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**Subject:- Electronic sealing- Deposit in and removal of goods from Customs bonded Warehouses-reg.**

Attention of Importers, Customs Brokers and all other stakeholders is invited to the Circular No. 10/2020-Customs dated 07.02.2020 issued by OSD (Land Customs), CBIC on Electronic sealing- Deposit in and removal of goods from Customs bonded Warehouses.

2. The Warehouse (Custody & Handling of Goods) Regulations, 2016, the Special Warehouse (Custody & Handling of Goods) Regulations, 2016, Warehoused Goods (Removal) Regulations 2016, Manufacture and Other Operations in Warehouse (no. 2) Regulations, 2019 and circular 17/2016-Cus prescribe the affixation of a one-time-lock for transport of goods to be deposited in a warehouse or removed therefrom.

3. The regulations require that goods arriving at the warehouse from a customs station shall be affixed with a one-time-lock with its serial number endorsed upon the bill of entry for warehousing and the transport document. The warehouse keeper or bond officer, as the case may be, is required to inspect the seal and when it is found intact, permit the goods to be unloaded at the warehouse. Circular 17/2016-Cus dated 14th May 2016 prescribes that in case of removal of goods from a customs station for deposit into a warehouse, the container or means of transport (closed trucks) should be affixed with a one-time-lock by the proper officer at the customs station. A similar procedure has been provided under the Warehoused Good (Removal) Regulations, 2016, for removal of warehoused goods from one warehouse to another and from a warehouse to customs station for export and also the Manufacture and Other Operations in Warehouse (no. 2) Regulations, 2019. Also, the Principal Commissioner of Customs /Commissioner of Customs is duly empowered to permit movement of goods

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without affixation of OTLs, where the nature of goods or their manner of transport so warrant (e.g. Liquid Bulk Cargo transported through Pipe Lines and Over Dimensional Cargo).

4. Subsequently, Circulars 36/2017, 37/2017 and 41/2017 - Customs prescribe the use of "RFID tamper proof one-time-bolt seal" and providing of readers / procedure for its use by Customs. It has now been decided that RFID sealing shall be extended to transport of goods for deposit in a warehouse as well as removal therefrom. Therefore, where ever the Warehousing Regulations (referred in para 1 above) prescribe affixing of a "One Time Lock", the importer or owner of the goods shall use RFID anti-tamper one-time-locks (hereinafter referred as "RFID OTL").

5. The RFID OTLs shall be sourced from the vendors whose names appear in the list placed on the website of the CBIC (please see weblink alongside to circular 36 & 37/2017 on [www.cbic.gov.in](http://www.cbic.gov.in))

5.1 Considering the fact that goods may be removed through a variety of vehicles, different types of RFID OTLs, such as bolt seals (already specified by circular 36/2017-Cus) or wire - cable seal shall be used. The specifications, data elements and procedure to be used under the Regulations for Warehousing shall be as follows:

## 5.2 Seals

(i) For containers (RFID One-Time-Bolt Seal) As prescribed under circular 36/2017 – Customs dated 28th August 2017

(ii) For closed body vehicles (RFID Wire Cable seal)

(a) Each seal shall be a one-time-lock bearing a unique serial number and brand of the vendor in the format ABCD XXXX XXXX, where ABCD stands for the brand of the vendor and X (8 digit) is a numerical digit from 0-9.

(b) The RFID seal shall conform to ISO 17712:2013 and ISO/IEC 18000-6 Class 1 Gen 2 which is globally accepted in industrial applications and can be read with the use of UHF (i.e. 860 MHz to 960 MHz) Reader-Scanners.

(c) The manufacturer or vendor, as the case may be, shall be in possession of certifications required for conformance of the ISO standard ISO 17712:2013 namely, clauses 4, 5 and 6 (as applicable to cable-wire seals)