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## **PUBLIC NOTICE No.28/2015-EDI**

Sub:-Customs- Use of digital signatures for submission of documents - Reg.

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Attention of trade and public is invited to Board Circular No.10/2015-Customs dated 31.03.2015 read with Board Circular No.26/2015 dt.23.10.2015, where in certain guidelines for use of digital signature certificates for submission through remote EDI filing of custom process documents were given.

In order to increase coverage of digitally signed documents and subsequent phasing out of physical/manual submission of documents, Board has decided that all importers, exporters using services of Customs Brokers for formalities under Customs Act, 1962, shipping lines and air lines shall file customs documents under digital signature certificates mandatorily with effect from 01.01.2016. The importers/exporters desirous of filing Bill of Entry or Shipping Bill individually may however have the option of filing declarations/documents without using digital signature. Further, wherever the customs process documents are digitally signed, the Customs will not insist on the user to physically sign the said documents.

All the field formations under the jurisdiction of this Commissionerate may sensitize the Customs Brokers and Shipping Liners for adherence to these guidelines. Further, wide publicity may be given to the trade and stakeholders for smooth implementation of aforementioned guidelines.

(S.K. RAHMAN Commissioner

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