



**OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS**  
**(EXPORT)**

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NEW CUSTOM HOUSE, BALLARD ESTATE,  
MUMBAI- 400001**

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**Subject: Streamlining of Unit Quantity Codes (UQCs) in Bills of Entry and Shipping Bills**

Kind attention of all the Importers, Exporters, Custom Brokers and all other stakeholders is invited CBIC Advisory No 29/2020 dated 17.08.2020 issued by Directorate General of Systems, ICES on the above-mentioned subject wherein Board had undertaken an exercise towards standardization of Unit Quantity Codes (UQCs) for purposes of export / import declarations filed on EDI.

2. It is noted that many importers and exporters use UQCs like BGS (Bags), BTL (Bottle), BOX, CTN (Carton), GGR (Gross), HPT (Hopper Ton), KPC (Kilo Parse), ODD and DRM(Drum) etc. which are neither stipulated in the Customs Tariff Act nor prevalent in the normal business transactions. These nonconvertible/inappropriate Unit Quantity Codes (UQCs) lead to a poor quality of data capture and related implications.

3. As a first measure, declaration of quantities in Statistical UQCs (SQCs) as prescribed under the Tariff Act have been made mandatory in both imports (since Feb 2019) and exports (since Feb 2020) for every item in addition to the quantities declared in the commercial units as per the invoice. The SQC declarations are being captured in the Single Window table of the Bills of Entry and Shipping Bills.

4. In order to further improve data quality, even among the commercial Unit Quantity Codes (UQCs) declared for the items as per the invoice, henceforth only codes as mentioned in the Annexure attached would be permitted in Bills of Entry/Shipping Bills. Declarations in any other UQC will not be accepted.

5. The above changes will come into effect from 20.08.2020.

6. Action to be taken in terms of decisions conveyed in this Public Notice should be considered as Standing Order for the purpose of officers.

Sd/-

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## **ANNEXURE**

<b>UQC</b>	<b>Description</b>
CBM	CUBIC METER
CCM	CUBIC CENTIMETER
CMS	CENTIMETER
CTM	CARAT
DOZ	DOZEN
FTS	FEET
GIF	GRM FISSILE ISOTOPE
GMS	GRAMS
GRS	GROSS
GYD	GROSS YARDS
HKS	HANKS
INC	INCHES
KGA	KILOGRAM ACTIVITY
KGS	KILOGRAMS
KWH	KWH KILO WATT HOUR
LBS	POUNDS
LTR	LITERS
MGS	MILLI GRAMS
MTR	METER
MTS	METRIC TON
NOS	NUMBERS
PCS	PIECES
PRS	PAIRS
QTL	QUINTAL
SET	SETS
SQF	SQUARE FEET
SQI	SQUARE INCHES
SQM	SQUARE METER
SQY	SQUARE YARDS
TBS	TABLETS
THD	THOUSANDS
TKW	THOUSAND KILO WATT HR
UNT	UNITS
VLS	VIALS
YDS	YARDS

