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Attention of the Importers, Trade, Custom Brokers and all the stakeholders is invited to ICES Advisory 16/2020 on the captioned subject.

2. To further streamline the clearance process in imports and make it more efficient especially in these critical times, a number of changes and improvements have been implemented in the System in the last few days. These changes are not only facilitative for the Trade, they would also simplify certain processes for the Customs officer, thus aiding in the faster overall clearance of goods. Such changes are elaborated in succeeding paras.

REGULARISATION OF PRIOR BILL OF ENTRY (BoE):

3. Presently, regularization of prior BoE is done automatically by the ICES at the time of goods registration if the IGM is filed with the same Airway Bill and given Entry Inwards. In cases where the actual Airway Bill is different from what was declared in the Prior BoE, an option was available with the AC in ACL role to amend the Airway Bill details in the BoE. However, for regularization of the BoE, the importer (or the Customs Broker) had to approach the goods registration officer having AAI role (usually in the shed). This made regularization a cumbersome process.

3.1. Now, the option for regularization of prior BoEs has also been given in the ACL role itself to fasten the process and mitigate redundant physical interfacing.

4. Further, instances have been noticed when the auto regularization by the ICES where the Airway Bill details match gets stuck or does not happen on its own in some cases. As an additional measure to ensure auto regularization, a procedure has been introduced in the ICES to check for any such pending BoEs every morning and regularize the same automatically.
DOCUMENT SUBMISSION DETAILS IN SUP ROLE:

5. A new provision has been made in the ICES where the compliance verification officer can indicate, while granting OOC or CCV in the SUP role, whether all the required supporting documents were uploaded online by the importer. This will provide critical feedback on the compulsory use of e-Sanchit for online submission of the supporting documents.

ENTRY OF WAREHOUSE CODE FOR WAREHOUSE BILL OF ENTRY (WBoE):

6. At the time of filing of Warehouse Bill of Entry (WBoE), sometimes the importer does not know which warehouse the goods will be allotted to. An option was available in the SUP role to manually enter this warehouse code for a WBoE any time before any Ex-Bond BoE is filed against that WBoE. In order to further secure the process and to have a more reliable accounting of warehoused goods, it has now been made mandatory to have the warehouse details entered in the System before OOC, wherever not given at the time of filing the WBoE, failing which OOC will not be allowed by the ICES.

FURTHER STREAMLINING OF AUTOMATED QUEUING FOR OOC:

7. In the present implementation of auto queuing of every BoE for OOC, certain BoEs were set aside by the ICES and not queued up automatically before the OOC officer. These were cases:

   a. selected for Scanning;
   b. where NOC was not received from PGA;
   c. where OTP was not received for deferred payment;
   d. where Warehouse Code was not entered in case of WBoE.

   The above necessitated the importer to physically approach the OOC officer for activation of these BoEs for clearance. In many cases, the importer would also not come to know immediately of the status of such BoEs.

7.1. Now, these BoEs would also be automatically queued with other BoEs. Instead of ICES setting them aside, a pop-up would be displayed to the officers with the above reasons, as applicable, enabling them to decide accordingly. In case the officer requires any clarification, a query can be raised to the importer. This will further remove the need for physical interface even for the above few scenarios.

8. All trade associations/members of Customs Brokers Association are requested to take note and publicize the contents of this Public Notice among their members/constituents.

9. For the departmental officers, this may be treated as Standing Order.

10. Difficulties, if any, may be brought to the notice of Additional Commissioner of Customs (Technical), ACC Import, New Customs House, New Delhi.
This issues with the approval of the Principal Commissioner of Customs, ACC (Import).

Additional Commissioner of Customs (Technical)
ACC (Import)

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4. The Deputy/Assistant Commissioner (Import Shed), Air Cargo Complex, New Delhi.
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6. The Deputy Commissioner (EDI), ACC (Import), NCH, New Delhi for uploading above Public Notice on the Official Website.
7. Shri S. Ramakrishna, President, Delhi Customs Brokers Association, 260-61, Anarkali Bazar, Jhandewalan Extension, DDA Shopping Complex, New Delhi-110055.
8. Delhi International Airport Ltd, IGI Airport, Cargo Terminal, New Delhi.

Joint Commissioner of Customs (Technical)
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