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Sub: Roll out of Automated Out of Charge for AEO T2 and T3 Clients

Dear Member,

CBIC has issued Circular No. 01/2025-Customs dated 01/01/2025 ([enclosed](#)), announcing implementation of an Automated Out of Charge (Auto-OOC) system for Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) Tier 2 (T2) and Tier 3 (T3) clients.

What is Automated Out of Charge (Auto-OOC) system?

- Auto-OOC system is a technology-driven initiative by CBIC to streamline customs clearance for AEO Tier 2 & Tier 3 (T3) clients.
- Aims to expedite release of imported goods by automating the "Out of Charge" process for eligible consignments, reducing manual intervention and enhancing overall efficiency in customs operations.
- This initiative is part of CBIC's ongoing efforts to simplify trade procedures, enhance transparency, and adopt best practices to improve trade facilitation.

Key Highlights of the Circular:

1. Eligibility Criteria for Auto-OOC:

- Bills of Entry (BEs) from AEO-T2 and AEO-T3 clients will qualify for Auto-OOC if they meet the following conditions:
 - Not selected for examination, scanning, or for any Partner Government Agency (PGA) related No Objection Certificate (NoC).
- Assessment is complete.
- Authentication of the BE via One-Time Password (OTP) is complete for duty deferment.

2. Risk-Based Implementation:

- The Auto-OOC will be granted on a risk assessment basis for eligible BEs.

-- In cases where there is specific intelligence, customs officers have the option to place a hold in the Customs Systems to override the Auto-OOC.

3. Implementation Date:

-- The Auto-OOC facility is scheduled to be operational from January 1, 2025.

4. Stakeholder Communication:

-- This circular will be widely publicized through suitable Trade Notices or Public Notices.

-- Stakeholders are encouraged to report any difficulties encountered to the Board.

For detailed information you may refer to the full text of Circular No. 01/2025-Customs.

Members are requested to make a note of the above Circular.

Regards,

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