PUBLIC NOTICE NO. 139 /2017

Sub : Submission of reply to the queries raised by the officers for the purpose of assessment - reg.

Attention of the all stake holders, importer, exporter, Custom Brokers and all concerned are invited to the provision of Section 17(3) of Custom Act, 1962 as reproduced below:

Section 17(3): “For verification of self-assessment under sub-section (2), the proper officer may require the importer, exporter or any other person to produce any document or information, whereby the duty leviable on the imported goods or export goods, as the case may be, can be ascertained and thereupon, the importer, exporter or such other person shall produce such document or furnish such information.”

2. In terms of the above provisions the proper officer may raise query to obtain information/documents for the proper assessment of goods. It is represented by the trade in the PTFC meeting that CMC is not accepting the reply to the queries without signatures of the Appraising Officers concerned, which delays filing of documents on part of trade.

3. The above request of the trade has been examined and the following procedures/guidelines are being prescribed in respect of the reply to the query to be submitted by the importers/exporters:

(i) In case where the query has been raised for submitting the requisite documents including literature/catalogue or samples for the purpose of assessment, the query reply will require the signature of the officer who has raised the query.

(ii) In all other cases, the stake holder may submit the query reply to CMC through their duly authorized representative. However, it would be imperative on the stakeholder to ensure that the reply specifically addresses the query so as to obviate the need for further query. At the same time, the officers are also directed to avoid the raising of piece-meal queries.

4. Action to be taken in terms of decisions taken in this Public Notice should be considered as standing order for the purpose of offices and staff.

5. Difficulties, if any, in the implementation of the order may be brought to the notice of the undersigned.

Sd/-

(SUBHAsh AGRAWAL)
COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS
NS-IV, JNCH

Copy to:-
1. The Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Zone-II
2. All Commissioners of Customs, Mumbai Zone-II
3. All Addl./Joint Commissioners of Customs, Mumbai Zone-II
4. All Dy. / Asstt. Commissioners of Customs, Mumbai Zone-II
5. DC / EDI – for uploading on the JNCH Website
6. Office Copy