Attention of the Importers, Exporters, Customs Brokers and all other stakeholders is invited to Board’s Circular No. 23/2020 dated 11.05.2020 on the above mentioned subject. In this regard reference is made to Board’s Circular No. 17/2020 dated 03.04.2020 and JNCH Public Notice No.41/2020 dated 03.04.2020 on ‘Measure to facilitate trade during the lockdown period-section 143AA of the Customs Act, 1962’ wherein relaxation was given, in the context of lockdown announced by the Government due to COVID-19 pandemic, to accept an undertaking in lieu of a bond required during customs clearance, subject to conditions as underlined in the circular. The facility was extended till 15.05.2020 vide Circular No. 21/2020 dated 21.04.2020 and JNCH Public Notice No. 58/2020 dated 22.04.2020.

2. Now in reference to MHA order 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 01.05.2020, wherein the lockdown was further extended for two weeks with effect from 4th May, 2020, and taking into consideration that it might take sometime after the end of the lockdown for the situation to normalise, the Board has decided to further extend the facility of accepting undertaking in lieu of bond for the period till 30.05.2020. Consequently, the date for submission of proper bond in lieu of which the undertaking is being temporarily accepted is extended till 15.06.2020. This relaxation will be reviewed by the Board at the end of the lockdown period.

3. The conditions underlined in Board’s Circular No. 17/2020 dated 03.04.2020 and JNCH Public Notice No.41/2020 dated 03.04.2020 and P.N. No. 58/2020 dated 22.04.2020, stand as they are.

4. In case of any difficulty, the specific issue may be brought to the notice of DC/AC in charge of Appraising Main (Import), NS-I at email id appraisingmain.jnchimp@gmail.com.

5. 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.

Sd/-

(SUNIL KUMAR MALL)
Commissioner of Customs (NS-I).

Copy to:
1. The Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Zone-II,JNCH.
2. The Commissioner of Customs, NS-G/NS-I/NS-II/NS-III/NS-IV/NS-V,JNCH.

3. The Chairman JNPT/CEO NSICT/CEO GTI/CEO BMCT for information.

4. All Additional / Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH.

5. All Deputy / Assistant Commissioner of Customs, JNCH.

6. All Sections / Groups of NS-G, NS-I, NS-II / NS-III/ NS-IV / NS-V, JNCH.

7. Representative of CSLA & MANS for information and circulation among their members and other shipping lines operating at Nhava Sheva Port.

8. Representative of CFSAI / BCBA / FIEO / Members of PTFC for information and circulation among their members and other importers for information.

9. AC/DC, EDI for uploading on JNCH website immediately.