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**Sub: Encouraging Women participation in International Trade – Reg.**

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Kind attention is invited to Board's Circular No. 02/2024 dated 08.03.2024 on the cited subject and also to Board's Circular No. 42/2013-Customs dated 25.10.2023 regarding setting up of 'Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee' (CCFC) and Circular No. 13/2015-Customs dated 13.04.2015 pertaining to Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee' (PTFC) instituting a structured mechanism for receiving feedback from the trade and removing bottlenecks in procedure.

2. To make the most of trade as a catalyst for equality, women must be represented at all levels. Women also must be represented across different job roles and functions of trade – be it as traders, customs house agents, freight forwarders, or customs brokers. Keeping in view the growing participation of women in the logistics sector, a conscious effort is required by all participants including Partner Government Agencies (PGAs) and trade bodies in this regard.

3. In view of the above, it has been decided that henceforth: -

- i. Representation of women in the Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee (PTFC) and Customs Clearance Facility Committee (CCFC) meetings, preferably through women associations is solicited
- ii. At least one agenda point from women perspective must be included in the upcoming meetings.
- iii. Trade bodies/ Custodians must establish dedicated help desks and processing mechanisms for women traders and women logistics service providers.
- iv. Support in up skilling women logistics service providers, freight forwarders and custom brokers by offering relevant trainings for women shall be provided

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4. Difficulties, if any, in implementation of this Public Notice may be brought to the notice of the undersigned.

**(C. VENKAIAH CHOWDARY)**  
COMMISSIONER

To

The importers, exporters, other stake holders and all the concerned.

Copy submitted to the Chief Commissioner of Customs, Visakhapatnam Zone, Visakhapatnam

Copy to-

1. The Additional Commissioner of Customs, Custom House, Kakinada/Krishnapatnam.
2. The Additional /Joint Commissioner of Customs, Hqrs., Customs Commissionerate(Preventive), vijayawada.
3. The Assistant /Deputy Commissioner of Customs, ICD MARRIPALEM, GUNTUR.
4. The Assistant /Deputy Commissioner of Customs, Customs Preventive Division, Visakhapatnam/ Kakinada/ Tirupathi/ TFC Hqrs. of Customs Commissionerate (Preventive), Vijayawada.
5. Notice Board.
6. Superintendent, Computers section, Customs Commissionerate (Preventive), Vijayawada for uploading in the website of this office.