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Dear

I would like to draw your attention to Board's Circular 40/2017-Customs dated October 13, 2017 on the implementation of the application for uploading of supporting documents electronically i.e. e-SANCHIT on Pilot basis. Subsequently, vide Instruction No.02/2018-Customs dated February 7, 2018, the Board has issued instructions to all the Chief Commissioners to launch e-SANCHIT in all the EDI locations.

2. At present, e-SANCHIT is only on voluntary basis. However, the reports suggest that approximately 800 to 900 documents are only being uploaded on a daily basis which may cover approximately 300-400 bills of entry. This lack of participation from the stakeholder is a matter of serious concern.

3. In view of the same, Chief Commissioners may make it obligatory to upload documents with effect from March 15, 2018. Considering the slow uptake by the stakeholders, I would also suggest that Custom Brokers and self-filers on ICEGATE should be cautioned through appropriate public notices and by running tickers on ICEGATE that they should use e-SANCHIT on a regular basis. Those Custom Brokers and self-filers who do not file even a single bill of entry under e-SANCHIT will not be permitted to file documents on ICEGATE after March 08, 2018. This advisory may also be given wide publicity while conducting outreach programmes/CCFC/PTFC in meetings to ensure wider use of e-SANCHIT.

4. With the implementation of e-SANCHIT the process of Customs clearance should undergo complete transformation. It is not merely an IT project being implemented by DG (Systems). The Chief Commissioners must proactively implement the project. Among other things, the following must be ensured:

- No officer should insist on hardcopy documents when it is on e-SANCHIT. Hardcopies of additional documents required during assessment should also follow the e-SANCHIT procedure outlined in the above Circular.
- Separate counters should be earmarked for clearances involving mandatory verification of documents in original (for example, Certificates of Origin), so that trade can visit only those counters to submit the relevant hardcopies. Even such documents must be uploaded on e-SANCHIT before clearance.
- Assessment functions carried out by the Appraising Officers and ACs/DCs should be based on the documents so uploaded. If a personal hearing is to be conducted for resolving or adjudicating disputes, it should be through a transparent system of appointments. If necessary, CCTV facilities should be put in place to ensure strict compliance.

5. Problems, if any, may be brought to Board's notice using the contact details mentioned in the above Circular/Instruction. The status of preparedness by each of the Chief Commissioner may also be indicated by 1st week of April, 2018 so that DG, Systems can be requested to make e-SANCHIT mandatory as per the schedule indicated at para 3 above.

With

Yours

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(Pranab Kumar Das)

For urgent compliance to:-

1. All Chief Commissioners of Customs, Central Goods and Service Tax.
2. DG, Systems and Data Management, CBEC, New Delhi.
3. Commissioner, Single Window, CBEC, New Delhi.

Copy for kind information to: -

1. Chairperson, CBEC, North Block, New Delhi.
2. All Members, CBEC, North Block, New Delhi.
3. OSD to Finance Secretary, North Block, New Delhi.


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(Pranab Kumar Das)