Subject: Implementation of automated clearance on pilot basis–reg.

Attention of the importers, exporters, Customs Brokers and all other stakeholders is invited to the CBIC Circular No. 05/2020-Customs dated 27.01.2020 vide which facility of automated clearance was implemented on a pilot basis at two Customs locations- Chennai Customs House and Jawahar Nehru Customs House with effect from 06.02.2020. Board Office has now decided vide Circular No. 15/2020-Customs dated 28.02.2020, to extend the facility of automated clearance of Bills of Entry to all Customs formations where the Customs EDI system is operational, with effect from 05.03.2020.

2. In this regard reference is invited to the 1st proviso to Section 47(1) of the Customs Act 1962. The said section along with the proviso reads as-

‘SECTION 47 Clearance of goods for home consumption – (1) Where the proper officer is satisfied that any goods entered for home consumption are not prohibited goods and the importer has paid the import duty, if any, assessed thereon and any charges payable under this Act in respect of the same, the proper officer -may make an order permitting clearance of the goods for home consumption’. Provided that such order may also be made electronically through the customs automated system on the basis of risk evaluation through appropriate selection criteria’.

3. In this regard, Board had issued Circular No 09/2019-Customs dated 28.02.2019. Para 3 of the said circular provides that in terms of the 1st proviso to Section 47(1), the Customs Automated System would electronically give clearance to Bill(s) of Entry, on completion of Customs Compliance Verification (CCV) and payment of duty by the importer.

4. The important features of the automated clearance are as follows:-
(i) The facility will only be for ICES locations where RMS is enabled and fully functional.

(ii) All the Customs Compliance Verification (CCV) requirements under the Customs Act, rules, instructions etc. will be done by the designated proper officer of Customs. III.

(iii) The CCV would operate even while duty has not been paid or payment is under process.

(iv) After completion of CCV, the proper officer of customs, on satisfaction that the goods are ready for clearance, will confirm the completion of the CCV for the particular Bill of Entry in the Customs System.

(v) On confirmation of payment of applicable duty, the Customs System will then electronically give clearance to the Bill of Entry.

5. The detailed requirements and changes in ICES shall be communicated to the field formations by way of ICES- Advisory from DG Systems.

6. In case of any difficulty, the specific issue may be brought to the notice of this Office.

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