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Sub: Advisory for operationalisation of the Customs (Waiver of Interest) Third Order, 2023 dated 17.4.2023 and the consequential regularisation of electronic BE in case of manual OOC given in the wake of glitches in the implementation of ECL facility since 1.4.2023

Dear Member,

JNCH has issued Public Notice No.63/2023 dated 30.7.2023 ([copy enclosed](#)) in line with an Advisory released by DG Systems on 27.7.2023 (annexed to Public Notice No.63/2023 dated 30.7.2023).

About Electronic Cash Ledger (ECL)

Facility of ECL was implemented in Customs vide CBIC Circular No.9/2023 dated 30.3.2023.

The ECL is a non-interest-bearing deposit that the importer, exporter or any person liable to pay duty, fees, etc., under the Customs Act, has to make with the government for the purpose of payment.

The Customs (Electronic Cash Ledger) Regulations, 2022 (ECLR) was notified vide No.20/2022-Customs (NT) dated 30.3.2023 govern the manner of operationalization of ECL and related aspects.

However, while enabling the ECL provisions, in some cases grievances were received from trade that after duty payment, the same was not reflected in ICES and Out of Charge (OOC) was also not reflected by the ICES. In view of the same, procedure for manual OOC was adopted till the integration process of ECL with ICES, ICEGATE and Banks.

Now, since the ECL facility has stabilized and the duty paid is either getting integrated or in case of failure, available for reinitiation of payment in ECL.

In order to operationalise the Customs (Waiver of Interest) Third Order, 2023 dated 17.4.2023 and to regularise such Bill of Entry in the system for which manual OOC was given, CBIC has approved the procedure as given in the Advisory, which needs to be followed by the importers, Customs Brokers and all stakeholders.

Members may kindly make a note of the above.

Regards,

Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal
Executive Director

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