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**Sub: Discontinuation of printing of Advance Authorisations /
 Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) Authorisations
 on security paper by DGFT for authorisations issued with
 EDI ports as port of registration - 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. Kind reference is drawn to Board's Circular No. 07/2019 dated 21.02.2019 regarding discontinuation of printing of Advance Authorisations / Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) Authorisations on security paper by DGFT for authorizations issued with EDI ports as port of registration.

3. In order to enhance the ease of doing business for exporters, DGFT has decided to discontinue the issuance of Advance/EPCG Authorisations on security paper as was the practice so far. DGFT has issued Policy Circular 19/2015-2020 dated 14.02.2019 notifying this change. This shall come into effect for authorisations issued from 01.03.2019 onwards for cases where the port of registration is an EDI port.

4. Advance/EPCG Authorisations shall continue to be transmitted electronically by DGFT to the Customs server. The details of the said authorisations would be visible in ICES to all officers involved in import/export cycle i.e. registration of the authorisation, assessment of Bill of Entry, examination of imported goods, giving out of charge to imported goods as also assessment of shipping bills, examination of export goods and giving let export order for export goods.

5. The process of registration of authorisations and taking bond/bank guarantee remains unchanged except that no physical copy of the authorisation shall be presented by the authorisation holder. The authorisation holder or his duly authorized representative shall approach the designated officer at the port of registration with details of his authorisation i.e. IEC Number and the authorisation number. The details of the authorisation will be available on ICES, which will include any additional/special condition transmitted on the ICES such as imposition of higher bank guarantee, waiver of bond/bank guarantee etc. The amount of bond/bank guarantee will continue to be determined and the authorisations registered as per the instructions contained in relevant Board's Circulars and ICES.

6. In case any amendment, invalidation etc. in respect of already registered authorisations are made by the Regional Authority of DGFT, the same shall also be transmitted electronically to Customs server and updated. No physical copy of such amendment needs to be sought from the authorisation holder. It may be noted that in terms of the Customs Act 1962, importer/exporter is required to self-assess the Bill of Entry/Shipping Bill. The authorisation holder must ensure that his claims/declarations are correct as per the authorisation.

Further, the relevant exemption notifications under the Customs Act, 1962 inter-alia prescribe that the authorisation shall be presented before the proper officer of Customs at the time of clearance for debit. Since the authorisation is available electronically in ICES and the view of the authorisation details is available in ICES to officers dealing with import and export, the correctness of the debits made electronically in ICES shall continue to be verified by the appropriate officer. As all debits of the authorisation shall be made in ICES, no physical debits would be required on copy of the authorisation generated by authorisation holder from DGFT website.

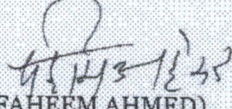
7. No TRA facility would be available in respect of Advance/EPCG authorisations issued electronically by DGFT for EDI ports. Consequently, such electronically issued authorisations for EDI ports cannot be used for making imports at non-EDI ports. DGFT shall continue to issue physical copy of Advance/EPCG authorisations on security paper as per current practice for non-EDI ports. The facility of TRA would be available for such physical authorisations for making imports at other EDI/non-EDI ports.

8. Para 3 of Board's Instruction F.No.605/30/2015-DBK dated 28.09.2016 prescribes a procedure for ARO/invalidation of Advance Authorisation. In view of DGFT's above stated Policy Circular wherein it has been prescribed that details of invalidations/ARO shall be electronically transmitted to Customs server, the said procedure for ARO/invalidation by Customs stands withdrawn.

9. There shall be no change in the Board's presently prescribed verification mechanism and procedure for monitoring of export obligation fulfillment after discontinuance of printing of authorisations. However, the work being undertaken by jurisdictional Central Excise such as verification of address etc. will now be dealt by jurisdictional Customs formation.

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10. 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.
11. 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.
12. Any difficulty, experienced in the implementation, may be brought to the notice of the undersigned.


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 PRINCIPAL COMMISSIONER

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.

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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
7. 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 Marrisalem, Guntur (Through the Deputy / Assistant Commissioner of Customs, ICD, Marrisalem, Guntur) for information.
10. Notice Board.