PUBLIC NOTICE NO. 03/2021

Subject: Waiver of late fees on account of system being down for Budget Update - reg.

Kind attention of all importers, exporters, customs brokers, members of the trade and industry and all other stakeholders is invited to ICES advisory No. 05/2021 dated 28.01.2021 regarding Budget Updation 2021-2022.

2. As per this advisory, System was available only after suitable updation in ICES according to the Budget changes. It is observed that some importers could not file the Bills of Entry on time for the consignment granted entry inwards from 31.01.2021 to 03.02.2021 due to the shutdown of ICES for budget updation.

3. Late filing of bills of entry attract late fee in terms of ‘Bill of Entry (Forms) Amendment Regulations, 2017’ vide Notification No. 27/2017 Cus. (N.T.) dated 31.03.2017 read with second proviso to Section 46(3) of the Customs Act, 1962. Therefore, keeping in view the exigency due to to the shutdown of ICES for budget updation and, in order to facilitate the trade for clearance of the import consignments, it is decided in the public interest that those Bills of Entry which pertain to IGMs filed from 31.01.2021 to 03.02.2021, if filed late for clearance of import consignments, will not attract any late fee charges for the time being and till further orders.
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. In case of any difficulty, the specific issue may be brought to the notice of ADC/JC, Appraising (Import) or DC/AC in charge of Appraising (Import).

Issued to: All concerned, as per mailing list.

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