Subject: - Streamlining of UQCs in Bills of Entry and Shipping Bills - Reg.

Attention of the Courier Companies, Custodians, Importers, Exporters and all other Stakeholders is invited to the existing procedure regarding declaration of Unit Quantity Codes (UQCs) in the Bills of Entry and Shipping Bills.

2. In order to streamline the present practice the Board had undertaken an exercise towards standardization of Unit Quantity Codes (UQCs) for purposes of export / import declarations filed on EDI. It was noted that many importers and exporters use UQCs like BGS, BTL, BOX, CTN, GGR, HPT, KPC, ODD and DRM etc. which are neither stipulated in the Customs Tariff Act nor prevalent in the normal business transactions. These nonconvertible/inappropriate UQCs lead to poor quality of data capture and related implications.

3. As a first measure, declaration of quantities in Statistical UQCs (SQCs) as prescribed under the Tariff Act have been made mandatory in both imports (since Feb 2019) and exports (since Feb 2020) for every item in addition to the quantities declared in the commercial units as per the invoice. The SQC declarations are being captured in the Single Window table of the Bills of Entry and Shipping Bills.

4. In order to further improve data quality, even among the commercial UQCs declared for the items as per the invoice, henceforth only codes as mentioned in the table below would be permitted in BEs/SBs. Declarations in any other UQC will not be accepted.
5. The above changes will come into effect from 20.08.2020.

6. Action to be taken in terms of decisions conveyed in this Public Notice should be considered as Standing Order for the purpose of Officers.

7. The above is brought to the notice of all the concerned. Difficulties, if any, may be brought to the notice of The Additional Commissioner of Customs, Air Port and Air Cargo Complex Commissionerate, Devanahalli, Bengaluru, E-mail:-cusaccblr.tech@gov.in.

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4) All Airlines through Association.
5) Federation of Indian Export Organization (FIEO), IstFloor, VITC Building, Kasturba Road, Bengaluru
6) All Custodians.
7) Bengaluru Customs Website
8) Notice Board.
9) All Courier Agencies Operating at Bengaluru (through Courier Association)
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