
Attention of the Importers, Exporters, Customs Brokers and all other stakeholders is invited to the CBIC Circular No. 17/2020-Customs dated 03.04.2020, Circular No. 21/2020 dated 21.04.2020 and Public Notice No. 41/2020 dated 03.04.2020 of JNCH on ‘Measures to facilitate trade during the lockdown period – section 143AA of the Customs Act, 1962’ wherein relaxation was given to accept an undertaking in lieu of a bond required during customs clearance upto 30.04.2020, subject to conditions as underlined in the said circular and public notice. The said circular and public notice was issued in the context of lockdown announced by the Government for the period 25.03.2020 to 14.04.2020 due to COVID-19 pandemic.

2. In the background of the recent announcement by the Government extending the lockdown till 03.05.2020 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 15.05.2020 vide Circular No. 21/2020-Customs dated 21.04.2020. Consequently, the date for submission of proper bond in lieu of which the undertaking is being temporarily accepted is extended till 30.05.2020. This relaxation will be reviewed by the Board at the end of the lockdown period.

3. Furthermore, in reference to para 3.3 (ii) of the circular and para 4.3 (ii) of the public notice, the undertaking in lieu of bond is to be submitted by the registered email ID of the IEC holder or their authorised Customs Broker. In addition to this requirement, but not in substitution, JNCH, Custom Zone-II, Mumbai prescribes for uploading of the undertaking on e-Sanchit.

4. With the exception of the above, all other conditions underlined in Circular No. 17/2020 dated 03.04.2020 and Public Notice No. 41/2020 dated 03.04.2020 stand as they are.
5. Difficulty, if any, faced in implementation of the said Public Notice may be brought to the notice of the Joint Commissioner (Appraising Main, Import) Smt. Saroj Samaiya through email on appraisingmain.jnch@gov.in.

6. Action to be taken in terms of decisions conveyed in this Public Notice should be considered as Standing Order for the purpose of officers.

Sd/-

(SANJAY MAHENDRU)
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.