

सीमा शुल्क (निवारक) के आयुक्त का कार्यालय OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS (PREVENTIVE)

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PUBLIC NOTICE No. 44/2017-Cus.

Subject: - Implementing Electronic Sealing for Containers by exporters under self-sealing procedure by Circular 26/2017-Cus dated 01.07.2017, 36/2017 dated 28.08.2017, 37/2017 dated 20.09.2017, 41/2017 dated 30.10.2017 and 44/2017 dated 18.11.2017 – Regarding.

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 Circular No. 51/2017-Customs dated 21.12.2017 issued from F.No.450/08/2015-Cus.IV on the above subject.

- 2. The Board has received representations from field formations and other stakeholders for relaxing the requirements for mandatory e-sealing in view of insufficient stock of e-seals with the empanelled vendors.
- 3. Taking this into consideration, Board has decided the following:
 - (i) All entitled Exporters who have acquired RFID e-seals and are stuffing containers at approved premises for export through Ports/ICDs where facilities for readers are available shall be free to continue / adopt the

- new e-sealing procedure. Essentially, this implies that the procedure is voluntary till 1^{st} March, 2018.
- (ii) Further, with effect from 1st March, 2018 the procedure shall become mandatory in respect of the exporter who have been permitted selfsealing facilities under erstwhile procedure and AEO exporters or availing supervised stuffing at their premises for the following locations:
 - 1. JNCH, Nhava Sheva (INNSA1)
 - 2. Chennai Port (INMAA1)
 - 3. Mundra Port (INMUN1)
 - 4. Hazira Port (INHZA1)
 - 5. Cochin Port (INCOK1)
 - 6. Kattupalli Port (INKAT1)
 - 7. Kolkata Port (INCCU1)
 - 8. ICD Tughlakabad (INTKD6)
 - 9. Tuticorin Port (INTUT1)
 - 10. Pipavav Port (INPAV1)
 - 11. Visakhapatnam Port (INVTZ1)
 - 12. Krishnapatnam Port (INKRI1)
 - 13. ICD Bangalore (INWFD6)
 - 14. ICD Tirupur (INCHE6)
 - 15. ICD Ludhiana (INLDH6)
- (iii) E-sealing procedure for all Ports/ICDs other than above 15 locations will be mandatory with effect from 1st April, 2018.
- 4. It is reiterated that the exporters who have already switched to e-sealing procedure may continue with the new procedure and those exporters who intend to voluntarily adopt e-sealing procedure are free to do so, if the readers are in place at the Customs station of export. Exporters already availing stuffing under officer supervision shall continue to enjoy the facility till the date e-sealing becomes mandatory at the port/ICD from where they are exporting containers.
- Action to be taken in term of decisions taken in this Public Notice should be considered as **standing order** for the purpose of officers and staff.

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

(SUDHAKOKA)
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).

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

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- 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 Preventive Divisions, Tirupathi / Kakinada / Visakhapatnam.
- 5. Copy to Computer Section, CPC, Hqrs. Office, Vijayawada to upload into website.
- 6. Copy to Notice Board.