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Subject: -Turant Customs - Initiatives for Contactless Customs - reg.

Attention of the Importers, Exporters, Custom Brokers, and all other stakeholders is invited to Board's Circular No. 32/2020-Customs dated 06.07.2020, on the above subject.

2. Under its flagship 'Turant Customs' programme aimed at providing a 'Faceless, Contactless and Paperless' Customs administration, Board has recently introduced a number of initiatives that leverage technology in order to enhance the efficiency in the Customs clearance processes thereby leading to speedy clearances, transparency in decision making, ease of doing business and very importantly, reduce physical contact in the prevailing pandemic situation. These initiatives include, amongst others, automated clearances of Bills of Entry, digitisation of Customs documents, paperless clearance, Faceless Assessment and establishment of Turant Suvidha Kendra at Bengaluru and Chennai vide Circulars No.05/2020-Customs, dated 27.01.2020, No. 19/2020-Customs, dated 13.04.2020 and No.28/2020-Customs, dated 05.06.2020 respectively.

3. Continuing with the aforementioned initiatives and with a view to further prepare the ground for applying the reforms pan-India, Board has now decided to take certain measures, which are detailed below.

4. At the behest of Board, DG Systems, CBIC has enabled w.e.f **06.07.2020** certain functionalities in ICEGATE which would reduce the need for physical interaction between Customs and trade and also speed up the Customs clearance process. These new functionalities are explained below.

4.1 Registration of Authorised Dealer Code, Bank Accounts through ICEGATE:

4.1. 1. Exporters are presently required to register their Authorised Dealer (AD) Code and Bank Account(s) for purposes of remittances and availing export benefits respectively at every Customs station. Even though it is an one-time

procedure, it requires physical interaction between the Customs and the trade and submission of physical documents by the latter. Being a manual process, it causes delays impacting exports besides requiring the exporters or their representatives to personally visit the Customs Houses. Same is the case for the process of updation of Bank Account details. On review, this procedure has been done away with.

4.1.2. The Directorate General of Systems, CBIC has now enabled a functionality within ICEGATE login which allows the exporters to make an online request for registration/ modification of their AD Code / Bank Account(s) and also electronically submit the Passbook copy or Bank Authorisation letter through e-Sanchit. The exporters would also have access to a Dashboard to view the status of approval and acceptance at PFMS, for quick rectification at their end. The detailed step-by-step guide is available on the ICEGATE portal at [http://www.icegate.gov.in/Download/Bank/ Account Management Advisory.pdf](http://www.icegate.gov.in/Download/Bank/Account%20Management%20Advisory.pdf)

4.1.3. This office intends to complete the approval process for registration/updation of the Authorised Dealer (AD) Code and Bank Account(s) details in ICES within the same working day of receiving the applications, if all requirements are submitted in ICEGATE. However, if any deficiencies are noticed, the same shall be communicated to the exporter via the Customs Automated system, who would then make required rectification through ICEGATE portal.

4.2. Simplified Registration of Importers/ Exporters in ICEGATE:

Although simplified Registration module for importers / exporters based on verification provided in associated GSTIN has been provided without the requirement of digital signature, since many importers / exporters have not availed the same, various functionalities available in the ICEGATE portal cannot be accessed by them. These functionalities are useful to the importers / exporters and would help them in their management of imports and exports. Some of these functionalities are Management of Bank Accounts, Ledger View, IGST Refund status, Query Reply etc. Therefore, importers / exporters are advised to register on ICEGATE and conduct their Customs clearances through electronic interface. The simplified registration on ICEGATE can be done easily in few moments by following the steps given in the link at [https://www.icegate.gov.in/Download/Advisory for Simplified %2 ORegistrato n at ICEGATE vl.pdf](https://www.icegate.gov.in/Download/Advisory%20for%20Simplified%20Registration%20at%20ICEGATE%20v1.pdf).

5. The aforementioned initiatives are expected to enhance trade facilitation as well as improve the efficiency of the Customs processes. Therefore, the trade is advised to make full use of the new initiatives and make their Customs clearance process a pleasant experience.

6. Difficulties, if any, in the implementation of this Public Notice may be brought to the notice of the Joint/ Additional Commissioner of this office.

7. Action to be taken in terms of decisions conveyed in this Public Notice should be considered as Standing Order for the purpose of officers.


(Dr. K.VENKAT RAM REDDY) 9/7/2020
COMMISSIONER

To

All the Exporters / Customs Brokers Agencies / Customs Brokers Licensees / Customs Brokers Associations under the jurisdiction of Customs Commissionerate (Preventive), Vijayawada through the Additional Commissioner of Customs, Krishnapatnam / Kakinada Custom House and the Assistant Commissioner of Customs, ICD, Marripalem / Reddypalem. Copy submitted to the Chief Commissioner of Customs & Central Tax, Visakhapatnam Zone, GST Bhavan, Port Area, Visakhapatnam – 530 035 ... for information.

Copy to :

1. The Principal Commissioner of Customs, Custom House, Port Area, Visakhapatnam – 530 035 ... for information. The Additional Commissioner of Customs, Krishnapatnam Custom House, KAPS Building, CVR Complex, Krishnapatnam Port
2. rea, Gopalapuram, MUTHUKURU – 524 344 S. P. S.R. Nellore District for information with a direction to give wide publicity among the exporters under the jurisdiction KPCH.
3. The Additional Commissioner of Customs, Kakinada Custom House, Port Road, Kakinada – 533 007, East Godavari District... for information with a direction to give wide publicity among the exporters under the jurisdiction KKDCH. The Assistant Commissioner of Customs, ICD, Marripalem – 522 233, Guntur District ... for information with a direction to give wide publicity among the exporters under their jurisdiction.
4. The Assistant Commissioner of Customs, ICD, Reddypalem, Guntur District ... for information with a direction to give wide publicity among the exporters under their jurisdiction.
5. The Deputy / Assistant Commissioners of Customs, Customs Divisions, Visakhapatnam, Kakinada and Tirupati ... for information.
6. Copy to Webmasters for display on KPCL/KSPL/GCT websites.
7. Copy to M/s. Krishnapatnam Port Company Limited (KPCL), the Custodian / Custom Cargo Service Provider of Krishnapatnam Port , Muthukur , SPSR Nellore District (Though the Additional Commissioner of Customs, Custom House, Krishnapatnam) ... for information.
8. Copy to M/s. Kakinada Sea Ports Limited, the Custodian / Custom Cargo Service Provider of Kakinada Port, Kakinada (Though the Additional Commissioner of Customs, Custom House, Kakinada) ... for information.
9. Copy to M/s. Leap International Private Limited , the Custodian / Custom Cargo Service Provider of ICD, Marripalem, Guntur (Though Assistant Commissioner of Customs, ICD, Marripalem, Guntur) ... for information.
10. Copy to The Chief General Manager, M/s Container Corporation of India Ltd., Regional Office, 601-603, 6th Floor, Navketan, Opp. Clock Tower, S.D. Road, SECUNDERABAD – 500 003.. (Though Assistant Commissioner of Customs, ICD, Reddypalem, Guntur) ... for information.
11. Copy to Superintendent (Computers), CC(P), Hqrs. Office, Vijayawada for display on CPC, Vijayawada website www.apcustoms.gov.in.
12. Notice Board