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Sub: Improvements in Faceless Assessment – Measures for immediate expediting Customs Clearances – Reg.

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Attention of All Importers/ Exporters, Custom Brokers, Other Stakeholders and Customs Staff is invited to CBIC's Circular No. 14/2021-Cus dated 07.07.2021 on the above subject.

- 2. On comprehensive review of the implementation of Faceless Assessment, with a view to increase in the pace of assessments and Customs clearance, while further enhancing the uniformity in assessments and anonymity, Board has decided to implement the following measures in the Customs Faceless Assessment and clearance processes;
- 2.1 In order to facilitate faster decisions and in turn faster verification of self-assessments, it has been decided to implement changes in the assessment procedure interalia as follows –

All the importers/Trade representatives are required to upload the complete details and description of the commodity, brand name, model and any other specifications essential for the assessment including supporting documents like product/technical literature and mandatory documents, certificates at first instance only which would help avoid queries and delays. It is also noticed that at times, the documents are uploaded on e-Sanchit but are not linked to Bill of Entry, leading to a situation where Appraising/Assessing officer is unable to view the document and is thus compelled to raise a query. The Trade are hereby advised to avoid such situation by linking every uploaded document to the relevant B/E.

The Appraising/ Assessing officers are advised not to raise un-necessary queries. The maximum number of queries which can be raised by an Appraising Officer in respect of a Bill of Entry would now be restricted to 3 (three). Further, such queries can now be raised

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without seeking approval of the Addl./Joint Commissioner of Customs. Circular No. 55/2020-Customs dated 17.12.2022 stands suitable modified. In this regard, considering this limit to the number of queries, it is desired that Appraising Officer raises query in a clear and holistic manner giving reference to supporting details/documents with respect to valuation/Classification etc., so that the importer does not have any doubt and is in a position to reply categorically for early completion of verification. The Importer/ CHA is also advised to ensure that queries are replied giving full and complete relevant information, lest the Assessing Officer should complete the assessment as per the available record/information and as per legal position as understood by him.

- 3. The Port of Import shall monitor clearance of time-sensitive/urgent consignments such as lifesaving drugs, security/defence related consignment etc., imported by Government and its agencies/PSUs etc. so that these are not delayed. When required, the Port of Import shall coordinate their early assessment with NAC concerned and then grant quick clearance. Therefore, the trade is advised to indicate end use of such consignments in the B/E for easier identification of such consignments.
- 4. Difficulty, if any, faced in implementation of the said Public Notice may be brought to the notice of the Joint Commissioner (Preventive) through email on dhileeban.87@gov.in. The Importers/Exporters/Custom Brokers/Stake-holders may also communicate their grievance relating to clearance of the Bill of Entry on e-mail at <a href="mailto:sysmer.trichv@icegate.gov.in">sysmer.trichv@icegate.gov.in</a>.

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