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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS (IMPORT-II) NEW CUSTOM HOUSE, BALLARD ESTATE, MUMBAI- 400 001.

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PUBLIC NOTICE NO. 73/2021

Subject: Online filing of AEO T2 and AEO T3 applications: Launch of Version 2.0 of web application for filing, real-time monitoring and digital certification-reg.

Kind attention of all Importers, Exporters, Members of Trade & Industry and Stakeholders is drawn to Circular No. 13/2021-Customs dated 01.07.2021 (copy enclosed) issued by the Directorate of International Customs, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs, New Delhi. In line with the government's Digital India Initiative, the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs has decided to launch a new Version (V 2.0) of web application for onboarding of AEO T2 and AEO T3 applicants by way of online filing, real-time monitoring, and digital certification. This updated version of the existing web application will be made accessible for both applicants and customs officials from 07.07.20?1.

The new version (V 2.0) of the web application is designed to ensure continuous, real time, and digital monitoring of the physically filed AEO T2 and AEO T3 applications for timely intervention and expedience. The AEO T2 and AEO T3 applicants, on submission of the physical documents in the jurisdictional Pr. Chief Commissioner/Chief Commissioner' office (AEL Cell), shall register on AEO web application. On successful registration, the applicant shall upload the duly-filled relevant annexures for their AEO T2 and AEO T3 application, as the case may be. The applicants who are registered (existing AEO T1 status holder applying for AEO T2) at aeoindia.gov.in are not required to register again. The existing login credentials can be straightaway utilized for uploading e ther the AEO T2 or AEO t3 application annexures, if eligible, as per the Circular No. 33/2016- customs dated 22.07.2016 as amended.

Once the relevant annexures are uploaded by the applicant, the applicant will be able to monitor the processing of their application at each stage in real time on their dashboard. In addition, in case of any deficiency in the application, the same can be responded through online upload of required additional documents by the applicant on the web application itself. A step-wise guide for filing AEO T2 and AEO T3 application by the applicant is available on the CBIC website under the 'Indian AEO Programme' section at the following URL https://www.cbic.gov.in/htdocs-cbec/home_links/india-aeo-prgm. The guide is also available at aeoindia.gov.in uner the 'Download' section which can be used as a ready reckoner for help with V.2.0 of the web application and its functionalities.

To ensure smooth roll-out, it has been decided that till 31.07.22021, the AEO T2 and AEO T3 applicants would be allowed to physically file the AEO application without registering on the AEO portal as a transition measure. However, from 01.08.2021, it will be mandatory for AEO T2

and AEO T3 applicants to register on the portal for AEO certification. The AEO T2 and AEO T3 application filed at the office of the jurisdictional Pr. Chief Commissioner/Chief Commissioner before 07.07.2021 are not required to be filed online and may continue to be processed manually, except where migration on web-application is requested by the existing AEO 2 and AEO T3 applicants, while ensuring that the AEO certification process is not delayed.

All the Trade Associations/Members of Customs Brokers Association are requested to take note and publicise the contents of this Public Notice among their members/constituents.

(Manog Kumar Kadia) Commissioner of Customs (Import-II) New Custom House, Mumbai

Encl.: Circular No. 13/2021-Customs dated 01.07.2021

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