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Subject: Introduction of system-based e-Scheduling for examination of cargo-reg.

Kind attention of all Importers, Customs Brokers, members of the Trade and all other stakeholders is invited to the examination procedure for import cargo.

2. The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) has undertaken various reforms through leveraging technology so as to improve transparency & ease of doing business and to achieve steady improvements in trade facilitation. In this regard, Circular No. 07/2026-Customs dated 01.02.2026 has introduced new measures for improving the cargo examination process i.e. System-based Examination Application on ICEGATE 2.0 for scheduling of physical examination of imported goods (e-scheduling of Cargo Examination).

3. The System-based Examination Application on ICEGATE 2.0 for scheduling of physical examination of imported goods (e-scheduling of Cargo Examination) is a trade facilitation measure designed to bring improved efficiency and certainty to the cargo selected for examination process. It allows importers/IEC holders and authorised Customs Brokers to electronically schedule, view and reschedule examination of registered goods through ICEGATE, with automated system notifications to the concerned officer, importer, Customs broker and custodian.

- i. Important features of the e-scheduling facility are as under:
 - a. Examination slots are automatically allocated to the examining officer by the system, based on availability for reducing uncertainty and avoidable delays.

- b. Trade can view pending, scheduled and completed examinations online.
 - c. Rescheduling of examination, where required, can be done electronically, with system generated intimation to the concerned officer, importer, Customs broker and Custodian.
 - d. Based on automated notification, Custodians can plan placement of goods in the examination area in advance, facilitating smoother cargo handling.
- ii. The e-scheduling facility operates in a transparent and rule-based manner, with system-generated audit trails and visibility of examination status.
 - iii. Rescheduling, placing examination on hold, or removal of an examination from the schedule shall be permitted only by the Assistant/Deputy Commissioner in charge, with recorded and justifiable reasons.
4. Further, ICEGATE has issued two advisories as mentioned below (copy of advisories enclosed):

i. Advisory dated 05.02.2026 - Examination application for importers and Authorized Customs Brokers - This application enables trade to conveniently schedule/reschedule examination of registered imported goods and view their scheduled examinations. The examination scheduling requests would be notified to the stakeholders in the examination ecosystem. Custodians can use the application to identify scheduled examinations, thereby quickly locating and placing the imported goods in the Examination Area.

ii. Advisory dated 20.02.2026- Examination Application Customs Officer Module - By using this module, Customs officers with the role of the Assistant /Deputy Commissioner can view the scheduled requests; modify the requests by assigning them to a different examiner based on availability; reschedule examinations, or remove Bill(s) of Entry from the examination schedule. The assigned examiner can mark the examination as complete or not complete; can modify the time taken for conducting an examination.

5. The following is the procedure to be followed by the concerned stakeholders:

A. Customs Brokers / Importers / Trade Representatives

- i. Requests for scheduling/rescheduling of examination of imported goods/consignments can be submitted through the ICEGATE Examination Application.
- ii. The Customs Broker/Importer is required to ensure that the correct Bill of Entry details and Custodian/CFS Code are selected while scheduling examination through ICEGATE.
- iii. Requests for rescheduling, wherever required, may be submitted through the ICEGATE Examination Application.

B. Custodians / CFS

- i. Imported goods/consignments may be located and placed for examination in accordance with the examination schedules generated through ICEGATE.
- ii. Custodians/CFS are required to ensure coordination with the concerned stakeholders for facilitation of smooth conduct of examination by Customs.

C. Customs Officers

- i. The Deputy Commissioner/Assistant Commissioner, Import Docks concerned is to ensure proper mapping of Customs Examining Officers against the respective Custodian/CFS Codes through the ICEGATE Examination Application.
 - ii. Examination of imported consignments is to be conducted by the Customs Examining Officer assigned through the ICEGATE Examination Application.
 - iii. In cases involving transfer, leave, absence or administrative exigencies, reassignment to the link officer or any other available officer or rescheduling through the ICEGATE Examination Application may be carried out, wherever considered necessary.
 - iv. In cases where examination is required to be conducted under the supervision of senior officers, proper coordination shall be ensured so that the examination is carried out in a timely manner.
6. All stakeholders and officers concerned are required to adhere to the above procedure and comply with the instructions issued by DG Systems from time to time.

7. Difficulties, if any, in implementation of the above instructions may be brought to the notice of the undersigned for necessary action.

8. This Public Notice is to be treated as Standing Order for compliance by all officers and staff concerned in JNCH.

Encl.: As above.

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