generated message/mail. Please don't reply to this message/email.

Regards

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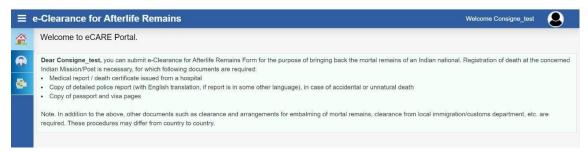
3. LOGIN

- Users can login with the username and password generated after sign-up. On entering the username, password, and captcha, and clicking on the login button, the page will redirect the user to the OTP page.
- User will receive the OTP on registered email ID and on phone as SMS and WhatsApp message. SMS services are not available for International User.
- On submitting the OTP, the login process is complete, and the user will be directed to the Application home page.

4. APPLICANT WORKFLOW

- After logging in, the applicant is taken to the home page dashboard. This dashboard displays important information about the portal as a message to the Applicant.
- If an applicant wishes to reset their password after completing the login process, they may do so or proceed with resetting it.

HOME DASHBOARD

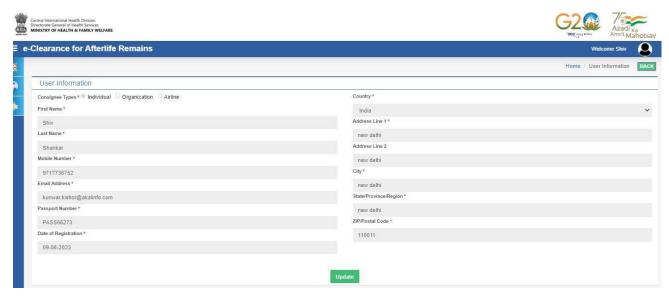


CHANGE PASSWORD



5. PROFILE UPDATE PAGE

A user can update their profile information on the portal, these include fields such as name, mobile number, email address and address.



6. ADDING A NEW APPLICATION

To submit an application for the transport of human remains or ashes clearance, an applicant will select the 'Human Remains Clearances Applications' option, which will lead them to 'My Application Dashboard'. On this dashboard, the applicant can view previously submitted applications along with their respective statuses of New, Approved, or All applications, their description is as follows:

- **New**: This status indicates applications that are newly submitted by the Applicant, which could be Individual, Airline or an organization.
- **Approved**: Applications in this status have been successfully submitted and approved by the Airport Health Officer (APHO) or Nodal officer.
- All: This section includes applications which are new as well as approved.
- De-Activated: The applications which are deactivated by the Nodal Officer if it was sent as duplicate
 or if the user wanted to deactivate an application for any reasons like cancelling of application, wrong
 entries, change in plan to send the mortal remains, etc.



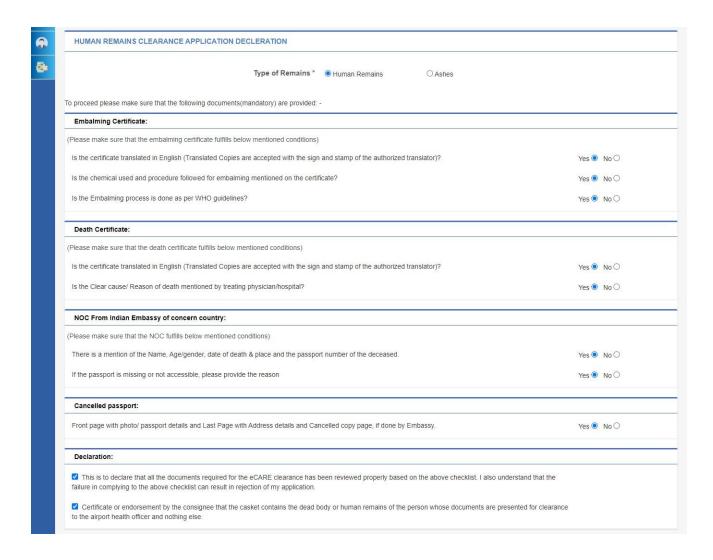
To submit a new application, the applicant will click "Add New Application," after which the applicant will be presented with two options: "Human Remains" and "Ashes," and the portal will request supporting documents based on the application type.



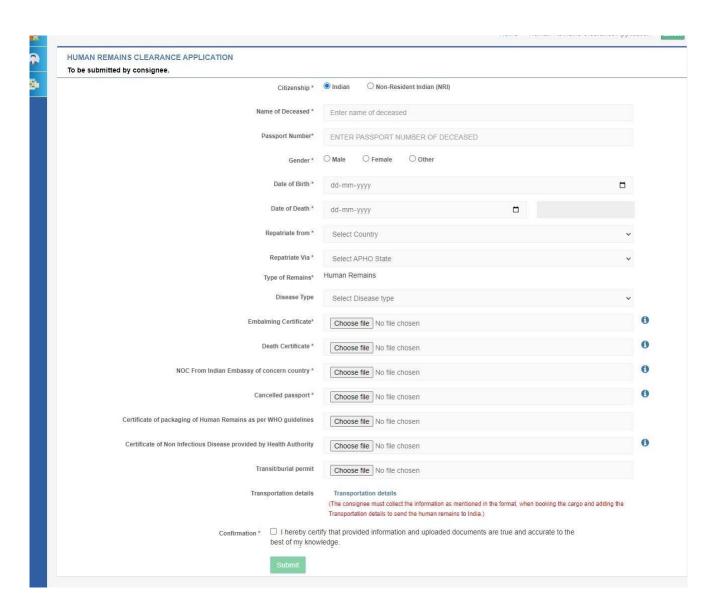
The eCARe portal only allows one application per passport number, so another consignee cannot submit a duplicate application. If the consignee wishes to withdraw or delete the submitted application, an email stating the reason must be sent to the nodal officer.

7. HUMAN REMAINS APPLICATION

On opting for Human Remains application, the portal will present a list of questions that will seek information regarding the mandatory documents which include Embalming certificate, Death certificate, NOC from Indian embassy of concerned country, cancelled passport of the deceased and supporting declaration by the applicant.



Once the checklist is duly filled by the applicant, the portal will provide option to provide additional information and upload supporting documents.



Here the applicant will enter: (1) Citizenship status* (Indian citizen or NRI) (2) name of deceased* (3) passport number of the deceased (If the deceased if NRI, they must enter current passport number or OCI card number)* (4) Gender* (5) Date of Birth of the deceased* (6) Date of Death of the deceased* (after entering both values the portal will automatically calculate the completed age) (7) Repatriate from* (the country from where the human remains will be transported to India) (8) Repatriate via* (the Indian airport where the human remains will be received) (9) Disease type* (here the applicant will mention whether the person has expired due to a communicable disease or non-communicable disease/Non-Infectious Disease)(Refer 16 and 30 Q in FAQ) (10) Embalming Certificate* (11) Death Certificate* (12) NOC From Indian Embassy of concern country* (13) Cancelled passport* (Note:- For NRIs, foreign Passports are to follow local regulations but OCI card should be cancelled by Embassy of India) (14) Certificate of packaging of Human Remains as per WHO guidelines* (15) Certificate of Non-Infectious Disease provided by Health Authority* (16) Transit/burial permit*, (17) Transport details (the consignee has to keep information mentioned in format handy for filling it in sections ahead)

The documents marked with an asterisk (*) are mandatory and with a hash (#) are non-mandatory but to be provided if the application requires those documents or the Nodal Officer seeks the same by returning the application to the Consignee.

Note: These documents must be uploaded in PDF, JPEG, JPG, or PNG format and have a file size of less than 512 MB.

After the Applicant submits the application with all required information and documents, it will be forwarded to the concerned Nodal Officers for verification and review of the attached documents. The applicants will also receive confirmation notifications via email/SMS/WhatsApp.

Sample Email

Dear < Consignee Name >

We have received your application to transport Human Remains to India. Once documents are verified you will be intimated.

This is system generated message/mail. Please don't reply to this message/email.

Regards

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If there is a discrepancy in the submitted application or additional information is required, the application is returned to the consignee with a remark and a message sent via email/SMS/WhatsApp. In response to the nodal officer's remark, the consignee can upload additional documents. The option to add additional documents appears only when an application is returned.

A sample email the consignee will receive is as follows.

Sample Email

Dear < Consignee Name >

Your application Number <Registration No> is put on Hold. Kindly login to portal and re upload the required documents for verification.

This is system generated message/mail. Please don't reply to this message/email.

Regards

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8. APPLICATION APPROVAL

According to the Indian Aircraft Public Health Rules 1954, the Nodal Officer must make a decision on whether to approve the submitted applications within 48 hours. To comply with the time-bound action, the portal includes notification features as well as an escalation mechanism which helps in the tracking of applications and their timely approval. When an application is submitted, officials such as the Nodal Officer, Admin, and CIHD Nodal Officer will receive three notifications every 12 hours for the first 36 hours, after which escalation messages will be sent to the Nodal Officer, CIHD Nodal Officer, and Admin for immediate action every four hours.

It is also important to note that if an application is returned by the Nodal Officer for clarification on the submitted documents, the 48-hour timeline will restart once the consignee resubmits the application after addressing the remarks.

On approval, by Nodal Officer the Applicant will be notified and following email can be used by the consignee for booking cargo by Airlines.

Sample Email

Dear < Consignee Name >

Your application <Registration Number>, for <deceased name> <gender> <age> having passport number <Passport No.> to transport Human Remains to India is approved by APHO. The Documents uploaded are in Order.

However, The Final clearance will be done at the Destination on producing the documents in original.

Please book the Human Remains of <deceased name> <sex> <age> with Cancelled Passport Number <Passport No.> to Cargo and upload the Air Waybill (AWB) details along with the email id of the airlines; and name, mobile number, email id and contact address of the designated contact person who will collect the human remains at destination airport. This information will be needed for generating the provisional clearance certificate.

Manager Airlines: - This message is APHO clearance for booking and transporting Human Remains to the destination Airport, including verification and the collection of original documents for submission at the destination Airport's APHO.

This is a system generated email. Please don't reply to this email.

Regards

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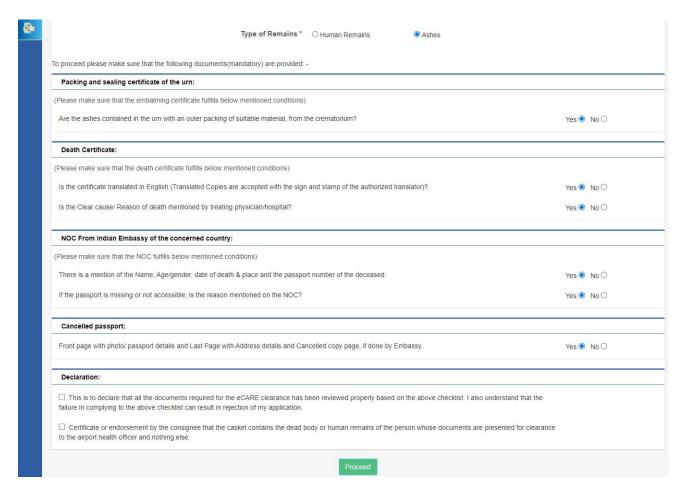
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9. BOOKING A 'CARGO' FOR TRANSPORTING THE HUMAN REMAINS OR ASHES

The consignee can send the approval email from the eCARe portal to the airline in order to book a cargo flight to transport the human remains or ashes to India. The airline must confirm with the consignee that the hard copies of original documents submitted with the application have been handed over to them, as the APHO will check these documents at the destination airport prior for final clearance.

10. ASHES APPLICATION

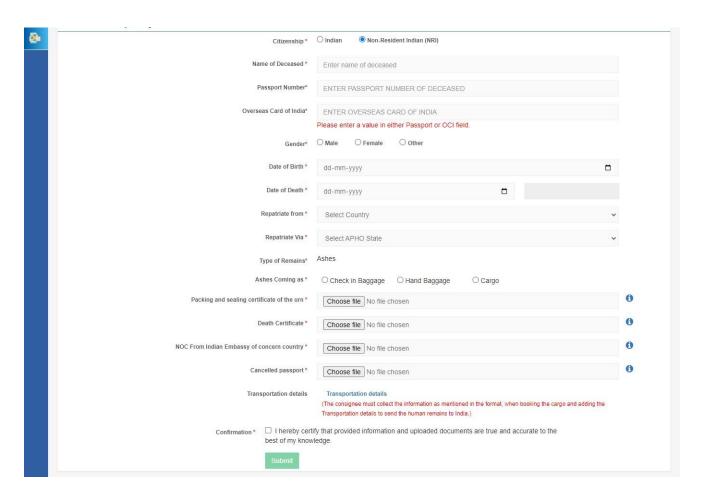
For transporting Ashes, the consignee will select the "Ashes" option, which will open a declaration page for ashes-related applications. This page will request information about the required documents, which include packaging and sealing certificate of the urn, death certificate, NOC from Indian embassy of concerned country, cancelled passport of the deceased and supporting declaration by the applicant.



Once the checklist is duly filled by the applicant, the portal will provide option to provide additional information and upload supporting documents as: (1) Citizenship status* (Indian citizen or NRI) (2) name of deceased* (3) passport number of the deceased (If the deceased is NRI, they must enter current passport number or OCI card number)* (4) Gender* (5) Date of Birth of the deceased* (6) Date of Death of the deceased* (after entering both values the portal will automatically calculate the completed age) (7) Repatriate from* (the country from where the human remains will be transported to India) (8) Repatriate via* (the Indian airport where the human remains will be received) (9) Ashes coming as (a) Check-in baggage (b) Hand baggage (c) Cargo (here the applicant will select the mode of transporting the ashes) (10) Packaging and sealing certificate of the urn* (11) Death Certificate* (12) NOC From Indian Embassy of concern country* (13) Cancelled passport* (Note:- For NRIs, foreign Passports are to follow local regulations but OCI card should be cancelled by Embassy of India) (14) Transport details* (the consignee has to keep information mentioned in format handy for filling it in sections ahead)

The documents marked with an asterisk (*) are mandatory and with a hash (#) are non-mandatory but to be provided if the application requires those documents or the Nodal Officer seeks the same by returning the application to the Consignee.

Note: These documents must be uploaded in PDF, JPEG, JPG, or PNG format and have a file size of less than 512 MB.



After submitting the application form all the further processes will be same for ashes coming via Cargo as the Human Remains application process mentioned in previous section. Consignee will also receive notifications on email/SMS/WhatsApp confirming the same which can be used for booking cargo. A sample email that will be received by consignee is as follows.

<u>Sample Email</u>

Dear < Consignee Name >

Your application <Registration Number>, for <deceased name> <gender> <age> having passport number <Passport No.> to transport Ashes to India is approved by APHO. The Documents uploaded are in Order.

However, The Final clearance will be done at the Destination on producing the documents in original.

Please book the Ashes of <deceased name> <sex> <age> with Cancelled Passport Number <Passport No.> to Cargo and upload the Air Waybill (AWB) details along with the email id of the airlines; and name, mobile number, email id and contact address of the designated contact person who will collect the Ashes at destination airport.

If the Ashes Urn is transported as Check in or hand baggage to upload the details, the airline's email address; and name, mobile number, email address, contact address, flight details, boarding pass of the person transporting the ashes.

This information will be needed for generating the provisional clearance certificate.

Manager Airlines: - This message is APHO clearance for booking and transporting Ashes to the destination Airport, including verification and the collection of original documents for submission at the destination Airport's APHO.

This is system generated message/mail. Please don't reply to this message/email.

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If the ashes are coming as Check-in baggage or Hand baggage, a cargo need not be booked and the person carrying the ashes can submit their flight details.

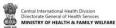
11. ADDING TRANSPORT DETAILS FOR HUMAN REMAINS / ASHES TRANSPORTED VIA CARGO

Once the application is approved in all aspects by the Nodal Officer and the consignee has booked the cargo, the consignee is notified to upload transport details. On this page, the consignee enters (1) From* (the country from where the mortal remains will be transported to India) (2) To* (The APHO where the mortal remains will be received) (3) Airway bill* (generated by the Airline) (4) Airline name* (5) Airway bill number* (6) Airline Email* (7) Additional email of airline's departure and destination division (8) Arrival time to India (In Indian Standard Time) (9) Remarks

A sample of these fields has been presented to consignee in previous pages and the same must be filled here.

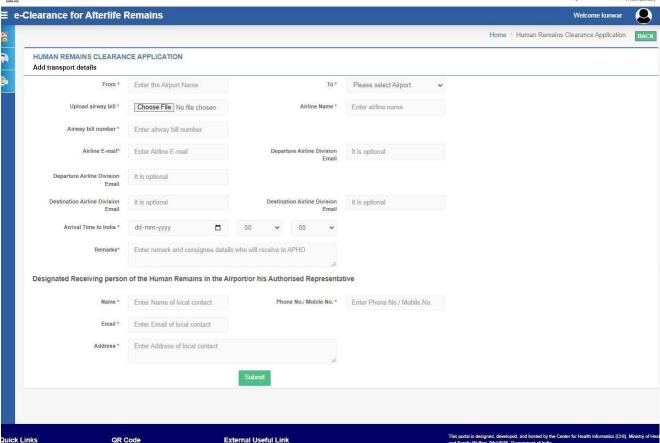
In addition to transport details the consignee will also enter the details of designated person who will receive the mortal remains at the airport, this includes (1) Name* (2) Phone number/Mobile number* (3) Email* (4) Address*.

The fields marked with an asterisk (*) are mandatory.









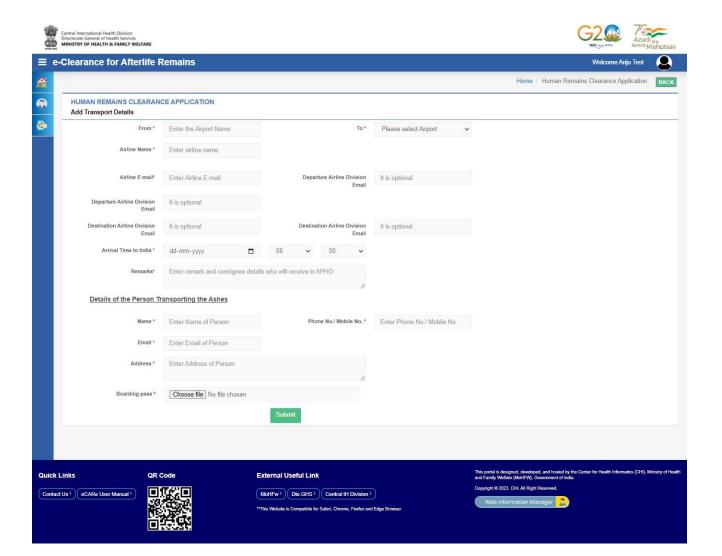
12. ADDING TRANSPORT DETAILS FOR ASHES TRANSPORTED AS **CHECK-IN OR HAND BAGGAGE**

If the ashes are coming as hand baggage or check in baggage the below mentioned screen will appear where it will ask for (1) From* (the country from where the mortal remains will be transported to India) (2) To* (The APHO where the mortal remains will be received) (3) Airline name* (4) Airline Email* (5) Additional email of airline's departure and destination division (6) Arrival time to India (In Indian Standard Time) (7) Remarks

A sample of these fields has been presented to consignee in previous pages and the same must be

In addition to transport details the consignee will also enter the details of the person transporting the ashes, this includes (1) Name* (2) Phone number/Mobile number* (3) Email* (4) Address* (5) Boarding pass*.

The fields marked with an asterisk (*) are mandatory.



13. PROVISIONAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE

A provisional clearance certificate will be generated after entering the transport details and the name of the designated person who will receive the mortal remains. It is one of the mandatory documents to prove that the e-clearance was done through the eCARe portal and only after this certificate is generated the airline can load Human Remains via cargo for transportation.

Once the human remains arrive at the destination airport, the airline must submit hard copies of this certificate, along with the original documents uploaded at the time of application, to the APHO for final clearance before handing over the human remains to the local contacts. It is worth noting that Provisional clearance certificate is mandatory at the destination airport along with original documents and is not mandatory at the departure airport.

The certificate can be downloaded from the portal as well as it is mailed to consignee, local contact, and Airlines at both departure and arrival, if the email is mentioned in the transport details section.

Sample Email

To: Consignee

Cc: Local Contact, Airline

Attachment: Provisional Clearance Certificate

Dear < Consignee >

Subject: "PROVISIONAL CLEARACNE CERTIFICATE" - < Registration Number>

Documents of Late Mr/Mrs <variable> <gender> <age> with passport number <variable> are checked & found to be ok. HR may be transported to India.

However, Actual NOC will be issued from APHO <variable> on the production of the required set of original documents and one set of Photocopy.

This is system generated message/mail. Please don't reply to this message/email.

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PROVISIONAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE

Registration No.REG-0000171

Documents Of Late Mr/Mrs name (Male) (29 years 1 months) with Cancelled Passport Number PASS12345678 with Transport are Checked & Found to be Ok

AIRLINES

The Concerned Airline Staff Must Show The Original Documents and Submit a Set Of Photocopy to **APHO Delhi** Airlines is responsible for submission of all required documents for final clearance.

TRANSPORT DETAILS

The Human Remains are booked via Airline name Airline 2024-02-22 Date 13:15 Time.

LOCAL CONTACT DETAILS

The consignee referred **Local Person** local contact to collect the Human Remains, the details are **Local Person Name 7878789877 Phone New Delhi Contact Address**.

Regards

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14. EDITING THE TRANSPORT DETAILS

Once the transport details are added and the consignee for some reason changes the travel plan, they can edit the transport details as well as the details of person receiving the Cargo. In case of ashes coming as hand baggage or check-in luggage, the same can also be edited.

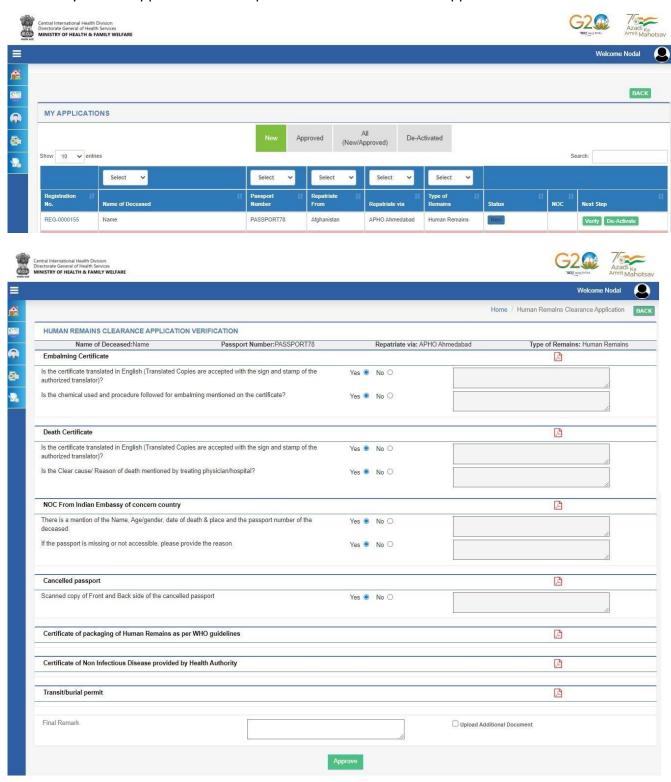


Once edited, the Provisional clearance certificate is also reissued as a two pager PDF version with the previous provisional clearance certificate strike out as shown in picture below and new provisional clearance certificate without strikes.



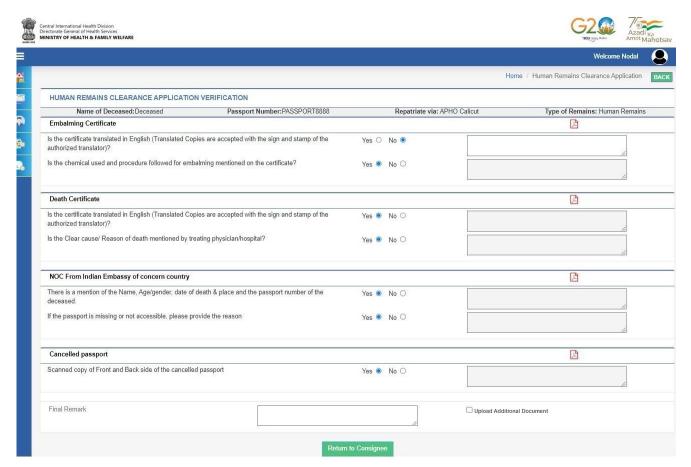
15. NODAL OFFICER WORKFLOW

Nodal officers can login to the eCARe portal, where their home page displays a list of applications that have not yet been approved and also provide details of submitted applications.



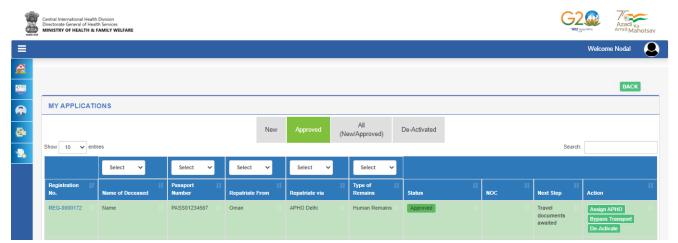
The nodal officer is responsible for checking and verifying all applications and uploaded documents submitted by the consignee. Once approved, the application status is reflected on both the Nodal Officer's and the consignee's dashboards.

If the Nodal officer finds a discrepancy in the submitted application, they can make relevant comments and return the application to the consignee after selecting the 'upload additional documents' option. These returned applications are resubmitted by consignee after addressing the highlighted discrepancies.



16. UPDATING FIRST INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT OR DESTINATION AIRPORT

The destination airport for a cargo can be updated majorly in two scenarios firstly, being if for some reason the consignee wishes to modify the destination airport, they must send a request by email to apho.del-hum-mohfw@gov.in with all necessary details. Secondly, in some scenarios for example if the Human remain is coming from USA to Amritsar the consignee as well as the APHO will not know if the cargo is coming to Amritsar directly or via some connecting international airport for example Delhi. If this cargo lands at Delhi airport it will further go to Amritsar in a domestic flight and the official formalities of receiving the cargo will be done at Delhi airport and not at the Amritsar airport. For such in-transit cargos or applications with a request to change destination airport, the CIHD department or Nodal Officer of eCARe portal has the right to change APHO.



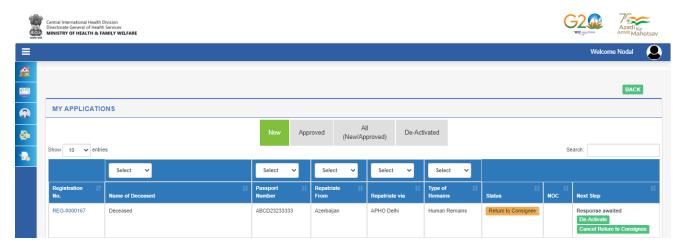
The bypass transport option is for those applications where consignee for some reason has not uploaded the transport details. For such applications the process of uploading the transport details is skipped and the APHO can directly move to the next step, however this is not advisable, the option is kept for rarest applications. The option to deactivate any application is also available against each application.

As an example, in the below mentioned screenshot, the application was submitted to APHO Ahmedabad and was later forwarded to APHO Delhi.



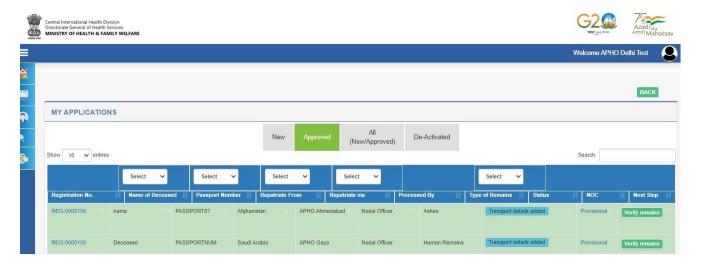
17. RE-APPROVING THE RETURNED APPLICATIONS

If the Supervising Nodal Officer or CIHD Nodal Officer feels the application has been sent back to consignee by mistake the same can be cancelled and the pulled back application can be processed for clearance.

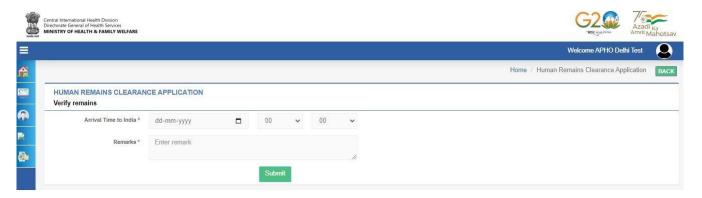


18. APHO WORKFLOW AND DOCUMENT VERIFICATION

- Airport Health Officers (APHO) are stationed at all major Indian airports and are notified via email and SMS/WhatsApp as soon as the consignee registers for human remains clearance and selects the airport where the APHO is stationed as the destination for transporting the human remains. APHOs are also notified via email and SMS/WhatsApp at each stage of the process to keep them up to date on the status of applications.
- For an application, APHO can download provisional clearance certificate, air waybill, air tickets (or boarding pass) for Human remains/Ashes uploaded by the consignee for planning the clearance as well as details of person who will be receiving mortal remains.
- For verification, as and when the Human Remains arrives at the airport, APHO verifies the Provisional Clearance Certificate and all original documents uploaded by the consignee at the time of application submission.

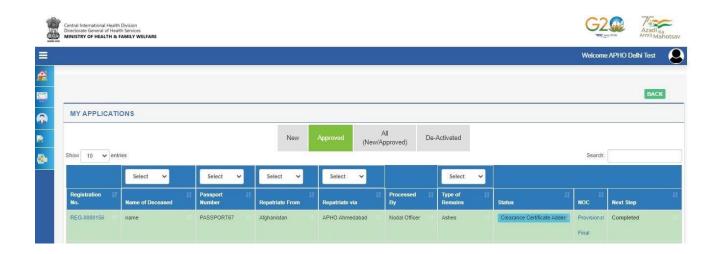


• APHO update the arrival date and time of the mortal remains and add remarks for the application.



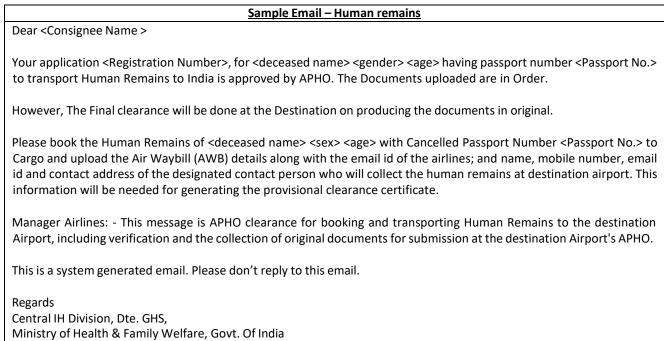
• Upon successful verification, NOC will be issued to the person nominated to receive the human remains. This NOC is also uploaded on the portal which marks the completion of process.

• Once the APHO uploads the No Objection certificate, application status changes to "Clearance certificate added" and all stakeholders can view the Final No Objection certificate from the application.



19. AIRLINE'S RESPONSIBILITY

Ensure that the AWB is issued after the due checking of the e-clearance message from eCARe: Airlines must ensure that the consignee who applied in the eCARe portal shares the approval message received via email depicting the e-clearance given by the Nodal Officer of the eCARe portal for booking the cargo. Sample approval email for Human remains as well as ashes are as:



Sample Email - Ashes

Dear < Consignee Name >

Your application <Registration Number>, for <deceased name> <gender> <age> having passport number <Passport No.> to transport Ashes to India is approved by APHO. The Documents uploaded are in Order.

However, The Final clearance will be done at the Destination on producing the documents in original.

Please book the Ashes of <deceased name> <sex> <age> with Cancelled Passport Number <Passport No.> to Cargo and upload the Air Waybill (AWB) details along with the email id of the airlines; and name, mobile number, email id and contact address of the designated contact person who will collect the Ashes at destination airport.

If the Ashes Urn is transported as Check in or hand baggage to upload the details, the airline's email address; and name, mobile number, email address, contact address, flight details, boarding pass of the person transporting the ashes.

This information will be needed for generating the provisional clearance certificate.

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Regards

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Verifying the authenticity of the Email from nodal officer via email: Airlines can check the authenticity of the approval with the Nodal Officer of eCARe portal by sending an email to apho.del-hum-mohfw@gov.in with relevant information and quoting the reference number.

Verifying the original mandatory documents before issuing the AWB: Only after confirming the four required original documents for Human Remains clearance can the cargo be booked and an AWB issued. The airline must also provide the consignee with information, such as the email addresses of the relevant divisions at the departure and destination airports, to facilitate the clearance of Human Remains in both locations. A Provisional Clearance Certificate will be emailed to these addresses, which is a mandatory document at the destination airport. At the time of booking the cargo, the consignee may present the following format and request relevant information.

Transportation details

The consignee must collect the following information when booking the flight to carry the Ashes to India.

The following information will be required by the Consignee to Add the transportation details and for generating the Provisional Clearance Certificate which will be sent to all emails (point IV, V, VI, VII and VIII) for easy clearance at Departure and Destination Airports.

I.	From:
11.	To:
III.	Airline Name:
IV.	Airline email:
V.	Departure Airline Division Email:
VI.	Departure Airline Division Email:
VII.	Destination Airline Division Email:
VIII.	Destination Airline Division Email:
IX.	Arrival time to India:
Χ.	Remarks:
XI.	Details of the person transporting the ashes
	A. Name:
	B. Mobile number:
	C. Email address:
	D. Contact address:
	E. Boarding pass (Soft copy to be attached)

Transportation details

The consignee must collect the following information when booking the cargo to send the Human Remains to India. The following information will be required in sections ahead for submitting the application.

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III.	Airline Name *:	
IV.	Airway Bill Number *:	
v.	Airline Email *:	
VI.	Departure Airline Division Email:	
VII.	Departure Airline Division Email:	
VIII.	Destination Airline Division Email:	
IX.	Destination Airline Division Email:	
x.	Arrival time to India (in IST) *:	
XI.	Remarks*:	

Submit all the documents to the concerned APHO on arrival at the destination: The airline carrying the human remains or ashes via cargo, must bring a copy of the provisional clearance certificate and mandatory documents in original, as well as one set of xerox copies, and submit them to the APHO at the destination airport for verification upon arrival for final clearance.

Note: The Provisional Clearance Certificate is only required at the destination airport and must be given to the APHO when the airline submits the documents for final clearance.

The Airlines specific roles are given in detail in FAQs under the section: 'Instructions and responsibilities of airline' (Q52 - Q57).