OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS (NS-IV), MUMBAI ZONE-II, JAWAHARLAL NEHRU CUSTOM HOUSE, NHAVA SHEVA, TALUKA: URAN, DISTRICT: RAIGAD, MAHARASHTRA-400707.

F. No. S/12-Gen-82/2015-16 AM (X)

Date: 09.02.2017

PUBLIC NOTICE NO. 17/2017

Subject: Endorsement of ARE-1 by Customs for submission to Central Excise.

Attention of the Exporters, Importers, Customs House Agents, Members of Trade and all the concerned is invited to the issues raised during the PTFC and other meetings about the requirement of endorsement on ARE-1 by Customs.

2. It is relevant to mention that consequent to issuance of Board Circular No. 55/2016- Customs dated 23.11.2016, regular functioning of the designated Sections at JNCH dealing with printing of Exchange Control Copy and Export Promotion copy (EP Print Section) has been discontinued. Earlier, this Section was also entrusted to endorse copies of ARE-1, which was also discontinued. However, interim arrangement was made vide Public Notices 04/2017 dated 10.01.2017 and 15/2017 dated 03.02.2017 for printing of EP copy in exceptional cases. Also, two Preventive Officers were deployed at CFS Punjab Conware vide Office Order No. 01/2017 dated 09.01.2017 to carry out endorsement of ARE-1, till further orders.

3. Discontinuation of requirement of "endorsement of ARE-1" by Customs-

Regarding issue of discontinuation of requirement of "endorsement of ARE-1" by Customs, it is to inform that this Customs House has already referred the matter to Board.

4. Endorsement of ARE-1 at the time of LEO

The concern of trade that endorsement of ARE-1 at Punjab Conware CFS is time consuming and delaying the process since number of documents are being asked by the officers to carry out the endorsement. There is request that ARE-1 form should be signed and endorsed by the officers at the time of granting LEO. In this regard, to further facilitate the trade, till the instruction from the Board is issued, in addition to the arrangement already made in Punjab Conware (Office Order No. 01/2017 dated 09.01.2017), endorsement of ARE-1 may be carried out in all CFSs "by any Superintendent responsible for granting LEO", after the EGM has been filed. Further, there is no requirement to provide any documents for endorsement on ARE-1 as the details of export can be verified using ICES 1.5.

5. Difficulties, if any, in this regard may be brought to the notice of the Additional Commissioner/AM(X).

Sd/-(SUBHASH AGRAWAL) Commissioner of Customs, NS-IV JNCH, Nhva Sheva

Copy To:-

- 1. The Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Zone II.
- 2. The Pr. Commissioner of Customs NS I.
- 3. The Commissioners of Customs, NS-Gen, II, III, IV & V.
- 4. All the Additional/Joint Commissioners of Customs, NS-Gen, I, II, III, IV & V.
- 5. All the Dy. / Assistant Commissioners of Customs, NS-Gen, II, IV.
- 6. The AC/DC Export Assessment & Examination, NS-I to NS-V for issue of suitable directions to Officers as per direction/decision in Para 4 above.
- 7. Notice Board and website.