STANDING ORDER NO. 01/2020


In the wake of the Order passed by the Hon’ble Supreme Court in the matter of M/s ITC Ltd. Vs C.C.E. Kolkata-IV in Civil Appeal Nos.293 & 294 of 2009 dated 18.09.2019: the following instructions are being given in relation to re-assessment of Bills of Entry.

(i) In respect of amendment of documents under Section 149 of Customs Act, 1962 and consequent re-assessment of Bills of Entry done after out of charge of the goods, entailing lower duty than the duty self-assessed by the importer, speaking order needs to be issued bringing out the reasons as to why the Bill of Entry has been re-assessed quantifying the amount of Refund involved. Such Order shall be reviewed by the Commissioner.

(ii) Refund Section shall entertain refunds only if the speaking order is accepted in review. If the speaking order is appealed against, the assessing group shall issue a protective Show Cause Notice.

(iii) In respect of all cases where the Bills of Entry are re-assessed to any higher duty by the assessing groups before out-of-charge orders, a speaking order is to be issued under Section 17(5) of Customs Act, 1962 unless the importer submits his written acceptance to such re-assessment.

(iv) In every case of re-assessment a speaking order shall be passed by the proper officer.

(v) In relation to provisional assessments, including those in relation to SVB cases, refunds consequent to finalization of assessment, shall be governed by Section 18 of Customs Act, 1962.

(vi) In all cases, the Review Section should communicate to the refund section about the acceptance of the Order of-reassessment immediately after completion of review.

2. The above procedure shall be applicable for all re-assessments done after 18.09.209. In case of claims where re-assessment has already been done after out of
charge without speaking order, the assessing groups have to pass the speaking orders forthwith.

3. 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.

4. All AC/DC (Groups) and AC/DC (CRC) and other concerned to comply with the directions as mentioned in this Standing Order. Difficulties, if any, faced in implementation of this Standing Order may be brought to the notice of the undersigned.

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COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS

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