PUBLIC NOTICE. 17 /2020 DTD 11.03.2020

Sub:- 24x7 clearance -regarding

Attention of all Importers, Customs House Agents (CHA) and the Members of the Trade is drawn to Instruction No. 02/2020-Customs dated 20.02.2020 issued by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs, New Delhi, vide F.No.450/25/2009-Cus-IV (Pt-II). The matter pertains to “Facility of 24x7 Customs Clearance to be provided at designated Sea ports & Airports across the country.”

2. Due to ongoing shutdown in China on account of Coronavirus outbreak, there is an apprehension of disruption in supply of raw materials / input to our industrial units which were dependent on these raw materials. There could also be a dip in offtake in exports to China. On the contrary, there is a strong likelihood of an immediate surge in the imports from and Export to China once the spread of the virus is brought fully under control.

3. To handle such emergent situations, necessary steps need to be taken in advance. CBIC has, therefore, decided to introduce 24x7 clearance at all the Customs formations, so as to address as any congestion or delay or surge on account of the prevailing conditions or cessation thereof. These instructions would remain in operation till end of May, 2020 by which time the disruption in the supply chains are expected to have settled. CRCL labs would also function 24x7 so that test results could be made available at the earliest. However, designated Sea Ports/ Air ports already under 24x7 operation shall continue to function so even after May, 2020.

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

5. The contents of this Public Notice may be brought to the knowledge of the member constituents of the trade. The public notice may be downloaded from the website www.punecustoms.nic.in.

6. Hindi version follows.

(P K Behera)
Commissioner

F.No. VIII/Cus/Tech/TN/48-123/19-20/Pt-I
Pune, the 19\textsuperscript{th} March, 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.