OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS (IMPORT),

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU CUSTOM HOUSE, SHEVA,

DIST. RAIGAD, MAHARASHTRA

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STANDING ORDER NO.32/2005

Sub: - Sale of imported goods on High Seas-reg.

In terms of para 2.24 of the Foreign Trade Policy (2004-2009) sale of goods on high seas for importation into India is permitted subject to the said policy or any other law for the time being in force.

2. Attention is invited to the relevant instructions regarding sale of goods on High Seas. In partial modification of the existing instructions on the subject, the following changes are hereby made in respect of clearance of consignments imported on High seas sale basis under the aforesaid provisions under the said policy.

3. Noting of Bill of Entry in the name of High Seas will be permitted on a non-negotiable copy of the Bill of Landing duly endorsed by both the parties, along
with high seas sale contract, in support of the transaction. In case the non negotiable copy is not available, a photocopy of the Bill of Landing duly authenticated by the shipping Line/Steamer Agents would be accepted.

4. The High Seas sales buyer can also file a prior Bill of Entry before getting the High Seas sale registered in the Import Department. Such Bill of Entry would be taken up for assessment by the Appraising Groups. At the time of assessment, the importer i.e. the High Seas sales buyer will produce the proof of registration of High Seas sale in the Import Department. In case the importer has not got the High Seas registered by that time, the Bill of Entry will be assessed by the Appraising Group on the condition that the proof of registration of High Seas sale in the Import Department is to be produced before the Examining officer at the Docks. The Appraising group will make a remark to this effect in the examination order itself. It will be the responsibility of the Importer to produce such proof to the Examining Officer at the time of examination, without which the Out-of-Charge will not be permitted.

5. Except for the modifications mentioned above, the remaining procedure will remain the same. These modifications will come into force with immediate effect.

Sd/-

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COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS,

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