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Subject: Faceless Assessment – New provisions in ICES in terms of Board Circular 45/2020 dt 12.10.2020

Kind attention to Board Circular 45/2020 dt 12.10.2020 on Faceless Assessment. In line with the Board's Circular and based on the feedback received from field formations, following new provisions have been added in ICES for assisting the field officers in the workflow of BEs marked for faceless assessment.

- 1. View of Past BEs:** At times, the appraising officer may have to refer to a previous Bill of Entry of the importer to compare and verify valuation or other related declarations in a Bill of Entry. In many cases, RMS instructions also give reference of some previous Bills of Entry for the officer to check. Till now, if the previous BEs pertained to a different port, it was not possible for the assessing officers to check them in ICES. This became particularly critical when BEs were marked for faceless assessment to other ports. A provision has now been made available in the top menu on the Appraising BE screen itself to view the past Bills of Entry referred to by RMS in the appraising instructions. Additionally, there is already a provision for the importer to declare a previous BE as a reference for every item while filing a Bill of Entry. The view of such declared Previous BE has also been given along with the RMS reference BEs. Importers/Customs Broker (CB) in your jurisdiction may also be advised to avail the option of giving reference of their previous BEs during Bill of Entry filing itself in the Item table. The view of reference BE indicated either by RMS or optionally declared by the importer/CB can assist assessing officers in expeditious assessment of the document.
- 2. Option to send BE to FAG for reassessment:** In terms of Para 2.5 of the above Circular, option has now been made available to the Port of Import officer to send the BE to FAG for reassessment. Once the BE is past the assessment stage and is required to be re-assessed for any reason, the group AC/DC at the Port of Import now has the option to mark the BE either to local appraiser (APR) or the FAG appraiser (VAO) while recalling the BE for reassessment from the ACL role. The officer can exercise the option in terms of Para 2.5 of the Circular and mark the BE accordingly. If the BE was initially assessed by FAG, it will be routed to the same VAO when marked for reassessment. BEs facilitated by



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RMS will be available to be picked up by any available VAO when marked for reassessment.

- 3. New group 3A for Chapter 71:** As mentioned in Para 3(iv)(b) of the above Circular, new assessment group 3A has been enabled in System for Chapter 71 to deal with Gems and Jewellery. The air-cargo sites of Ahmedabad (INAMD4), Jaipur (INJAI4), Chennai (INMAA4), Delhi (INDEL4), Kolkata (INCCU4) and Mumbai (INBOM4) have been enabled for FAG for this group. Respective System Managers are requested to nominate FAG officers for group 3A at the above sites and allot VAO and VDC roles for this new group to them. Roles of APR and ACL meant for local assessment may also be allotted to officers for this group at all the sites.
- 4. Dynamic daily target for assessment:** Daily targets for assessment are already indicated on System for the appraising officers of the FAG. These targets are now re-calibrated everyday based on the pendency of unallocated BEs of that group so that the pendency in the group can come down completely when the daily targets are met by all FAG officers.

Officers and Trade in your jurisdiction may be suitably guided and issues faced in accessing above functionalities in System, if any, may be brought to the notice of this Directorate.

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