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Sub: AEO programme digitization - Ease of doing business — Development of web- based application for AEO-TI — 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 on the above subject.

- 2. Reference is drawn to the Circular No. 26/2018- Customs dated 10.08.2018 wherein it was stated that "The Online processing of AEO T1 application will commence as soon as the necessary digital infrastructure is in place." Keeping in line with the target of digitization, an online AEO website has been developed under the aegis of DIC for online filing and processing of AEO T1 applications. This AEO Website (domain name: aeoindia.gov.in) was launched by the Chairman, CBIC on 30.11.2018 and subsequently the access to the website was made available to both the applicant, for filing of AEO T1 application (annexures), and Customs officials, for processing and delivery of digitized AEO Certificate online of newly filed applications.
- 3. A Guidance Note for departmental officers for AEO Web Application has already been circulated among the field formations. Both the trade and the field formations are requested to make use of the online platform with immediate effect.

- 4. Further, for ensuring seamless transition to the online web-application, it has been decided to concurrently continue with the manual filing and processing of AEO Tl applications up to 31.03.2019. The trade and field formations respectively would have the liberty to file and process the applications manually up to the prescribed transition time limit, i.e. up to 31.03.2019 so as to obviate any delay in time-bound processing of the applications. However, both trade and field formations should make earnest effort to use this online mode as much as possible.
- 5. Reference is also drawn to Para 3 (viii) of the Circular No. 03/2018- Customs dated 17.01.2018 regarding amendment in the AEO Programme whereby the validity of AEO Certificate of T1 & T2 were extended to 3 years uniformly.

Accordingly. in order to synchronize validity with review and OSPCA of AEO-TI certified entities, their intervals are also being extended to 3 years from existing 2 years, by modifying the following Paras of Master Circular No. 33/2016- Customs dated 22.07.2016 as below: -

- 5.1. Para 1.5 (viii) "They will not be subjected to regular transactional PCA, instead of that onsite PCA will be conducted once in three years only."
- 5.2. Para 5.4.1 "The AEO Programme Team will review AEO status periodically to ensure continued adherence to the conditions and standards of grant of Certificate of AEO Status. Thus, it is recommended that the AEO status holder should continue to reassess its compliance with the conditions of certification and act upon any identified problems as soon as they arise. The frequency of such review will be three years in case of AEO-T1 & AEO-T2 and five years in case of AEO-T3 & AEO-Lo. As far as possible, the review and the onsite PCA, if applicable, will be conducted simultaneously."

However, DIC may initiate review of any entity at any point of time if there are reasons to believe, to the satisfaction of the AEO Programme Manager, that the adherence to the conditions and standards of AEO status is compromised or affected.

6. All the members of the Regional Advisory Committee, Trade and Industry Associations are requested to circulate the Public Notice among their constituent members for implementation and guidance.

- 7. Action to be taken in terms of decisions taken in this Public Notice should be considered as Standing Order for the purpose of officers and staff.
- 8. Any difficulty, experienced in the implementation, may be brought to the notice of the undersigned.

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To

All the Importers / Exporters / Customs Brokers Agencies / Customs Brokers Licensees / Customs Brokers Associations under the jurisdiction of Customs Commissionerate (Preventive), Vijayawada through the Additional / Joint Commissioner of Customs, Krishnapatnam Custom House / Kakinada Custom House and the Deputy / Assistant Commissioner of Customs, ICD, Marripalem.

1. Copy submitted to the Chief Commissioner of Customs and Central Tax, Visakhapatnam zone, GST Bhavan, Port Area, Visakhapatnam – 530035 for information.

## Copy to:

- 1. The Additional Commissioner of Customs, Krishnapatnam Custom House, KAPS Building, CVR Complex, Krishnapatnam Port Area, Gopalapuram, MUTHUKURU-524344 S.P.S.R Nellore District for information with a direction to give wide publicity among the exporters under the jurisdiction of KPCH.
- 2. The Joint Commissioner of Customs, Kakinada Custom House, Port Road, Kakinada 533007, East Godavari District for information with a direction to give wide publicity among the exporters under the jurisdiction of KKDCH.
- 3. The Deputy / Assistant Commissioner of Customs, ICD Marripalem 522233, Guntur District for information with a direction to give wide publicity among the exporters under their jurisdiction.
- 4. The Deputy / Assistant Commissioner of Customs, Customs Division, Visakhapatnam / Kakinada / Vijayawada / Tirupati for information.
- 5. The Deputy / Assistant Commissioner of Customs, Hqrs. Trade Facilitation Centre, Hqrs. office, CC(P), Vijayawada for information.
- 6. Copy to Superintendent (Computers), CPC, Hqrs.office, Vijayawada for display on

CPC, Vijayawada website www.apcustoms.gov.in

- Copy to M/s Krishnapatnam Port Company Ltd., (KPCL) the custodian / Custom Cargo Service Provider of Krishnapatnam Port, Muthukur, SPSR Nellore District (Through the Additional Commissioner of Customs, Custom House, Krishnapatnam) for information.
- 8. Copy to M/s Kakinada Seaports Ltd.,(KSPL) the custodian / Custom Cargo Service Provider of Kakinada Port, Kakinada (Through the Joint Commissioner of Customs, Custom House, Kakinada) for information.
- 9. Copy to M/s Leap International Private Ltd, the custodian / Custom Cargo Service Provider of ICD Marripalem, Guntur (Through the Deputy / Assistant Commissioner of Customs, ICD, Marripalem, Guntur) for information.
- 10. Copy to the Notice Board.