

धुक्त संकार, किलकारा वैध्वात, संठावाळा घ्रण्यं भारत सरकार, वित्त मंत्रालय, राजस्व विभाग Government of India, Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs. ఆయుక్తర ಕಛోరి, నగర స్టిము నుంక, అండే సం5400., सేంద్రియ రాజన్మ భవన, క్విన్స రస్తే .బేంగಳೂರು सीमा शुल्क आयुक्त का कार्यालय, सीमा शुल्क आयुक्तालय, , बेंगलूर Office of the Commissioner of Customs, City Customs Commissionerate, C.R. Building, No.1 Queen's Road, Bangalore – 560 001

Dated 08.05.2021

## **PUBLIC NOTICE NO.21/2021**

Subject: - Trade facilitation measures in Bangalore City Customs, Commissionerate during the lockdown in May 2021 in Karnataka reg.

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As per the notification issued by the Karnataka State, there will be a lockdown in the state to tackle the spread of COVID-19. However, during this period, Bangalore City Customs will be attending to all cargo clearance work at ICD, EPC and PAD as usual. Special attention will be given to expeditious clearance of Covid relief material.

- 2. **Acceptance of Undertaking in place of Bond**: In compliance to the Boards Circular no 09/2021 dated 8th May 2021, taking cognizance of the difficulties reported by the trade and industry and the importance of facilitating the Customs clearance process, the Customs at ICD has decided to restore the facility of acceptance of an undertaking instead of the bond from the date of issue of this Circular till **30.06.2021**. Importers/Exporters availing of this facility shall ensure that the undertaking furnished in place of bond is duly replaced with a proper bond by **15.07.2021**. All such undertakings in place of Bond may be submitted to the officers at Turant Suvidha Kendra (TSK) located at ICD, Whitefield or through email tsk-icdblr@gov.in.
- 3. **Waiver of late fee:** If the Importers and Customs Brokers are unable to file Bill of Entry for the reasons due to Lock-down related reasons they are advised to approach the Joint Commissioner of Customs, ICD, Bengaluru seeking waiver of penalty in Bonafide cases. The Joint Commissioner, ICD shall examine such requests and consider waiver on merits.

4. Trade Facilitation measures in respect of Export Promotion **Cells(EPCs):** Stakeholders attention is invited to trade facilitation measures extended to EOU/EHTP/STPI units to ensure social distancing on account of COVID-19 vide PN 11/2020 dated 26.03.2020. The said measures allowed Import Intimations/Annexures (including submission of particulars), Permission requests for re-import/re-export, permission to relocate the Bonded goods and other intimations to be submitted by e-mail. The said facilitation measures are still being utilized by importers and may continue. In respect of Bonds submitted to EPCs, undertaking in place of Bonds may be submitted by the category of importers mentioned in Circular No.17/2020-Cus. It is also informed that such relaxation from submitting a bond will also be considered on case to case basis for any other importer and exporter who requests for the same, with such additional safeguards over and above those listed in this circular, as deemed fit by the Jurisdictional Deputy Commissioner to safeguard revenue and ensure compliance of the statutory provisions. In all other cases, it is informed that the signed copy of Bonds that are required to be submitted with Export Promotion Cells, for various permissions, may be scanned and mailed to the e-mail ids of respective EPCs along with soft copies of required supporting documents. The Bonds will be provisionally accepted by EPCs and transactions will be allowed under the said bonds. the physical submission of the above said Bond and the supporting documents may be done for acceptance of DC, EPC before 15.07.2021. Importers who furnished undertaking in place of bond should also submit a proper bond by 15.07.2021. The designated official e-mail ids of EPCs are provided below

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No.	Name of the Formation	e-mail Id
1	Export Promotion Cell(Central)	epccentral-citycus@gov.in
2	Export Promotion Cell(East)	epceast-citycus@gov.in
3	Export Promotion Cell(South)	epcsouth-citycus@gov.in
	Export Promotion Cell	
4	(Chitradurga)	epc-chitradurga@gov.in
5	Export Promotion Cell(Mysore)	epc-mysore@gov.in

5. Trade Facilitation measures in respect of Postal Appraising Department of Foreign Post Office (FPO), Chamarajpet: Trade to kindly note that because of the ongoing lockdown measures, all requests for re-assessments along with

relevant documents, submission of concerned certificates (ex. PQ certificates, etc.), replies to SCN s issued, can be submitted by email mode on <u>pad-citycusblr@gov.in</u>.

- 6. **Interaction with officers at Headquarters**: Members of the trade are encouraged to correspond with headquarters officers by email and telephone for all their official work. Physical meetings shall be avoided. Please email your concerns to commrcity-cusblr@nic.in.
- 7. **Covid Appropriate Behaviour (CAB):** All the staff of Customs Brokers operating in Bangalore and the members of the trade are requested to strictly follow Covid protocols and ensure that proper masks are put at all times on their faces while interacting with Customs officers and each other. Persons flouting COVID appropriate behaviour will be dealt with strictly.
- 8. The instructions of this Public Notice should be considered as Standing Order for all other officers involved in Customs clearance of goods.
- 9. Any difficulties in implementation of the above at ICD and CFS's may be brought to the notice of the Joint Commissioner of Customs, ICD Whitefield, Bengaluru through email @ naresh.irs61@gov.in. In respect of EPC and PAD, you may contact the Joint Commissioner of Customs, through email @parryvallal.t@gov.in.

To,

## (BASWARAJ NALEGAVE) COMMISSIONER

All the Concerned (As per mailing list)

Copy to:-

- 1. The office of the Chief Commissioner of Customs, Bangalore Zone
- 2. The Joint Commissioner of Customs, ICD Whitefiled, Bengaluru,
- 3. To all the officers
- 4. The CHA association
- 5. Customs Website.