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TRADE NOTICE

To: All Importers, Trade Bodies & Trade Association
(ASSOCHAM/ CII/FIEO/FICCI/IMC/PHD Chamber of Commerce/All Export Council/importer-Exporter)

Dear All,

Sub: Changes made in Union Budget Section 46 (3) of Customs Act - timeline for submission of Bill of Entry in advance

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It is brought to the notice of the importers, trade bodies, and trade associations to understand the impact of the recent change made in Union Budget 2021. The Finance Bill has been enacted with passage of Bill in Parliament.

CBIC has issued the following notification/ circulars for implementation with effect from 29th March, 2021.

- a) CBIC circular no. 8/2021 – Customs dated 29.03.2021
- b) Custom Notification no.34/2021 (N.T.) and notification no. 35/2021 (N. T.) dated 29.03.2021
- c) Directorate General of System Advisory no.10/2021 – 29th March, 2021

As per the conditions laid down timely submission of import Bill of Entry in advance has become essential. There will be no waiver of late submission fee even for public holidays. Since the provisions of amendment made in the Customs Act as per The Gazette of India notification no. CG-DL-E-28032021-226208 dated 28th March, 2021.

In view of the above in order to file Bill of Entry in advance for avoiding late filing fees importers, trade and industry associations are required to file following as below:-

- 1) Please ensure that complete set of clearance documents are available with nominated/ appointed licensed Custom Broker atleast 48 hours in advance (2 working days for air shipment) for preparation of Bill of Entry by observing all compliances of Act, Regulations, E-Sanchit Procedure, Single Window requirements.
- 2) For preparation of Bill of Entry by Sea the complete set of documents should be provided 5 days in advance to the licensed Custom Brokers.
- 3) It is suggested that Importers needs to specify the terms & conditions for availability of complete set of documents for preparation and filing of bill of entry with foreign supplier, shipping lines, airlines, console agents, forwarders, shipping lines etc., to ensure that the advance set of documents for filing of bill of entry are mandatorily available atleast 2/3 working days in advance.





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- 4) It is frequently experienced that there is downtime in Customs ICEGATE/ EDI System which also results in delay in submission of bill of entry. This is beyond the control of Custom Brokers. Hence Custom Brokers should not be held responsible for delay in submission of documents in Customs ICEGATE/ EDI System.

The above amendment in law is significantly going to change the pattern of working and it specifically conveyed to importer, trade and industry association that likely extra cost towards deployment of manpower and resources by Custom Brokers will need to be reimbursed to the Custom Brokers by trade and industry.

With Warm Regards,

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Chairman

