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Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Revenue
Central Board of Excise & Customs

North Block, New Delhi
Dated the 7th November, 2017

To

All Principal Chief Commissioner/Chief Commissioner of
GST & Central Excise/Customs/Director Generals under CBEC.

Subject:- Guidelines for relaxation to travel by airlines other than Air India.

Sir,

The Department of Expenditure vide O.M.No.19024/1/2009-E.IV dated 7.6.2016 has issued guidelines and proforma to regulate the individual claim seeking relaxation to travel by airlines other than Air India.

2. The Integrated Financial Unit vide O.M.F.No.14/4/2016-IF.U.II(B&A)DT(Part) dated 14.04.2016 has requested CBEC to strictly adhere to the guidelines and proforma issued on the subject by the Department of Expenditure.
3. The Board has been receiving a number of references from the different Commissionerate/Directorate, in a routine manner, seeking relaxation of guidelines in respect of the point no. 7 of the Department of Expenditure's guidelines for relaxation to travel by airlines other than Air India. Department of Expenditure vide their O.M. No. 19024/1/2009-I.IV dated 07.06.2016 (point No. 7) clearly stated that availability of lower fare is no criteria for seeking relaxation.
4. Relaxation from the Board is required to be sought prior to the proposed journey otherwise the cases for "ex-post facto" will not be considered in future except in exceptional circumstances.
5. You are requested to bring the extant guidelines of Department of Expenditure on air travel to notice of all concerned, for strict compliance.

Yours faithfully,



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