Subject: Review of Circular No. 17/2020 dated 03.04.2020 namely, ‘Measure to facilitate trade during the lockdown period—Section 143AA of the Customs Act, 1962’ – reg.

Attention of the Importers, Exporters, Customs Brokers and all other stakeholders is invited to Board’s Circular No. 26/2020-Cus. dated 29.05.2020 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 30.05.2020 vide Circular No. 23/2020 dated 11.05.2020 and JNCH Public Notice No. 66/2020 dated 12.05.2020.

2. Now in reference to MHA order 40-3/2020-DM-I[A] dated 17.05.2020, wherein the lockdown was further extended for two weeks with effect from 18th May, 2020, and taking into consideration that it might take sometime after the end of the lockdown for the situation to normalise, Board has decided to further extend the facility of accepting undertaking in lieu of bond for the period till 15.06.2020. Consequently, the date for submission of proper bond in lieu of which the undertaking is being temporarily accepted is extended till 30.06.2020. This relaxation will be reviewed by the Board at the end of the lockdown period.


4. In case of any difficulty, the specific issue may be brought to the notice of DC/AC, Appraising Main (Import) through email on appraisingmain.jnch@gov.in.

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)

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