Attention of the CHAs / Importers / Exporters / Trade is invited to the Public Notice No. 69/2001 dated 02.11.2001 issued from F.No. S/6-Gen-51/2001-DEPB(V) JCH wherein procedure of manual verification of DEPBs was provided.

2. In pursuance of Board’s Circular 11/2007 dated 13th February, 2007 issued from F.No. 605/210/2005-DBK and in order to facilitate the trade, a procedure for online transmission of shipping bills to DGFT as well as DEPBs from DGFT has been put in place at Jawaharlal Nehru Custom House, Nhava Sheva. As per this procedure, the DEPBs issued by DGFT w.e.f. 12.03.2007 would be received online by Customs. Such
DEPBs would be subjected to the prescribed validation checks online by DEPB Verification Section, JNCH, Nhava Sheva and thereafter, the same would be available for use by the importers. Details of such DEPBs would also be available on the home page of website, www.icegate.gov.in. However, as a purely temporary measure till the procedure gets stabilized, it has been decided that the importers would be required to produce the hard copies of the DEPBs issued by DGFT to the designated office before such DEPBs are allowed to be utilized.

3. It has been further decided that henceforth, in respect of the DEPBs received online, the DEPB number would need to be mentioned on the Bill of Entry if such DEPBs are intended to be used for payment of duty instead of the registration number as is the practice with respect to manually verified DEPBs.

4. The above procedure would be applicable in respect of DEPBs issued on or after 12th March, 2007 by DGFT. The procedure as prescribed in above Public Notice No.69/2001 dated 02.11.2001 would continue to be followed in case of DEPBs issued before 12th March, 2007.

5. Difficulties, if any, may be brought to the notice of the Department.

06.03.07

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