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Sub: Turant Customs- Setting up of Turant Suvidha Kendra, Its Roles and Functions–reg

Kind attention of all the Importers, Exporters, Customs Brokers and all other stakeholders is invited to the Board's Circular No. 32/2020-Customs dated 06.07.2020 issued vide F. No. 450/78/2020-Cus IV on the above mentioned subject read with Circular No. 28/2020-Customs dated 05.06.2020 issued vide F.No. 450/26/2019-Cus IV(Pt) for 1st phase of All India roll-out of Faceless Assessment which communicated Board's decision to implement the next generation reforms in the Customs clearance process under the umbrella of Turant Customs with the objectives of speedy clearance, transparency in decision making, and ease of doing business.

2. Continuing with the aforementioned initiatives, a dedicated cell called the “**Turant Suvidha Kendra (TSK)**” with the objective of facilitating the trade in completing various formalities relating to Customs Assessment is being set up for Import-I & II Commissionerates under Mumbai Customs Zone-I. The Turant Suvidha Kendra will be operational w.e.f. 15.07.2020. The details of Turant Suvidha Kendra viz. location, officers, timing and telephone number are as follows:

TURANT SUVIDHA KENDRA OF IMPORT-I & II, MUMBAI CUSTOMS ZONE-I, NCH			
Manned by	Location/Place with complete Address	Office Timing	Contact Number & e-mail ID
Following level of Officers			
1. Deputy/Assistant	2 nd Floor, New Annex Building,	Monday to Saturday	022-22757406 tsk.mumcuszone1@gov.in

Commissioner of Customs.	New Custom House, Ballard Estate, N M Road, Mumbai - 400 001	from 9.30am to 06.00pm	
2. Appraisers			
3. Examiners			
4. EA/TA/LDC			
5. H.Hawaldar/ Hawaldar/MTS			

3. TSK shall perform the following functions-

- (i) Accept Bond and Bank Guarantee ;
- (ii) Carry out any other verifications that may be referred by the Faceless Assessment Groups;
- (iii) Defacing of documents/ permits/ licences, wherever required;
- (iv) Debit of documents/permits/licences, wherever required;
- (v) Other functions determined in this regard from time to time to facilitate trade.

In performing these functions, officers posted at the TSK will match the documents produced by the Customs Broker/ importer with the soft copies of those documents uploaded on e-Sanchit to verify their authenticity and record a remark to this effect on the ICES system. Trade can approach TSK for necessary verification/debits/ defacing of documents etc. after filing of Bill of Entry till the Out of Charge Order is given by Docks.

4. It is important to highlight that the TSK shall look after above functions with respect to RMS as well as Non-RMS Bills of Entries. Thus, all document verification with respect to RMS Bs/E which were earlier being done by the Docks/ Examination staff shall now be done by the TSK. However, 'Out of Charge' orders with respect to RMS Bs/E shall continue to be given by Docks officers after verifying the Compulsory Compliance Requirements and other instructions from RMS.

5. For the sake of convenience, the details of work to be done by TSK is elaborated as below (the following is not an exhaustive list and may include other related functions within the parameters defined in Para 3 above) -

i. **Bond Management**- All work relating to Bond like creation of Job Number, debit, acceptance, receipt and storage shall be done by the TSK. This will cover all types of Bond like-

- a) Provisional Assessment Bond
- b) Warehousing Bond
- c) End User Bond
- d) No use bond
- e) Letter of Undertakings
- f) SVB Bond
- g) Re-export/Re-import Bond
- h) Test Bond
- i) Project Import Bond
- j) Bond for availing Concessional Duty/ Notification Benefits
- k) NB
- l) Bonds pertaining to License Section -DEEC/EPCG/MEIS/SHIS BOND
- m) Any other Bond

Since the proper officer for the acceptance of bonds is the Assistant/ Deputy Commissioner these Bonds would be put up to the Assistant/ Deputy Commissioner in charge of Turant Suvidha Kendra for acceptance. In respect of Provisional Assessments, the decision on whether or not to resort to provisional assessment in a particular case shall be taken by the Assistant/ Deputy Commissioner in charge of the Appraising Group concerned. The AC/DC in charge of TSK shall only accept the bond/ bank guarantee. In accepting bonds, it shall be the responsibility of the AC/DC in charge of TSK to make sure that the legal text and format of the Bond is in order- for instance- that an unequivocal auto-renewal clause is incorporated therein.

- ii. **Verification and Registration of Bank Guarantee** mandated by law in relation to a particular assessment in ICES.
- iii. **Verification of Certificates** for availing Duty Benefits like Country of Origin Certificate, Import of Goods at Concessional Rate of Duty certificate, Essentiality certificate etc.
- iv. **Debit/ Defacing of any Certificates** for availing Duty Benefits.

- v. **Verification of any Documents required for the purpose of assessment.** To cite a few, CE Certificate, BIS Certificate, Type Registration, EPRA, Registration document in case of DEEC/EPCG , Re-export/Re-import documents.
- vi. Officers posted at TSK need to ensure that all **documents verified/dealt with including Bond and Bank Guarantee are duly uploaded by the Importer on e-sanchit** before inserting remarks with regards to verification of any such document or acceptance of Bond and Bank Guarantee.

6. As regards Bond Management, it should be noted that work of acceptance of warehousing Bond performed by Import Bond Section and acceptance of Bond and Bank Guarantee work of all groups of Import I & II Commissionerates and License Section of Import II Commissionerate shall be subsumed within TSK.

7. The Officers in charge of TSK will be able to perform their functions through a dedicated “Turant Suvidha Kendra Officer Role” on ICES. The role allotment of TSK to officers posted shall be done by EDI as per present practice of assignment of different roles.

8. No change is envisaged in the administration and functioning of Assessment Groups which shall continue to perform the core function of assessment except that functions listed in paras 3 and 5 above for ongoing/live assessments shall now be performed by TSK instead of the Groups. To recapitulate and clarify, the following functions will continue to be performed by the ‘Assessment Groups’ –

- a) Any disputes related to assessment with respect to classification, valuation, duty, applicability of policy conditions, notification benefits, cross-verification, levy of Anti Dumping duty , levy of safeguard duty.
- b) Adjudication proceedings with respect any of the above disputes requiring re-assessment vide issuance of Speaking Order under Customs Act 1962 and other Allied laws.
- c) Demands to be raised under Section 28 under Customs Act.
- d) Work related to pending and new appeals
- e) Recovery proceedings in cases of confirmed arrears and monitoring of restrained arrears.
- f) Decision for Provisional Assessment of a BE as per instructions and guidelines in law.
- g) Finalisation of Provisional Assessment.
- h) Verification of First Time Importers
- i) Waiver of late filing of BE

- j) Amendment of Bill of Entry: Directorate General of Systems has initiated the online filing of amendments by Importers through ICEGATE. The acceptance of the same shall be done by the proper officer of the Assessment Groups. Section 149 amendments shall also be done by the existing Assessment Groups.
- h) Any other related function in connection to above.
9. All Stakeholders are requested to kindly avail the facility of Turant Suvidha Kendra and also provide feedback on functioning of it to Joint Commissioner of Customs, Appraising General, Import-I through e-mail ID- tsk.mumcuszone1@gov.in for further improvement of the said facility.

-Sd/
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