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## PUBLIC NOTICE NO. 30 /2019-Cus

Subject: - Revised Norms for Execution of Bank Guarantee under Advance Authorisation, DFIA and EPCG Schemes - reg.

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Attention of all the Importers, Exporters, Customs Brokers, Steamer Agents, Custodians/ Customs Cargo Service Providers, Trade Associations / Chamber of Commerce, Members of the RAC/ PGC and the Public is invited to the Board Circular No.31/2019-Cus, dated 13-09-2019, on the above subject.

- 2. Board is in receipt of references from field formations and inputs from trade and industry seeking clarification as to what should be the basis for waiver of Bank Guarantee to be executed with Customs in the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime under AA, DFIA and EPCG schemes in respect of manufacturer exporters/service providers.
- 3. The matter has been examined. GST has come into force from 01.07.2017 whereby Service Tax as well as major portion of Central Excise have been subsumed in the GST. Board's Circular No. 58/2004-Cus dated 21.10.2004 (hereinafter referred to as 'the said Circular') as amended vide Circular Nos. 17/2009-Cus dated 25.05.2009, 32/2009-Cus dated 25.11.2009, 06/2011-Cus dated 18.01.2011, 08/2013-Cus dated 04.03.2013 and 15/2014-Cus dated 18.12.2014 inter alia prescribes the norms for execution of Bond/Bank Guarantee

in respect of imports made under the AA, DFIA and EPCG Schemes. The said Circular and amending Circular No. 17/2009-Cus dated 25.05.2009 extend exemption from execution of Bank Guarantee based on export turnover, quantum of duty, tax paid etc.

- 4. In the wake of GST regime, the norms for execution of Bank Guarantee under AA, DFIA and EPCG schemes have been reviewed and the following clarification is given:-
  - (i) Manufacturer exporters/Service Providers registered with the GST authorities (Centre/State/Union Territory) who have been exporting during the previous two financial years and have minimum export of Rs. 1 crore or more during the preceding financial year shall also be eligible to claim exemption from furnishing Bank Guarantee under category (d) of importers specified in Table given in para 3.1 of the said Circular.
  - (ii) Manufacturer exporters/Service Providers registered with the GST authorities (Centre/State/Union Territory) who have paid GST of Rs.1 crore or more during the preceding financial year shall also be eligible to claim exemption from furnishing Bank Guarantee under category (e) of importers specified in Table given in para 3.1 of the said Circular.
- 5. In order to avoid difficulties in the GST regime regarding furnishing of proof of export performance or payment of duty required to be certified by the jurisdictional Superintendent of Central Excise (para 3.2(b) of the said Circular), it has been decided to discontinue the requirement for procurement of such certificate from Central Excise authorities. In other words, in cases where the AA/DFIA/EPCG authorisation holder is a registered member of an Export Promotion Council, he shall produce a certificate of export performance or payment of duty/GST for the purpose of availing Bank Guarantee exemption from the concerned Export Promotion Council on the lines of similar facility available earlier. In cases where the AA/DFIA/EPCG authorisation holder is not a registered member of an Export Promotion Council, he may produce such

certificate duly authenticated by a practicing Chartered Accountant who is registered with the GST Department (Centre/State/Union Territory) for payment of GST. This is also on the lines of similar facility available earlier. The Chartered Accountant will mention his GSTIN and other registration details in the certificate on the lines stipulated earlier.

- 6. The other provisions of the said Circular, as amended from time to time, remain unchanged. A suitable Trade Notice and Standing Order may be issued for the guidance of the trade and staff. Difficulties faced, if any, in implementation of the Circular may be brought to the notice of the Board at an early date.
- 7. All the members of the Regional Advisory Committee, Trade and Industry Associations are requested to circulate the Public Notice among their constituent members for implementation and guidance.
- 8. Action to be taken in terms of decisions taken in this Public Notice should be considered <u>as Standing Order</u> for the purpose of officers and staff.
- Any difficulty, experienced in the implementation, may be brought to the notice of the undersigned.

(एस. फहीम अहमद/S.FAHEEM AHMED) PRINCIPAL COMMISSIONER

To

All the Importers / Exporters / Customs Brokers Agencies / Customs Brokers Licensees / Customs Brokers Associations under the jurisdiction of Customs Commissionerate (Preventive), Vijayawada through the Additional / Joint Commissioner of Customs, Krishnapatnam Custom House / Kakinada Custom House and the Deputy / Assistant Commissioner of Customs, ICD, Marripalem.

 Copy submitted to the Chief Commissioner of Customs and Central Tax, Visakhapatnam zone, GST Bhavan, Port Area, Visakhapatnam – 530035 for information.

## Copy to:

- The Additional Commissioner of Customs, Krishnapatnam Custom House, KAPS Building, CVR Complex, Krishnapatnam Port Area, Gopalapuram, MUTHUKURU-524344 S.P.S.R Nellore District for information with a direction to give wide publicity among the exporters under the jurisdiction of KPCH.
- The Joint Commissioner of Customs, Kakinada Custom House, Port Road, Kakinada – 533007, East Godavari District for information with a direction to give wide publicity among the exporters under the jurisdiction of KKDCH.
- The Deputy / Assistant Commissioner of Customs, ICD Marripalem 522233, Guntur District for information with a direction to give wide publicity among the exporters under their jurisdiction.
- The Deputy / Assistant Commissioner of Customs, Customs Division, Visakhapatnam / Kakinada / Vijayawada / Tirupati for information.
- 5. The Deputy / Assistant Commissioner of Customs, Hqrs. Trade Facilitation Centre, Hqrs.office, CC(P), Vijayawada for information.
- Copy to Superintendent (Computers), CPC, Hqrs.office, Vijayawada for display on CPC, Vijayawada website www.apcustoms.gov.in
- Copy to M/s Krishnapatnam Port Company Ltd., (KPCL) the custodian / Custom Cargo Service Provider of Krishnapatnam Port, Muthukur, SPSR Nellore District (Through the Additional Commissioner of Customs, Custom House, Krishnapatnam) for information.
- 8. Copy to M/s Kakinada Seaports Ltd.,(KSPL) the custodian / Custom Cargo Service Provider of Kakinada Port, Kakinada (Through the Joint Commissioner of Customs, Custom House, Kakinada) for information.
- Copy to M/s Leap International Private Ltd, the custodian / Custom Cargo Service Provider of ICD Marripalem, Guntur (Through the Deputy / Assistant Commissioner of Customs, ICD, Marripalem, Guntur) for information.
- Copy to the Notice Board.