

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS (IMPORT-II)

APPRAISING MAIN SECTION, 1st FLOOR, OLD BUILDING NEW CUSTOM HOUSE, BALLARD ESTATE, MUMBAI-400001

S/22-PN-13/2018 A(M)-II

date 07.04.2023

Public Notice No. 03 /2023

Sub: Clearance of import cargo facing difficulties in duty payment reg.

This Public Notice is being issued in supersession of the earlier P.N. No.2/2023 dated 6.4.2023 issued by the undersigned due to the evolving need of the trade as per change in circumstances relating to duty payment problem.

- 2. With the issue of the Customs (Electronic Cash Ledger) Regulations, 2022 (ECLR) vide Notification No. 20/2022-Customs (N.T) dated 30.03.2022, the statutory provisions of section 51A came into force on 01.06.2022. However, all the deposits classes were exempted till 31.03.2023, vide Notification No. 47/2022-Customs (NT) dated 31.05.2022, as amended. Further, vide Circular No. 09/2023-Cus dated 30.03.2023, the Board has enabled ECL in phases from 01.04.2023. However, on enabling the said provisions, in some instances, grievances from trade have been received that after payment of the duty the same is not being reflected in ICES and Out of Charge is not getting effected by the ICES.
- 3. In view of the above, in order to facilitate the trade and to keep a check on dwell time, it has been decided that in case of import of Liquid Bulk Cargo/Perishable Goods/Life Saving Goods/Pharmaceutical items which move in cold chain and imports made by AEOs/Top Importers/Manufacturers/Government Departments/PSUs/Status holders under Foreign Trade Policy where the payment of the duty has been done but the same is not being reflected in ICES, DC(Docks/Bond/Division) as the case may be shall grant manual Out Of Charge if the importer produces a bank certificate/debit evidence indicating the payment of duty amount along with an undertaking that in case duty is found not to be credited, the importer shall deposit the same immediately.
- 4. In those cases where importers are not able to pay duty through RTGS/NEFT or the duty payment made is not reflecting properly, with production of evidence thereof, the manual ex-bond or home consumption Bill of Entry would also be allowed on a case to case basis and duty in such cases would be accepted through Demand Draft payable to Commissioner of Customs account. Manual filing of BE will be allowed on approval of the nodal officer Ms Meghana Moghe, Additional Commissioner of Customs (Import-II)
- 5. DC(Docks/Bond/Division) are directed to maintain a register of such cases of import of the aforementioned Imports kept in each cluster/division of Docks. At the end of each day, the concerned D.C. shall forward the report to Appraising Main (Import-II) of such cases.

- 6. Keeping in view the need of trade facilitation during the current situation and in the spirit of the Order No 01/2013-Customs (NT) dated 6.4.2023 issued by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs, the Custodians and Shipping Lines are requested to waive the demurrage and detention charges till 10.4.2023.
- 7. A checklist for the guidance of importers/CHAs for obtaining manual clearance/permission issued by Chennai Custom House is enclosed as Annexure A.
- 8. The Appraising Main (Import-II) on receipt of such reports, will verify the payments with the concerned banks on the following working day. After verification of the payment such entries shall be struck off from the Docks register as well as Appraising Main (Import-II) database and the manual Out of Charge shall be regularized in the ICES system latest by 30.04.2023.
- 9. This Public Notice shall be treated as Standing Order with reference to the officers of the department.
- 10. Difficulty, if any, faced in the implementation of this standing order may be brought to the notice of the Add Commissioner of Customs, Appraising Main (Import-II), NCH through email at meghana.moghe@gov.in or appraen@gmail.com
- 11 This issues with the approval of Principal Chief Commissioner of Customs, NCH, Mumbai Zone-I.

07.04.23 (Vivek Pandey) Commissioner of Customs, Import-II, Mumbai Customs Zone-I.

Copy to:

- 1. The Member Customs, CBIC
- 2. The Member IT, CBIC
- 3. The Pr. Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Zone-I, NCH.
- 4. The Commissioner of Customs, Gen, Import-I, Import-II, Export and Audit.
- 5. All Additional/Joint Commissioner of Customs, NCH, Mumbai.
- 6. All AC/DCs, NCH, Mumbai Zone-I
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Indian Customs EDI System/Imports Custom House, Chennai.

Manual Out of Charge for the Duty paid Bill of Entry Ref.: Public Notice No.: 14/2023 dated 06.04.2023.

Checklist for the Importers/CHA for obtaining manual OOC permission:-

- I. Challan not available in ICEGATE for making payment of Customs Duty:
 - Issue resolved. Challans will be available now.
 - Please try to make the payment by selecting the recently generated Challan (interest waived challan).
 - In case, the challan is not available for making the payment for a Bill of Entry, the same may be reported to the ICEGATE Helpdesk (icegatehelpdesk@icegate.gov.in), and a copy may be marked to svsmgr.maal@icegate.gov.in for follow up.
- II. Challan available in ICEGATE; Duty was also paid; but amount not integrated/reflected in ICES/ICEGATE; and the Bill of Entry is still in PCV (payment) Queue:-
 - Check the status of the Bill of Entry with the officers deputed for manual OOC work.
 - It should be "Yet to pay Duty (BE 1st copy printed)

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- Obtain letter of confirmation/certificate from the Bank, confirming the payment/ receipt of the Customs duty mentioning the corresponding challan number against the particular Bill of Entry number, and submit with a simple undertaking as mentioned in Public Notice No.: 14/2023 dated 06.04.2023.
- Bill of Entry details, Challan No., and the total amount collected should match with similar details in the Bill of Entry (interest is waived as per Customs (Waiver of Interest) Order, 2023, dated 06.04.2023).
- If the details match, the clearance of the goods will be permitted by granting physical/manual OOC.
- Once the System glitch is resolved, the details of OOC will be posted in the System; ensure that the Bill of Entry is regularised (OOC granted).