PUBLIC NOTICE No.75/2016

Subject: Allotment of Warehouse Code for Customs Bonded Warehouse-Reg.

Attention of all the Importers, Customs Brokers and the Members of the Trade is invited to the Board's Circular No.19/2016-Customs dated 20.5.2016 on the above subject.

2. Reference is invited to the changes made in the Finance Act, 2016 to shift towards record based control with respect to Bonded Warehouses. It is proposed that each warehouse be allotted a unique warehouse code so that importers can declare the warehouse in which goods shall be deposited, at the into-bond bill of entry stage.

3. Hence a module has been developed in ICES to capture details of customs bonded warehouses licensed in each Commissionerate and generate a warehouse code in the system. The business process is annexed to this circular.

4. Any formation of Central Excise, having control over a customs bonded warehouse, but not connected on ICES, is directed to forward the list of warehouses licensed by them to the Principal Commissioner / Commissioner of Customs having jurisdiction over the nearest EDI enabled Customs station latest by 1st June 2016. These warehouses should be registered by the customs formation following the procedure annexed.

5. Commissioners at EDI locations are requested to complete this exercise for existing warehouses, including those referred by central excise formations, latest by 6th June, 2016 and confirm the same to the Board.

6. It is proposed to publish the unique warehouse code so generated on the ICEGATE website for the information of trade. This activity will start from the 10thJune 2016 and shall be completed by the 15th June 2016. From 20thJune 2016, declaring the Warehousing Code in the Bill of Entry would become mandatory for filing Into-Bond and Ex-Bond Bill of Entry. As Ex-Bond Bill of Entries with invalid warehousing code will be rejected, due care may be taken for smooth transition so as to avoid any hardships to the trade.
7. Difficulties relating to I.T. system, if any, may be brought to the notice of National System Manager, ICES (nsm.ices@icegate.gov.in) or the undersigned.

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