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<u>Sub: Disbursal of Drawback amounts into the exporters' accounts through PFMS</u> w.e.f. 5th June, 2024

Dear Member,

CBIC has issued Instruction No.15/2024-Customs dated 29.5.2024 (<u>copy enclosed</u>) on the above subject.

Presently, Duty Drawback claims are processed through Customs Automated System (CAS), enumerated in a scroll/ Computerised Customs Drawback Advice (CCDA) and sent to the Authorised Bank branch along with supporting single cheque of consolidated amount, as per the scroll, for payment of duty drawback amounts into the exporters' accounts.

The following procedure shall be discontinued w.e.f. 5th June, 2024 -

i. Practice of printing the Drawback scroll for onward transmission to the Authorised bank.

ii. Issuance of cheque for the total amount to be disbursed under a scroll.

Instead, the following procedure shall be adopted w.e.f. 5th June, 2024;

i. Authorised officer at each Customs location shall process Duty Drawback scroll queue.

ii. Scrolls generated at different locations will be AUTOMATICALLY processed by CAS for onward transmission to the Central Nodal eDDO.

iii. Nominated central nodal eDDO shall forward the consolidated All India Duty Drawback scroll to the nodal ePAO.

iv. After approval from the nodal ePAO, duty drawback amount shall be credited into the exporters' bank accounts linked with PFMS.

The jurisdictional Pr. Chief Commissioners/Chief Commissioners shall ensure that Drawback sections functioning under their charge shall complete the following actions before 5th June, 2024 –

a) Drawback scrolls generated prior to 5th June, 2024 should be processed, duly sent to the agency banks and cheques issued for the same.

b) Cheque number of the last cheque issued for payment of Duty drawback must be intimated to the jurisdictional PAO as well as to the authorised bank along with a confirmation that no future Drawback payments shall be made through the bank. If no future payments are to be made through the cheque book, then cheque books issued for Drawback payments shall be returned to the PAO.

c) If the same cheque book is being used for Customs refunds payments and is hence retained by the department for refund payments, specific mention of the same must be made in the LoP against the cheque issued.

Members may kindly make a note of the above.

Regards,

Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal Executive Director

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