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**MINUTES OF PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE
MEETING (EXPORT) HELD ON 28.10.2016**

The monthly meeting of Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee (PTFC, Export) was held on 28-10-2016 at 11.30 AM in the Conference Hall at 7th Floor of the Jawaharlal Nehru Custom House. The meeting was Chaired by Shri Shrawan Kumar, Commissioner of Customs, NS-III, Shri Subhash Agrawal, Commissioner of Customs, NS-IV and Shri M.R. Mohanty, Commissioner of Customs, NS-II.

2. The following members of trade attended the meeting:

Sr. No.	Names (Smt./Shri/Ms.)	Organization/Association/Designation
1	Ashish Pednekar	BCHAA
2	Omparkash Agrawal	MSWA
3	Subash Rajkumar	MANSA
4	K.S. Shetty	BCHAA
5	Dushyant Mulani	BCHAA
6	Hiren Ruparel	BCHAA
7	Hemant Paresh	BME LTD.
8	Rajiv Khandelwal	BME LTD.
9	M. J. Roy	BCHAA
10	Nimish Desai	WISA
11	V. K. Agrawal	ONIDA
12	Raghav Uchil	AMOTI
13	Norman Fernandez	CSLA
14	S. Srinivas	CFSAI
15	Arun Adak	CFSAI
16	Umesh Grover	CFSAI
17	Shankar Shinde	RCCI
18	R. K. Rubin	AMTOI

19	R. Rajasekhar	AMTOI
20	Mohan Nilani	AIIEA
21	Neelesh Datir	ALLBIEA
22	Chetna M Bhadeka	WCBFF
23	Santosh D.	HARISH&
24	Sapna Peddar	SHARPSHIPPINHG SERVICES
25	Chris Glen	AQUARIUS
26	Roshan Irani	SHY SHIPPING
27	Gaupat Korade	BCHAA
28	Vinayak B Aparaj	BCHAA
29	L.V. Shah	BCHAA
30	Marks Fernadez	

3. The following officers of the Department attended the meeting:-

Sr. No.	Names (Smt./Shri/Ms.)	Designation
1	Vijay Rishi	Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
2	Dhirendra Lal	Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
3	Nikhil Meshram	Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
4	Jagdish Sharan	Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
5	Rahul Nagare	Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
6	Pritee Chaudhary	Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
7	R.P. Singh	Dy. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
8	Sandeep GM Yadav	Dy. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
9	B.S. Mangat	Dy. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
10	Sachin Sankpal	Dy. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
11	Vivekanand Rai	Dy. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
12	S. Nand Kumar	Dy. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
13	Rajesh V. Shelke	Dy. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
14	Amit Kumar	Dy. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
15	Babulal Meena	Asst. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
16	Kamleshwar Singh	Asst. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
17	Prashant B. Koli	Asst. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH

At the outset, the Chairperson welcomed all the members and directed to start the deliberations on the agenda of the meeting. The agenda relating to Import Commissionerate were discussed first, and then following agenda of the Export Commissionerate were deliberated upon.

5. The discussion & decision in respect of Agenda of NS-G, NS-II & NS-IV Commissionarates are as under.

OLD POINTS

Point No.1: To Do away with the mate receipt

Background: Trade has raised the issue that Mate Receipt is demanded for passing E.P. Copies. M/s BACHAA had earlier raised the issue vide letter dated 21.07.2016, requesting to do away with requirement of Mate Receipt for passing EP copy.

Discussion: Department already have submitted the report to the Board, decision will be taken based on the directions from the Board.

Point No.2: Allowing H-card holder to take examine and delivery of the cargo.

Background: Trade has raised the issue that H-Card clerks are not allowed to take examine and delivery of the Cargo. Preventive officers posted at the gates ask for G-Card holder at the time of releasing the trailers. They further submitted clarification dated 21.10.2003 issued by the Commissioner of Customs, IGI Airport, New Delhi regarding functional duties of 'H' card holders wherein it was clarified that the H card holder was permitted to represent the CHA firm and they can sign the examination report in export/import shed and taking release of consignment /export consignment etc.

Discussion: As per Para 4.2 of Board Circular No.09/2010-Customs issued vide F.No. 502/5/2008 – Cus. VI dated 08/04/2010, authorized signatory for the documents is “G” category pass holder. CHA employee possessing “H” card can only assist the CHA in his work, so he cannot be allowed to take examine and delivery of the Cargo. Clarification was issued before the said Board Circular. It is also informed that instruction/clarification issued in a matter by the Commissioner of Custom cannot override on a Board Circular. (The point was closed).

NEW POINTS

Point No. 1: In an Advance / EPCG license, exporter declares the HS code of each product sought to be imported duty free. These are declared as per the knowledge and understanding of the exporter while making an application to DGFT. Now when the goods arrive and Bill of Entry is filed for duty free clearance, authority for correct classification of the goods is Customs and not the DGFT. If assessing officer classifies the goods under import under a CTH other than the one declared in license, the exporter is asked to get the license amended. This is resulting into delays in clearance and increase

in dwell time as well as transection costs. This change however, does not make material change in the revenue involved or foregone.

Discussion: Classification decided by assessing officer may vary from the HS code mentioned in Advanced License. In case, where Chapter or Heading No. varies or rate of duty is required to be changed based on classifications, the importers are asked to get the license amended from DGFT and the Bills of Entry are assessed provisionally on PD bonds. In case rate of duty applicable as per rented classification is more, the duty amount to that extent is increased which is required to be debited in EPCG bond for safeguarding duty. Even when the rate of duty is same under different C.T.H., then also goods are to be classified under proper C.T.H.

Point No.2:-At times there are hundreds of import products covered by an Advance / EPCG license which is transmitted online from DGFT to Customs and is utilised by filing Bills of entry online. Sometimes there is a loss of track in monitoring utilization on each items covered by the license. As of now there is no formal mechanism in place to check utilization from the EDI system. Ideally, the same should be available online through ICEGATE but till the time it is made available, Customs should provide either a print out or a soft copy of the same.

Discussion: In license management menu of assessment, the details of credit, debit and balance of quantity and value of goods item wise can be seen. Printout of such details may be provided on application being made by the authorized person.

Point No. 3: Charges pertaining to Custodians should be collected by the respective Custodians only:

The Association has received several instances where the charges pertaining to the CFSs are collected by a separate 3rd party entity (NVOCC / Forwarders), thus resulting in higher cost, lack of transparency in charging, multiple irrational heads for recovery of charges, delay in clearance of consignments,

Discussion: Trade was requested to provide specific details of such instances to the department so that the issue can be examined.

Point No.4: Promoting Advance Noting to reduce the Dwell time for clearance

Concept Paper prepared by BCHAA which gives analysis for increasing the submission of Advance Noting of import Bill of Entries. In the paper, the problems encountered by trade have been given in details alongwith suggestion. BCHAA has requested to set up a Task Force on urgent basis to remove the impediments for Advance Noting.

Discussion: Facility Notice No. 47/2016 already issued to reduce the dwell time in the IGM amendment. In view of the Facility Notice all major/minor amendments have

approved on the same day, barring exception in Transshipment cases where NOC is required by different ports. Adjudication has been done only in exceptional cases in major amendments in cases of fraudulent intention. Further, trade was requested to offer comments on draft Circular on Amendments as available on CBEC website for comments.

Point No.5: Minimum two examination rounds required for timely processing of export Shipping Bills

BCHAA has requested that at least 2 examination rounds should be completed i.e. 1 before lunch and 1 after lunch to ensure timely processing of export Shipping Bills. LEO should be generated immediately after examination is complete.

Discussion: Minimum two examination rounds is already being followed. The current practice is to take at least 2 examination rounds in a day and one of them before lunch time. All officers have again been directed to strict compliance. Further, the goods registration timing to export increased by faculty Notice No. 23/2016, dated 12.02.2016.

Point No.6: LEO directly by Shed Suptd. for RMS Facilitated Shipping Bills

M/s BCHAA has raised the issue that as being done on the import side, LEO for export Shipping Bills facilitated under RMS should be provided by Shed Suptd./Shed AO directly. At present, after goods registration, one is required to approach the examination officer (EO) and thereafter approach the Shed AO/Supdt for LEO. This is defeating the purpose of RMS facilitation.

Discussion: The suggestion is not practical on the following grounds:

- As per movement of a Shipping Bills in the EDI system, Supdt cannot give LEO directly unless Inspector files his examination report.
- For all docks stuffed Shipping Bills, irrespective of examination instructions, Inspector has to physically inspect the consignment, including marks and numbers;

However, issue will be examined with the consultation with EDI.

(Attn. :- ADC, EDI, NS-I)

Point No.7: Generation of EP copy within 48 hrs of submission of Export General Manifest (EGM)

BCHAA has requested that EP copies should be generated 48 hrs of EGM being submitted by the Shipping Lines.

Discussion: All Supdts has already been directed that feeding of CLPs be done immediately after the stuffing is over so that there is no hindrance to smooth movement of Shipping Bill in the queue after filing of EGMs.

Point No.8: Ledger printout for Balance verification of licence needs to be provided to the trade.

They appreciate the efforts taken by JNCH for issuance of PN No 50/2016 &51/2016 regarding removal of manual debit procedure for debit of licenses / authorization. BCHAA has requested that ledger printout of the license debit should be provided to the trade for balance verification and transparency.

Discussion: Already discussed at point no. 2.

Point No.9: Implementation of CBEC Instruction F No 450/25/2009-CusIV dated 07.09.2016 for Direct gate-in container.

BCHAA appreciate the effort undertaken by Authorities for issuance of CBEC Instruction F No 450/25/2009-CusIV dated 07.09.2016 for Direct gate-in containers for all containers. However, the PN No 134/2016 dated 06.10.2016 issued by JNCH is still asking for Central Excise permission / endorsement for each shipment, which is not practical and will result in delay in processing of export shipments. BCHAA has requested to amend the 134/2016 by removing the requirement of Central Excise

Discussion: The certificate in Annexure 'A' to the Public Notice No. 134/2016 from the Central Excise Authorities is one time procedure which ascertains that the facility of Direct Port Entry is availed by the Manufacturing entities. In addition to those already availing the facility vide Public Notice No. 52/2009 dated 06.09.2009, all manufacturing entities have been allowed direct port entry vide Public Notice No. 134/2016 dated 06.10.2016.

Point No.10: Centralization of KYC

KYC is an important requirement to be fulfilled by all stakeholders. However, at present, it is observed that to fulfill the said compliances, each agency is asking for the same multiple times such as shipping lines / NVOCCs / Forwarders etc.

In order to bring uniformity and transparency for compliance of KYC norms trade suggested that KYC Compliance to be carried out in a uniform manner as being done by SEBI on a central system.

Discussion: It is clearly mentioned in the Public Notice No. 99/2016 that where transactions between Shipping lines / Containers lines /their agents/ sub agents and the exporters are of a recurring nature and documents collected from exporter / the production of such KYC documents will not be required for similar transactions by the

said person/exporters for the succeeding six months. Same KYC norms applies to the import side. Trade requested to put the KYC compliance on the website so that any agency can view the same. Trade has been assured regarding examination of the request.

Point No.11: Alert in EDI System causing being delay in clearance of Export consignments

BCHAA has been informed that when an alert is appearing in the system which is pertaining to Air Cargo shipments, JN Customs Authorities are insisting members to submit documents to ACC to remove the alert. In spite of our members submitting required documents to ACC the alert is not being removed from the EDI System, thus causing delay in clearance delay in clearance of export shipments at JNCH. Trade has requested to instruct System Director at JNCH to remove the alert from the EDI System once required documents are submitted to the Department.

Discussion: Trade has been assured to take up the matter with the concerned agencies who has to take action in the matter. It has been also decided that in such matters wherein alert has been inserted due to non-submission of BRC, export should not be stopped but only Drawback disbursement should get affected.

Point No.12: Time of LEO generation should be reflected in the ICEGATE system

M/s BCHAA has raised the issued that timing of LEO generation should be reflected in the ICEGATE, as being done in import side.

Discussion: Request made by the trade has been accepted by the department that time of LEO generation should be reflected in the ICEGATE system. E-mail has been forwarded to Directorate of System and Data Management, New Delhi for necessary action.

Point No.13: To facilitate Export Trade, one time permission requested to self-sealing containers

M/s BCHAA has requested to consider one time permission for sealing of export container's being done at Exporters premises. This will help the export trade considerably.

Discussion: The facility of self- sealing of export goods and self-certification has been granted to all registered manufacturer exporters and to those merchant exporters who procure and export the goods directly from the factory or warehouse. In terms of CBEC Circular No. 60/2001-Cus dated 01.11.2001, the permission for factory stuffing

under Central Excise supervision is presently given on permanent basis and need not be renewed every six months. Exporters going for self-sealing and self-certification through JNCH, however, are presently required to intimate jurisdictional Central Excise and AC/DC Factory Stuffing Permission Cell for getting the directory updated in the EDI system. At present, the directory in the EDI system is being updated by the EDI Section only for one year. In order to extend further facilitation to exporters, the directory in the EDI system may be updated on permanent basis.

Department has considered the request and will issue necessary order after consultation with EDI.

6) The members of the meeting were informed that the next PTFC meeting shall be held on 24.11.2016 at 11.30hrs at Conference Hall, 7th Floor, JNCH. The Chairpersons requested all the Association Members to forward their agenda points, if any, at least **05 working days in advance** on Fax No. 022-27241256 or by e-mail to Appraising Main (Exp) Section on apmainexp@jawaharcustoms.gov.in for taking up the issue in the upcoming PTFC meeting.

7) The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

8) This issues with the approval of the Commissioner of Customs NS-IV.

(Jagdish Sharan)
Addl. Commissioner of Customs
Appraising Main (Export)

To,

All the Members of PTFC by e-mail

Copy to:-

1. The Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Customs Zone-II, JNCH, Nhava Sheva.
2. The Principal Commissioner of Customs (NS-Gen & II), JNCH, Nhava Sheva
3. The Chief Commissioner of Customs, Directorate General of Taxpayer Services, CR Building, IP Estate, New Delhi 110 109.
4. The Pr. Addl. Director General, Directorate General of Tax Payers Services, Mumbai Zonal Unit, Room No. 138/139, New Custom House, Ballard Estate, Mumbai.
5. The Commissioner of Customs (NS-I/III, IV/V), JNCH, Nhava Sheva.
6. All ADC/JC, DC/AC of Customs (N.S.-Gen, II & IV), JNCH, Nhava Sheva.
7. DC/Appraising Main (Import), JNCH.
8. AC/EDI for uploading on JNCH website.
9. Office Copy.

POINTS FOR PTFC MEETING (EXPORT) OF (NS-GEN, II, IV) TO BE HELD ON 28.10.2016

Sr. No.	Points
A.	<u>OLD POINTS:</u> Point No.1 and 2 were discussed in the earlier PTFC held on 23.09.2016 are taken again for discussion in the PTFC Meeting held on 28.10.2016.

Point No.1: Trade has raised the issue that Mate Receipt is demanded for passing E.P. Copies. M/s BACHAA had earlier raised this issue vide letter dated 21.07.2016, requesting to do away with requirement of Mate Receipt for passing EP copy.

Request: To do away with Mate Receipt for EP copy passing;

Status: Under correspondence with board.

Point No.2: Trade has raised the issue that H-Card clerks are not allowed to take examine and delivery of the Cargo. Preventive officers posted at the gates ask for G-Card holder at the time of releasing the trailers. They further submitted clarification dated 21.10.2003 issued by the Commissioner of Customs, IGI Airport, New Delhi regarding functional duties of 'H'card holders wherein it was clarified that the H card holder was permitted to represent the CHA firm and they can sign the examination report in export/import shed and taking release of consignment/export consignment etc.

Request: it was requested to issue a public notice in this regard allowing H-card holder taking delivery of the cargo.

Status:As per Para 4.2 of Board Circular No.09/2010-Customs issued vide F.No. 502/5/2008 – Cus. VI dated 08/04/2010, authorized signatory for the documents is “G” category pass holder. CHA employee possessing “H” card can only assist the CHA in his work, so he cannot be allowed to take examine and delivery of the Cargo. Clarification was issued before the said Board Circular. It is also informed that instruction/clarification issued in a matter by the Commissioner of Custom cannot override on a Board Circular.

NEW POINT (Point No.1 & 2 sponsored by M/s Western India Shippers Association, point no. 3 to 14 sponsored by M/s BACHAA)

B.

Point No. 1:1. In an Advance / EPCG license, exporter declares the HS code of each product sought to be imported duty free. These are declared as per the knowledge and understanding of the exporter while making an application to DGFT. Now when the goods arrive and Bill of Entry is filed for duty free clearance, authority for correct classification of the goods is customs and not the DGFT. If assessing officer classifies the goods under import under a CTH other than the one declared in license, the exporter is asked to get the license amended. This is resulting into delays in clearance and increase in dwell time as well as transaction costs. This change however, does not make material change in the revenue involved or foregone.

Status: DC/Group.7G & 7D has stated that sometimes, classification decided by assessing officer may vary from the HS code mentioned in Advanced License. In case, where Chapter or Heading No. varies or rate of duty is required to be changed based on classifications, the

importers are asked to get license amended form DGFT and the Bills of Entry are assessed provisionally on PD bonds. In case rate of duty is enhanced, the duty amount to that extent is increased which is required to be debited in EPCG bond for safeguarding duty. The Ministry of finance decides about the structure of rate of duty based upon the quantum of import of different commodities. Where the rate of duty is same under different C.T.H., even then, it is desirable to classify the goods under proper C.T.H., otherwise it will in vitiated and wrong database in the system with respect to that particular commodity and thus will result in wrong decision making based upon incorrect database/vitiated data.

Point No.2:- At times there are hundreds of import products covered by an Advance / EPCG license which is transmitted online from DGFT to Customs and is utilised by filing Bills of entry online. Sometimes there is a loss of track in monitoring utilization on each items covered by the license. As of now there is no formal mechanism in place to check utilization from the EDI system. Ideally, the same should be available online through ICEGATE but till the time it is made available, Customs should provide either a print out or a soft copy of the same on application being made.

Status: DC/Group.7G & 7D has stated that in license management menu of assessment, the details of credit, debit and balance of quantity and value of goods item wise can be seen and the printout of such details may be provided by license or EDI System.

Point No. 3Charges pertaining to Custodians should be collected by the respective Custodians only: The Association has received several instances where the charges pertaining to the CFSs are collected by a separate 3rd party entity (NVOCC / Forwarders), thus resulting in higher cost, lack of tranparency in charging, multiple irrational heads for recovery of charges, delay in clearance of consignments,

Request: BCHAA has requested that JNCH Authorities to bring good orders to this unwanted practises adopted due to nexus of Custodians and other Stakeholders

Status:Trade is requested to provide specific details of such instances to the department.

Point No.4: Promoting Advance Noting to reduce the Dwell time for clearance: We attach herewith Concept Paper prepared by BCHAA which is giving a in depth analysis for increasing the submission of Advance Noting of import Bill of Entries. The problems encountered by trade have been given in details along with suggestion.

Request: BCHAA has requested to set up a Task Force on urgent basis to remove the impediments for Advance Noting.

Status: DC/Importing Noting has stated that Facility Notice No. 47/2016 to reduce the dwell time in the IGM amendment. In view of the Facility Notice all major/minor amendments have approved on the same day, barring exception in Transshipment cases where NOC is required by different ports. Adjudication has been done only in exceptional cases in major amendments in cases of fraudulently intention and as such no adjudication has been done in last two months.

Point No.5:Minimum two examination rounds required for timely processing of export Shipping Bills

Request: BCHAA has requested that at least 2 examination rounds should be completed i.e. 1 before lunch and 1 after lunch to ensure timely processing of export Shipping Bills. LEO should be generated immediately after examination is complete.

Status: Minimum two examination rounds is already being followed. The current practice is to take at least 2 examination rounds in a day and one of them before lunch time

Point No.6:LEO directly by Shed Suptd. for RMS Facilitated Shipping Bills: As

being done on the import side, LEO for export Shipping Bills facilitated under RMS should be provided by Shed Suptd./Shed AO directly. At present, after goods registration, one is required to approach the examination officer (EO) and thereafter approach the Shed AO/Supdt for LEO. This is defeating the purpose of RMS facilitation.

Request: BCHAA has requested to LEO for Shipping Bills facilitated under RMS should be given by Shed AO/Supt directly.

Status: The suggestion is not practical on the following grounds:

- As per movement of a shipping Bills in the EDI system, Supdt cannot give LEO directly unless Inspector files his examination report.
- For all docks stuffed Shipping Bills, irrespective of examination instructions, Inspector has to physically inspect the consignment, including marks and numbers;

Point No.7:Generation of EP copy within 48 hrs of submission of Export General Manifest (EGM)

Request: BCHAA has requested that EP copies should be generated 48 hrs of EGM being submitted by the Shipping Lines.

Status: All Supdts has already been directed that feeding of CLPs be done immediately after

the stuffing is over so that there is no hinderance to smooth movement of Shipping Bill in the queue after filing of EGMs

Point No.8: Ledger printout for Balance verification of licence needs to be provided to

the trade: They appreciate the efforts taken by JNCH for issuance of PN No 50/2016 &51/2016 regarding removal of manual debit procedure for debit of licences / authorization.

Request: BCHAA has requested that ledger printout of the licence debit should be provided to the trade for balance verification and transparency.

Status: **Discussed at point no. 2**

Point No.9:Implementation of CBEC Instruction F No 450/25/2009-CusIV dated

07.09.2016 for Direct gate-in container: BCHAA appreciate the effort undertaken by Authorities for issuance of CBEC Instruction F No 450/25/2009-CusIV dated 07.09.2016 for Direct gate-in containers for all containers. However, the PN No 134/2016 dated 06.10.2016 issued by JNCH is still asking for Central Excise permission / endorsement for each shipment, which is not practical and will result in delay in processing of export shipments.

Request: BCHAA has requested to amend the 134/2016 by removing the requirement of Central Excise.

Status: **DC/PSO has been stated that** the certificate in Annexure 'A' tot the Public Notice No. 134/2016 from the Central Excise Authorities is one time procedure which ascertains that the facility of Direct Port Entry is availed by the Manufacturing entities. In addition to those already availing the facility vide Public Notice No. 52/2009 dated 06.09.2009, all manufacturing entities have been allowed direct port entry vide Public Notice No. 134/2016 dated 06.10.2016. This certificate also enable the Customs Officers at Terminal Gates to ensure that the facility of Direct Port Entry is availed only by those exporters who are allowed vide the said Public Notice.

Point No.10:Centralization of KYC: KYC is an important requirement to be fulfilled by all

stakeholders. However, at present, it is observed that to fulfill the said compliances, each agency is asking for the same multiple times such as shipping lines / NVOCCs / Forwarders etc.

Request:In order to bring uniformity and transparency for compliance of KYC norms we suggest that KYC Compliance to be carried out in a uniform manner as being done by SEBI on a central system.

STATUS: - **DC/PSO has been stated that** it is clearly mentioned in the Public Notice No. 99/2016 that where transactions between Shipping lines / Containers lines /their agents/ sub

agents and the exporters are of a recurring nature and documents collected from exporter / the producing of such KYC documents will not be required for similar transactions by the said person/exporters for the succeeding six months. Same KYC norms applies to the import side

Point No.11:Alert in EDI System causing being delay in clearance of Export consignments: BCHAA has been informed that when an alert is appearing in the system which is pertaining to Air Cargo shipments, JN Customs Authorities are insisting members to submit documents to ACC to remove the alert. In spite of our members submitting required documents to ACC the alert is not being removed from the EDI System, thus causing delay in clearance delay in clearance of export shipments at JNCH.

Request: To instruct System Director at JNCH to remove the alert from the EDI System once required documents are submitted to the Department.

Status: Action Lies with ACC Sahar, letter is forwarded to ACC Sahar for taking n.a.

Point No.12: Time of LEO generation should be reflected in the ICEGATE system:

As being available on import side, wherein time of OOC generation is captured in the ICEGATE screen, similarly

Request: BCHAA has requested timing of LEO generation should be reflected in the ICEGATE (relevant screen short attached)

Status: DC/EDI has stated that time of LEO generation should be reflected in the ICEGATE system has been emailed to Directorate of System and Data Management, New Delhi for necessary action.

Point No.13: To facilitate Export Trade, one time permission requested to self sealing containers: On lines with one time permission is being given for factory sealing of export container.

Request: BCHAA has requested that consider one time permission for sealing of export container's being done at Exporters premises. This will help the export trade considerably.

Status :The facility of self-sealing and self-certification has been extended to all categories of registered manufacturer – exporters or owner of registered warehouse (vide CBEC

Circular No. 736/52/2016-CX dated 11.08.2003). Further, vide CBEC Circular No. 860/18/2007- CX dated 22.11.2007, in cases of free Shipping Bills, the manufacturer exporters are mandatorily required to self-sealing and Central Excise officers are not deputed or examination, stuffing and sealing of export containers in case of those shipping bills of manufacturer – exporters where no export benefits are sought.

2. The facility of self-sealing and self-certification has also been extended to merchant exporters subject to compliance of the condition that they should purchase goods from the manufacturer and self-sealing and certification should be done by the manufacturer or owner of the registered warehouse. Here, it is pertinent to clarify that the containers brought to the gateway port under self-sealing and self-certification procedure may be examined on the basis of examination norms prescribed under Circular No. 6/2002 – Cus dated 23.1.2002 and Circular No. 31/2002-Cus dated 07.06.2002.

3. Thus, the facility of self- sealing of export goods and self-certification has been granted to all registered manufacturer exporters and to those merchant exporters who procure and export the goods directly from the factory or warehouse. In terms of CBEC Circular No. 60/2001-Cus dated 01.11.2001, the permission for factory stuffing under Central Excise supervision is presently given on permanent basis and need not be renewed every six months. Exporters going for self-sealing and self-certification through JNCH, however, are presently required to intimate jurisdictional Central Excise and AC/DC Factory Stuffing Permission Cell for getting the directory updated in the EDI system. At present, the directory in the EDI system is being updated by the EDI Section only for one year. In order to extend further facilitation to exporters, the directory in the EDI system may be updated on permanent basis.