PUBLIC NOTICE. 12/2020 DTD. 21-02-2020

Sub: Facilitation of clearance of import containers due to delay in receiving of documents from China and creation of Help Desk-reg.

Attention of the importers, exporters, Customs Brokers and all other stakeholders is invited to the above mentioned subject.

2. In this regard, it is to mention that post outbreak of Corona Virus there is likelihood of import containers arriving from China being stranded in the Port/CFSs on account of non-receipt of basic import documents by the Indian consignees, resulting into late filing of Bills of Entry.

3. As late filing of Bills of Entry attracts late fee in terms of Bill of Entry (Forms) Amendment Regulations, 2017 vide Notification No. 27/2017-Cus.(NT) dated 31.03.2017, therefore, keeping in view the exigency because of outbreak of Corona Virus in China and in order to facilitate clearance of the consignments, it is decided in the public interest that the Bills of Entry filed late for clearance of import consignments from China will not attract any late fee charges based on a letter submitted by the importer/Custom Broker that the delay in filing the Bill of Entry was on account of non-receipt of documents from China.

4. Action to be taken in terms of decisions taken in this Public Notice should be considered as standing order for the purpose of officers and staff.

5. For facilitation of import containers clearance Helpdesk has been created at Headquarter of this Commissionerate headed by the Deputy Commissioner (Technical) having contact numbers. 020- 26051851/9011667226.

6. Difficulties faced, if any, should be brought to the notice of this office.

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Pune, the 21st February, 2020

Copy to:
1. The Chief Commissioner, Customs and CGST, Pune Zone.
2. All member of the Trade Facilitation Committee.
3. All Custodians/Service Providers of ICD’s/Ports.
5. Deccan Chamber of Commerce, Industries and Agriculture, Pune.
8. Deputy/Asstt. Commissioner of Customs, Pune Airport/Air Cargo Complex.
9. Notice Board/Website/EDI Section, Customs, Pune.
10. Hindi cell for necessary action.