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<u>Sub : Consolidated instructions for granting manual Out of Charge (OOC) of</u> <u>import consignments where duty is not being reflected in ICES after payment</u>

Dear Member,

JNCH has issued Public Notice No.37/2023 dated 18.4.2023 (<u>copy_enclosed</u>) regarding consolidated instructions for granting manual Out of Charge (OOC) of import consignments, where duty is not being reflected in ICES after payment.

You may be aware that –

-- With the notification of the Customs (Electronic Cash Ledger) Regulations, 2022 vide CBIC Notification No.20/2022- Cus. (NT) dated 30.3.2022, statutory provisions of Section 51 A of the Customs Act, 1962 has come into force w.e.f. 1.6.2022.

-- However, all the deposits classes were exempted till 31.3.2023 vide Notification No.47/2022-Cust. (NT) dated 31.5.2022 as amended.

-- CBIC has enabled ECL in phases from 1.4.2023 vide Circular No.9/2023-Cust. dated 30.3.2023.

-- On implementing the said provisions, some grievances from trade have been received that after payment of the duty, the same is not being reflected in ICES and thus, OOC could not be processed in the ICES.

Till the process of integration of ECL with ICES, ICEGATE and banks becomes smooth and to maintain uninterrupted flow of supply chain, JNCH issued various Public Notices were issued to grant manual OOC for smooth clearance of import cargo.

Now, in order to avoid confusion and ensure smooth procedure of granting manual OOC, JNCH has decided / clarified that-

>> To consolidate the procedure in supersession of all the earlier issued Public Notices.

>> Manual OOC to the import of consignments of all categories of importers may be granted on production of a certificate from the Bank as per Annexure A, indicating payment of duty along with an undertaking that if duty is not credited to the Government's account, the concerned importer shall deposit the same along with applicable interest, if any, immediately.

>> Facility of manual OOC would be granted only after the e-payment verification on www.icegate.gov.in.

In case of any difficulty faced in implementation of the Public Notice No.37/2023 dated 18.4.2023, you may kindly contact the following:

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Members may kindly take a note of the above.

Regards,

Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal Executive Director

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