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Date :

STANDING ORDER NO. 27/2019

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2. In the light of the aforesaid judgement, it is hereby stated that Section 27 can only be invoked subject to final outcome of Sec.17 (3), (4) and (5). After re-assessment, the consequential refund is to be granted by the Refund Section. In such cases, the claim of refund cannot be entertained without the outcome of the appellate order and consequent re-assessment. In view of the above, AC/DC of the concerned Groups are directed to reassess any Bill of Entry in commensurate with the order of the appellate authority. Su-moto re-assessment is not to be done by the Group.

3. In case of claims where re-assessment has already been done after Out of charge without an appellate order, such claims are to be dealt by Refund Section on merits. If refund is sanctioned in such cases, a Show Cause Notice is to be issued under Section 28 of the Customs Act, 1962 for recovery of the same as re-assessment has not been done consequent to appellate order. In addition, the concerned Group will also be informed by Refund Section for filing an appeal against the re-assessment order in light of aforesaid judgement.

4. The Bills of Entry which have not been given out of charge and are recalled by the Group on account of any reasons viz notification benefit, duty, typographical mistakes, etc. are excluded and not governed by this Standing Order. These Bills of Entry can be re-assessed as per present practice.

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Sd/-**(S.K. VIMALANATHAN)** COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS NS-III, JNCH

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