PUBLIC NOTICE NO. 19 /2020

Subject: Paperless Customs – Electronic Communication of PDF based Gatepass and OOC Copy of Bill of Entry to Custom Brokers/Importers – Reg.

Kind attention of all the importers, exporters, Customs Brokers and all other stakeholders is invited to the CBIC Board Circular No. 19/2020–Customs dated 13.04.2020 issued vide F. No. 450/26/2019-Cus IV on the subject of Paperless Customs – Electronic Communication of PDF based Gatepass and OOC Copy of Bill of Entry to Custom Brokers/Importers.

2. In order to mitigate the unprecedented situation due to Covid-19 pandemic, CBIC has taken a number of measures to facilitate & expedite Customs clearance process making it more and more contact-less i.e. automated and online as well as paper-less. At the same time, Board notes that the specific measures that reduce interface between the Customs authorities and the importers/exporters/Customs Brokers are especially relevant in these challenging times, to tackle the scourg of Covid-19 pandemic.

3. In this direction, Board has now decided to enable electronic communication of PDF based Final eOOC (electronic Out of Charge) copy of BoE and eGatepass to the importers/Customs Brokers. This electronic communication would reduce interface between the Customs authorities and the importers/Customs Brokers and also do away with the requirement of taking bulky printouts from the Service Centre or maintenance of voluminous physical dockets in the Customs House. The Final eOOC copy of BoE and eGatepass copy will be emailed to the concerned Customs Broker and/or importer, if registered, once the Out of Charge is granted. The eGatepass copy will be used by the Gate Officer or the Custodian to allow physical exit of the imported goods from the Customs area. This measure would be effective from 15th April, 2020.

4. Salient features of the secure electronic communication of the Final eOOC copy of BoE and the eGatepass are mentioned in the aforesaid Board Circular No.19/2020–Customs.

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

6. In case of any difficulty, the specific issue may be brought to the notice of JC, ICD, CONCOR, Whitefield, Bangalore.

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COMMISSIONER

Dated: 15.04.2020

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