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### **Subject: Further Enhancements in ICES in respect of Faceless Assessment**

Reference is invited to the ICES Advisories No. 32/2020 dated 13.09.2020, 38/2020 dated 14.10.2020, 39/2020 dated 16.10.2020 and 42/2020 dated 13.11.2020 describing therein the various facets, enhancements, clarifications, etc. in respect of Faceless Assessment in ICES. Continuing the spirit of System-based-facilitation based on feedback from field formations, some more enhancements have been enabled in ICES as mentioned below.

- 1. Option to seek approval for First Check in System:** Para 2.3 (iv) of Board's Circular 45/2020 dt 12.10.2020 mentions that , in the exceptional cases not falling under Para 2.3 (i) but where the FAG has genuine reasons to believe that a First Check examination report is required for completion of assessment i.e., determination of valuation, classification, rate of duty, and other parameters relevant for determination of Customs duty, the same may be ordered only with the approval of Joint Commissioner/Additional Commissioner in the Customs Automated System. An option has now been created in the System where the FAG AC/DC can refer a Bill of Entry for JC/ADC's approval for first check for such exceptional cases. The AC/DC can exercise this option while confirming first check for a BE during assessment. Once the approval is sought, the same can be given by the JC/ADC in charge of that FAG using the newly created Permission Approval option in the VDN role. Once the permission is granted, the BE will automatically come to VDC for marking to examination.
- 2. Automatic reallocation of BEs pending with inactive officer ids:** Instances have been noticed where the BEs processed by a FAG officer come back to her/his id after query reply, for reassessment etc. while the officer is either on long leave or has got transferred/retired in the meantime. Such BEs remain pending in the original officer's queue till they are reallocated to the incumbent officer id by the VDC/VDN in-charge. To avoid such delays, an automated process has now been enabled in the System where any BE pending with an officer id who no more has that role/group assigned, will automatically be marked to any other officer of



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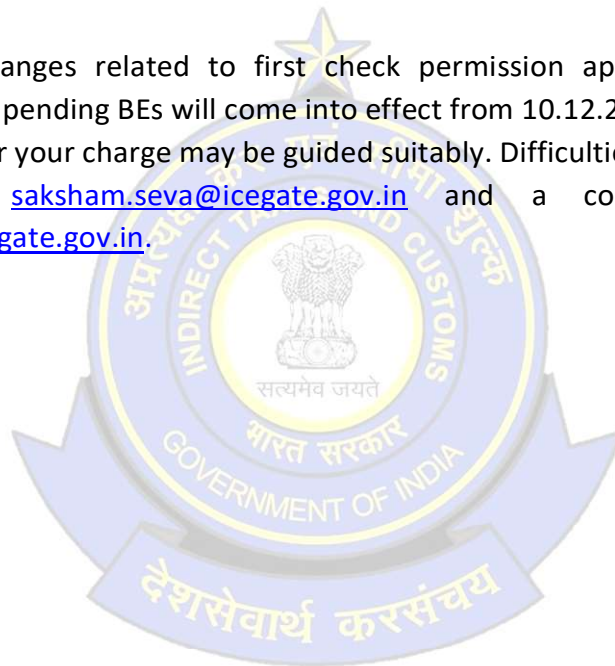
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the same FAG having that role/group. This process will run at the beginning of every day and assign such BEs to the active officer ids. While this step is expected to significantly reduce delays in such cases, it may be appreciated that the process will be effective only when the de-mapping of roles/groups for the outgoing officer is done in a timely manner by the jurisdictional System Manager. If the officer continues to have the roles/groups assigned to her/him even while on long leave or after transfer etc., the BEs will continue to remain in her/his queue.

3. **Option to change priority:** Option has now been created in the VDC role to change the priority of BEs pending with the VAO where deemed necessary.

The above changes related to first check permission approval and automatic reallocation of pending BEs will come into effect from 10.12.2020 in ICES. Officers of the FAGs under your charge may be guided suitably. Difficulties faced, if any, may be emailed to [saksham.seva@icegate.gov.in](mailto:saksham.seva@icegate.gov.in) and a copy be marked to [team.ices@icegate.gov.in](mailto:team.ices@icegate.gov.in).



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