Subject: Extortion of money in the names of Customs Officers – reg.

Instances have come to the notice that people are being cheated by unscrupulous elements who promise to send/receive parcels for various articles from/to India against payment of Customs Duties. They impersonate as Customs Officers by using their names and instruct the consignees to deposit money in the Bank Account created by them for fraudulent purpose to extort money. They may also issue fictitious receipts for having received the amount.

2. It is also informed that the Customs Duty shall be deposited in favour of Commissioner of Customs (Government Account) “A/c Head 0037 Customs Duties” through nominated nationalized banks such as Punjab National Bank, State Bank of India Bank etc for the Commissionerates of Delhi Customs.

3. General Public is hereby informed that Customs Officers never call anyone and ask to pay Customs Duty to any individual or deposit it into his account. It is the responsibility of Importer/Exporter to submit necessary documents to the respective Customs Offices and pay Customs Duty in the manners stated above and obtain receipt from the Bank.

4. Further, the General Public is alerted not to pay any amount in the name of Customs to any person or to any private account, if any body demands such payments claiming to be Officer of Customs on the parcels alleged to be detained by Customs at Delhi Airport/Import/Export Shed /FPO; For any query or verification, following Customs Officers can be contacted:

   a) Deputy Commissioner of Customs, Foreign Post Office, Phone – 011-23238917.
   b) Deputy Commissioner of Customs (Admn.), Phone – 011-25654162.
   c) Superintendent of Customs (Hqrs), Phone – 011-25655150

   Pr. COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS
   AIR CARGO EXPORTS.

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Copy forwarded for information to:

1. The Chief Commissioner of Customs (DZ), NCH, New Delhi.
2. The Commissioner of Customs (Import/General/Airport/ICDs).