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अंतर्देशीय कन्टेनर डिपो: तुगलकाबाद: नई दिल्ली-११००२०

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**Subject: - Discontinuation of High Seas Sale Registration Procedure at Import Noting Section of ICD, Tughlakabad, New Delhi - Reg**

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Kind attention of the Importers Customs House Agents/Customs Brokers/ members of Trade is invited to the issue regarding registration of High Seas Sale contract at Import Noting Section, ICD, Tughlakabad, New Delhi.

2. In terms of para 2.24 of the Foreign Trade Policy (2004-2009) [para 2.38 of the Foreign Trade Policy (2015-2020)], sale of goods on high seas for import into India may be made subject to FTP or any other law in force. CBEC Circular No. 14/2017 dated 11.04.2017 prescribes the following documents for amendment of IGM in respect of High Sea Sales -

- a) High Seas Sales contract signed by both the buyer and seller and duly notarized. In the cases where the HSS contract is not notarized, the same is required to be attested by the authorized signatory of Bankers. The date of Contract/Notarization/Attestation by the bankers should be not later than the date of the IGM;
- b) Non-negotiable copy of Bill of Lading in original. If same is not available, then a photocopy of such Bill of Lading (duly authenticated by Shipping Line/Steamer Agent/Custom Broker);
- c) "High Seas Sale Invoice" and "Commercial Invoice" in original or a duly attested copy thereof;
- d) Authority letter for Customs Broker (CB) from High Seas Sales buyer in original (if CB is appointed) or application from High Seas Sale buyer;
- e) IEC copies of both the buyer and the seller;

3. The issue was re-examined in light of various representations received from trade representative for discontinuation of mandatory registration of HSS agreement in Import Noting Section on the ground that aforesaid registration purpose does not serve any purpose as all the aforesaid documents are also required to be submitted before concerned Assessment Groups / Import Shed.

4. In order to reduce transaction cost, delay and ensure the spirit of 'ease of doing business', it has been decided to prescribe following new procedure as regards import involving "High Sea Sale" transactions: -

- I. Documents as prescribed in CBEC circular no. 14/2017-Customs dated 11.04.2017 should be mandatorily presented alongwith other shipment documents (mentioned in para 2 above) before Proper Officer (Assessment Group / Import Shed).