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Subject: - Single Window Project- clearance of food consignments by Customs officers at locations where FSSAI has provided delegation- reg.

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 Boards Instruction No. 10/2018-Customs dated 29.05.2018 issued from F.No. 450/146/2015-Cus IV on the above subject.

2. Kind reference is also invited to Board Circular Nos. 03/2016-customs dated 03.02.2016 and 10/2016-customs dated 15.03.2016 regarding the operationalization of the Single Window Interface for Facilitation of Trade (SWIFT) from 01st April, 2016 at all EDI locations throughout India.

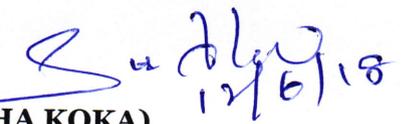
3. To recapitulate, in SWIFT, the system automatically refers food-related consignments to the Food Safety & Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) through a message exchange system established between ICEGATE and the Food Import Clearance System (FICS) operated by FSSAI. This automatic reference of imported food consignments is done in locations where FSSAI has its offices. For the remaining Customs EDI locations, the system generates instructions directing that Customs 'Authorized Officers' may clear the consignment (wherever, such 'Authorized Officer' are present) and in other locations where 'Authorized Officers'

are not present, the consignments were to be referred to Port Health officer for an NOC.

4. As of now, FSSAI has offices in 6 cities covering 21 ICES locations. For Customs locations where FSSAI does not have officers, FSSAI had issued order No. 1-1371/FSSAI/Imports/2015 dated 29th March 2016 delegating authority to Customs officers to perform the functions of an 'Authorized Officer' under food safety laws. FSSAI has now issued order No. 1-1371/FSSAI/Imports/2015 (Part-7) dated 2nd May, 2018 notifying Customs officer as 'Authorized officers' under food safety laws. This order is in supersession of all previous notifications/ orders with regard to authorizing Customs officials to handle food import clearance. This order is also available at <http://www.fssai.gov.in/home/imports/orderguidelines.html>.

5. FSSAI has also issued a list of accredited laboratories for the testing of all food-related consignments vide order F. No. 12012/02/2017-QA dated 1st August, 2017. This list can be accessed at <http://www.fssai.gov.in/home/food-testing/Orders---Notice.html>. The food samples shall be sent for testing to the authorized FSSAI labs nearest to the Customs Houses & ICD/CFS for testing before clearance. Prior to clearance, the Customs officers posted in the shed should record in the system the acceptance or rejection of the consignments as part of the examination report as this would help in carrying out risk analysis.

6. Difficulties, if any, in following the above instructions may please be brought to the notice of the undersigned.


(SUDHA KOKA)
COMMISSIONER

To

Importers, Exporter and Customs Brokers of Customs Preventive Commissionerate, Vijayawada (Through the Joint Commissioner of Customs, Krishnapatnam / Kakinada, Customs House and Asst./Deputy Commissioner of Customs, ICD, Marripalem, Guntur).

1. Copy submitted to the Chief Commissioner of Customs & Central Tax, Visakhapatnam Zone, G.S.T. Bhavan, Port area, Visakhapatnam for information.

Copy to :

1. The Commissioner of Central Tax Guntur Commissionerate / Visakhapatnam Commissionerate / Tirupati Commissionerate with a request to circulate the same to all concerned.
2. The Joint Commissioner of Customs, Kakinada Customs House/ Krishnapatnam Customs House.
3. The Assistant / Deputy Commissioner of Customs, ICD, Marripalem, Guntur.
4. The Assistant/Deputy Commissioner of Customs, Customs Divisions, Tirupati / Kakinada / Visakhapatnam.
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