Subject: Examination / Inspection of goods under import without Delivery Order –
regarding

Delhi Customs Clearing Agents Association (DCCAA) had been requesting that the
goods under import may be allowed to be examined without insistence of Delivery Order
issued by Shipping Lines, and that the Delivery Order may be verified at the time of
clearance of the goods from the ICD. This issue was repeatedly being raised in the
Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee (PTFC) as well.

2. The Matter had been examined. In order to reduce the transaction cost / dwell
time of the cargo and in view of similar practice being followed in other ports, viz,
Chennai Customs vide their Circular No. 12/2012 dated 29.12.2012, Jawaharlal Nehru
Customs House, Mumbai, vide Public Notice No.65/2012 dated 05.12.2012 and New
Customs House, Ballard Estate, Mumbai vide Public Notice 107/2016 dated 12.09.2016, it
was decided that in order to facilitate legitimate trade, Inspection / Examination of the
goods will be allowed by Customs officers without insisting for Delivery Order.
Accordingly Public Notice No. 16/2016 dated 19.09.2016 was issued by this office which
was subsequently held in abeyance vide order dated 27.09.2016.

3. The issue has been examined afresh. It has been decided that in order to facilitate
the trade and reduce transaction Cost/ dwell time of clearance of cargo, the examination
of the goods in “Second check” bills of entry will be allowed by the Customs officer, without insistence on delivery order. As soon as the goods are registered in ICES for examination, the Custodian shall present the goods for examination / Inspection by the Customs, without insistence on Delivery Order. However, the Custodian shall release the cargo only after production of Delivery Order. It is emphasized that this facility is not available for bills of entry in “first check”.

4. This facility will be effective from the day of issue of this notice. Any problem faced in this regard may be brought to the notice of Addl./Joint Commissioner of Customs (Import Shed), ICD (Import), Tughlakabad, New Delhi.

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ICD (Import), Tughlakabad

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1. The Chief Commissioner of Customs, CCCU (DZ), NCH, New Delhi for information.
2. The Commissioner of Customs (Export), ICD, TKD, New Delhi.
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4. All Additional/Joint Commissioner of Customs, Import Commissionerate, ICD, Tughlakabad, New Delhi.
5. All Deputy/Assistant Commissioner of Customs, Import Commissionerate, ICD, Tughlakabad, New Delhi.
6. The Deputy Commissioner of Customs (EDI/Hqrs/Admn.) Import Commissionerate, ICD, Tughlakabad, New Delhi for necessary action.
8. Northern India Steamer Agents Association (Regd.), B-I, Cabin No. 4, Ansal Tower, Nehru Place.
9. General Manager, CONCOR, ICD, Tughlakabad.

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