STANDING ORDER NO 06/2018

Subject: Forwarding of Samples for testing to the Outside Laboratories:-

Kind attention of all Importers/Exporters/Members of Trade/Customs Brokers is invited to the Circular No.28/2018-Customs dated 30.08.2018 regarding forwarding of samples for testing to the Outside Laboratories.

2. In the earlier Board Circular No.43/2017-Customs dated 16.11.2017 and 11/2018-Customs dated 17.05.2018, it was categorically indicated that up-gradation of the Revenue Laboratories is an on-going process. Therefore Laboratories earlier not equipped with testing facilities for a specific item have since acquired the testing facilities consequent to up-gradation.

3. All Officers of ICD TKD Export are directed that they may therefore first ensure with their respective laboratories that the testing facilities for any particular items listed in the said Circulars are not available with them before forwarding such samples to outside laboratory(s) listed therein.

4. In case the Jurisdictional laboratory does not have testing facility for a given sample, it would to be open to the field formations to send such samples to one of the other revenue laboratories which have the facility to test the given sample, instead of availing services of an outside Government Laboratory. CRCL would also continuously update the list of testing facilities available on its webpage or on the web-link of each laboratory so that there are no delays in testing merely on account of ascertaining as to which of the labs has the relevant testing facility.

5. All Officers of ICD TKD Export are directed to comply with the directions issued in this public notice.