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Subject: Abolition of Mate receipt – regarding.

Attention of all Exporters /Importers/Custom Brokers/ Clearing Agents / Steamer Agents/Shipping agents/Trade and Industry and Public is invited to the Board's Circular No. 56/2016- Customs dated 24.11.2016 on the above cited subject.

2. Ministry of Shipping had constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Director General of Shipping to recommend simplification and automation of customs procedures touching on various aspects like Coastal Shipping, transshipment & Port clearances etc.

3. The Committee has given its recommendations on various issues related to clearance of cargo coming through sea like IGM amendment, rotation number, Mate's receipt etc.

4. One of the recommendations of the said Committee is to abolish Mate's receipt. Issuance of Mate receipt would serve as a documentary evidence of cargo loaded on the vessel and also date of sailing. It is issued by Captain or Mate of the vessel and endorsed along with the Shipping Bill by the Customs Officer in the Docks. This document is also insisted by the Shipping Companies for issuance Bill of Landing.

5. The recommendation has been examined by the Board. It is observed that the Mate's receipt used to serve multifarious purposes mainly to ensure that the export container is loaded on the vessel. It also provides the date of sailing. However, since the advent of automation of customs procedures, message exchange system, the manual issuance of mate receipt in the case of containerized cargo has become redundant. Moreover, disbursal of drawback is done only after the EGM has been filed at the gateway port. In view of the changed business workflow, need for issuance of Mate's receipt is no more there. Board has therefore decided that Customs Houses should no more insist for issuance of Mate's receipt in the

case of containerised cargo. However, in respect of non-containerised export cargo like bulk cargo etc., the practice of issuing Mate's receipt would continue.

6. Difficulties, if any, faced in the implementation of this Public Notice may be brought to the notice of this office.

Yours faithfully


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COMMISSIONER

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