

Customs Update



New Functionalities like Turant Customs and Other Initiatives for Contactless Customs enabled w.e.f. July 06, 2020

In order to achieve the moto of “**ease of doing business**” amidst this pandemic period of COVID-19, Government of India has introduced the facility of “**Turant Customs**”. Various notifications and circulars are being issued every now and then to give effect to the same. Now, in order to enhance the efficiency in the Customs clearance processes, CBIC has decided to take certain measures vide Circular No.32/2020-Customs dated 6th July, 2020. Major highlights of the same are being captioned as under:-

Turant Suvidha Kendra in All Customs Formations

Circular No.28/2020-Customs, dated 05.06.2020 provided for setting up **Turant Suvidha Kendras (TSK)** for the purpose of implementation of 1st Phase of Faceless Assessment at **Bengaluru and Chennai** and Instruction No.09/2020-Customs, dated 05.06.2020, details the roles and functions of TSKs. Now considering its benefits, CBIC has decided to extend TSKs to all the Customs formations for carrying out the specified functions and set a target to **implement the same by 15.07.2020**. The scheme of TSK is given here-under:-

- The verification of documents for the assessment and compliance purpose would be based on the documents uploaded by the assessee in the e-Sanchit, consequently, physical submission of any such document is dispensed with.
- Documents verification during examination for validation with goods to be continued as existing process.
- More TSKs may be set up for trade facilitation.
- Suitable procedures are to be devised for handling & safe keeping of the documents produced at TSKs.

However it is imperative to know that certain functionalities at ICEGATE, which would reduce the need for physical interaction between Customs and trade, has already been effective from 6th July 2020.

➤ **Registration of Authorized Dealer Code, Bank Accounts through ICEGATE**

Generally, for purposes of remittances and availing export benefits, exporters are required to register their Authorized Dealer (AD) Code and Bank Account respectively at every Customs station. Now in order to reduce physical interaction between the Customs and the trade for submission of physical documents, CBIC has enabled a functionality within ICEGATE portal which allows the exporters to make an online request for registration / modification of their AD Code or Bank Account as the case may be. Assessors can also submit the Passbook copy or Bank Authorization letter electronically through e-Sanchit.

➤ **Automated debit of bond after Assessment**

Presently, once the Bill of Entry is returned for the payment of duty, physical debit of Bonds is required to be done in the Customs House. Now ICES would automatically debit the Bond and reflect the same in the first copy of the Bill of Entry. This initiative is to encourage the trade to use a continuity bond to avoid procedures related to repeat submission of Bonds.

➤ **Simplified registration of Importers/Exporters in ICEGATE**

It has been observed that 'Registration' module based on verification provided in related GSTIN has been provided without the requirement of digital signature, therefore, various functionalities available in the ICEGATE portal cannot be accessed by importer/exporter. Now, it is advised to register on ICEGATE and conduct their Customs clearances through electronic interface. The simplified registration process is being put in place to enhance trade facilitation as well as improve the efficiency of the Customs processes.

For more details, Read the circular from the link below:-

<https://www.cbic.gov.in/resources//htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-circulars/cs-circulars-2020/Circular-No-32-2020.pdf>

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