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The members of Trade and Industry and Officers of the Department are hereby informed that various new IT initiatives have been undertaken which would increase the ease of doing business by reducing manual interface, increase transparency & uniformity and replace manual documentation or verification by online message exchange with partner regulatory agencies like RBI, DGFT etc.

2. Based on the popularity of the “ Interactive Duty Calculator “ which was introduced for the benefit of the general public, and its collateral utilization by Departmental officers as a single point referencer for important compliance requirements of other Government Departments , The Directorate General of Systems and Data Management , New Delhi vide letter F.No. IV(35)/46/2013-Systems /1094 dated 03-02-2015 has recently introduced a Referencer for Export Compulsory Compliance Requirements as well . The Directorate General of Systems and Data Management , New Delhi has concurrently completely and launched the following modules :

- (i) Seal and Signature Modules (Awaiting data entry by DRI)
- (ii) Air to Air /ICD Transshipment (Import) Module
- (iii) Integration of ICES with SEZ Online
- (iv) CRCL Imports Module ( Pilot launched at Delhi)
- (v) Export CCR
- (vi) Registration & Utilization of IEIS Scrips on ICES
- (vii) CTH-CETH matching as suggested by C&AG Audit Report

In addition , numerous new MIS reports have also been developed during this period for close & effective monitoring by supervisory officers, including select reports for Zonal supervision at the Commissioner/Chief Commissioner level through NMIS Module using the COM/CCOM role. Other reports sought by the Board from the field etc, export facilitation statistics /24x7 have also been added . Many reports have been converted to Java format to make it more user-friendly . The details are enclosed in **ANNEXURE** .

3. Attention to the Importers ,Exporters ,Customs Brokers , All Stake Holders , All Trade Associations / Chambers of Commerce and the Officers of Customs are requested to bring/publicize the contents of this Public Notice among their Members/Constituents for their information and necessary implementation.

  
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## ANNEXURE

### A. DETAILS OF MODULES ALREADY INTRODUCED:

- (i) **Seal and Signature Module:** A facility has been created for the Appraising officer to view the specimen seal and signature of designated authorities for issue of Country of Origin Certificates, in ICES 1.5. The module has been implemented in October 2014. However, DRI Headquarters is required to populate the same by uploading the applicable seals and signatures on the EDI system. The module can thereafter be used by Custom formations. This will provide effective control and authenticity in use of certificates issued by the authorities of exporting countries.
- (ii) **Air to Air/ICD Imports Transshipment Module:** A facility for transshipment of import cargo is enabled in EDI from one air cargo site to another aircargo/ICD. This will replace manual procedure, thus enabling electronic approval which is quick and transparent, and will reduce manual interface and dwell time. This module has been implemented in September 2015.
- (iii) **ICES- SEZ integration:** This will eliminate the need for paper based documents needed for movement of cargo between SEZs and customs ports. The SEZ importers will enter the relevant IGM details in their SEZ Bills of Entry after assessment at SEZ, message for which will be provided online to ICES. ICES will allow transshipment of the goods against these SEZ Bills of Entry details. A record will be kept of the SEZ Bill of Entry against the IGM line for closure of the IGM line. The module has been developed in co-ordination with Ministry of Commerce, and the pilot has been launched in Chennai in January, 2015. Once the integration is stabilized, it shall be rolled-out at other SEZ locations.
- (iv) **CRCL Imports Module:** The module facilitates sending the samples for testing (the test memo) to a chosen CRCL lab, and receiving the test reports online on the ICES 1.5. This test report will automatically integrate with the Bill of Entry. Thereafter, customs can finalize the Bill of Entry. The module has been launched as a pilot at Delhi in January 2015. It shall be rolled-out at other locations based on infrastructure availability at DGoS.
- (v) **Export CCR (Export Compulsory Compliance Requirements):** A single-point Referencer for cross-border regulatory requirements for Export has been provided as part of the 'interactive duty calculator'. Further enhancements to the Calculator, including notification details are underway.
- (vi) **Registration & utilisation of IEIS scrips on ICES:** A facility has been provided for registration & utilisation of Incremental Exports Incentivisation Scheme (IEIS) scrips on ICES, instead of manual registration & debiting. This has been implemented in November 2014.
- (vii) **CTH-CETH matching as suggested by C&AG Audit report:** It was found that the CTH & CETH declared by importers/ exporters did not match in some cases despite harmonization of the Customs & Central Excise Tariffs. A validation has therefore been introduced to ensure that the two match at the 4 digit level to start with, for Chapters 1 to 96 of the Tariffs. This has been implemented in November 2014.

### B. DETAILS OF MODULES PROPOSED:

- (i) **PCCCC Exports Module:** The module for customs processing of precious cargo exports at PCCCC (Precious Cargo Customs Clearance Centre), BKC, Mumbai has been developed and is under testing by Mumbai Customs. The Import module is already in place. After implementation at PCCCC Mumbai the module shall be implemented with relevant modifications at Surat Hira Bourse and at Jaipur Gemstone Exchange also. The Precious cargo module will reduce the dwell time in clearance of precious cargo. (FY 2014-15)
- (ii) **CCP Preventive module:** The customs preventive formations frequently suffer from lack of real-time transaction data often losing valuable time in tracking intelligence. This utility shall give access to preventive commissionerates to customs transaction data in real time.
- (iii) **Nepal CTD:** A module has been developed for processing the transit of Import and Export goods to and from Nepal through India. This module has been opened for testing by Kolkata Customs on the development server at NIC, Custom house Kolkata. (FY 2015-16)

(iv) **Air/ICD to Air and Sea to Sea Exports Transshipment Module:** The export leg of transshipment from Air/ICD site to gateway Air Site and from the CFS of a Sea port to Gateway Sea port is being envisaged. This will complete the transshipment cycle for ICD and hinterland air cargo as well as smaller sea ports. (FY 2015-16)

(v) **Single Window Clearance:** An announcement was made by Honourable FM in Budget 2014-15 for launch of Single Window in Customs whereby importers/ exporters would require submission of data once at a single point. All cross border regulatory agencies (CBRA) have to re-engineer their business processes to eliminate manual interfaces and create a common platform. This requires legal, regulatory, procedural & technical changes which are under consideration of the Board. Single Window Pilot project has been initiated by the CBEC with two external departments/ agencies, viz. Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine and Storage (DPPQS) and Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI). Based on the discussions with the external departments/ agencies and IT readiness at the other side, it is proposed to start limited message exchange of No Objection Certificate (NOC) with the concerned agencies electronically. This module is proposed to be completed by March 31, 2015. However, for establishing a single window environment with all stakeholders an inter ministerial steering group has been constituted involving stakeholders from all concerned external departments. Additionally, project monitoring group has been set up involving officers from policy and technical side to oversee the implementation.

(vi) **PCCCC Module at Jaipur:** As at (i) above

(vii) **DGFT- EODC online/ integration of Chapter 3 licences:** A module is being developed to receive Export Obligation Discharge Certificate (EODC) online from DGFT. This will eliminate the need for paper based processing, and also provide a facility for closer monitoring. Online transmission of Chapter 3 licences from DGFT is also being planned, so that manual registration of Licences in the port of Registration can be done away with.

(viii) **RMS Export (Phase II)/ Factory Sealed containers:** There is a proposal to introduce a stage before Goods Registration to capture details of Annexure C and accordingly decide on Facilitation which considers parameters such as factory sealing etc. This will address the issue currently being faced of conflicting instructions of RMS and ICES which results in factory sealed containers also being picked up for examination. Further, for RMS Phase II, a module on RMS facilitation in drawback processing and PCA in exports is on the anvil.

(ix) **Refund Module:** A module for processing all kinds of refunds in Customs on ICES shall be developed. This will facilitate faster clearance of refund applications as well as proper monitoring by senior customs administration.

(x) **Tax Arrear Recovery Module:** A module is envisaged to capture the adjudication details starting from the stage of the Original Authority to Appeals, then Tribunal and then the High Court and Supreme Court. This module will further capture the arrear details arising due to this adjudication process. Facility will be provided in ICES to enter and remove the details of the arrears along with the payments received. Details of arrears would be available as alerts against the IEC when any Bill of Entry or Shipping Bill will come for clearance on the appraising screen. A preliminary alert version is already functional in ICES.