STANDING ORDER NO. 04 / 2013

विषय/ Sub: Implementation of Risk Management System for imports under the 100% EOU Scheme – Imports under Procurement Certificate - Reg.

Attention of all officers is invited to Public Notice No. 63/2011 dated 04.08.2011 which allowed the importers under 100% EOU scheme to clear the goods on the basis of Block Transfer Certificates even though the administrative control of the 100 % EOU was transferred to the Central Excise authorities and no bonds were maintained with Customs formation.

2 The matter has been further examined in light of the statutory and functional considerations. It is observed that across the country, import clearances by the 100% EOU are being made against submission of Procurement Certificates (PC) issued by the jurisdictional Central Excise/Customs Officers having jurisdiction over the unit. In Bangalore, a special arrangement is continuing whereby the units are allowed to clear the imported goods on the strength of a Block Transfer Certificate issued by the jurisdictional Officer instead of a Procurement Certificate. However, as the system of Block Transfer is not prevalent at other places, a number of EOUs produce Procurement Certificates for Customs clearance. Therefore, in practice, the field formations of this Commissionerate have to deal with both Block Transfer Certificates and Procurement Certificates.
3. The Block Transfer Certificates being in the nature of running bond carry multiple entries which are re-credited upon production of Re-warehousing Certificate(s), which are issued consignment wise. Therefore, while imports are permitted against multiple entries in one bond, for re-credit of each entry a separate Re-warehousing Certificate is required. This leads to problems in reconciliation and consequent delays. Further, the coexistence of Block Transfer Certificates and Procurement Certificates creates avoidable confusion and undue burden.

4. Keeping in view the above, it has been decided that with effect from 01.03.2013 the imports under 100 % EOU schemes, including under courier mode, will be allowed only on production of Procurement Certificates and the system of Block Transfer Certificates shall be discontinued.

5. No fresh Block Transfer Certificates shall be registered. The Block Transfer Certificates already registered can be utilized in full and Re-warehousing Certificates should be submitted latest by 15.04.2013. A Public Notice No. 02/ 2013 dated 14.02.2013 has been issued for information of the trade.

6. All Officers & Staff should adhere to the above change scrupulously.

(Sandip Prakash)
Asstt Commissioner

1) The Chief Commissioner of Customs, Bangalore Zone, Bangalore.
2) The Additional/Joint Commissioner of Customs, Air Cargo Complex, Bangalore.
3) The Additional Commissioner of Customs, ICD, Whitefield, Bangalore.
4) The Joint Commissioner of Customs, Airport, Bangalore.
5) The Deputy Commissioner of Customs, Customs Division, IAD, Bangalore.
7) Notice Board.