Attention of All Staff is invited to the Customs (Fees for Rendering Services by Customs Officers) Regulations, 1998 which, inter alia, provides for levy of Overtime Fees for rendering services by the Customs Officers beyond the normal working hours or at a place beyond the Customs Area.

In this connection it has been decided that Any Person can request for the services of Customs Officers on payment of specified overtime fees (Circular no. 68/98 Cus, dated 7.9.98). The practice till now has been that such requests were being entertained from individual Exporters / Importers only. It is observed that the scope of the expression Any Person is in Regulation 3 (1) is wide enough to cover even a custodian of ICD, CFS, Warehouse, Airport or Port. In other words the custodians can also requisition the services of Customs Officers on overtime basis on behalf of exporters / importers. As per Regulation 3 When the Custodian makes a request for rendering of services of Customs Officers beyond working hours, he will be required to pay only for the block period for which the services were requisitioned irrespective of the number of Exporters / Importers, documents handled during that period. The custodian, in turn, will, for administrative convenience, divide the amount equally amongst all the Exporters / Importers whose work was attended to, during this period, irrespective of no. of documents of each Exporters / Importers on the value or weight

If the request for services is made by individual Exporters / Importers themselves, the existing practice will continue.

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