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Sub: Clearance of unaccompanied baggage/transfer of residence facility -reg.

Keeping in view of the situation arising due to outbreak of corona virus all over the world, there is a likelihood of early/late arrival of passengers vis-a-vis their unaccompanied baggage. This office has also been receiving various requests from passengers by mail regarding the clearance of their unaccompanied baggage without presenting their passport due to inability to travel.

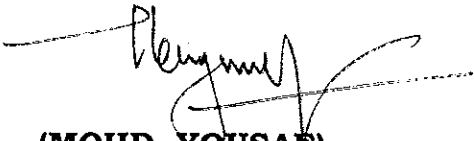
2. In this regard kind attention of passengers, customs brokers and all stakeholders is invited to Rule (8) of Baggage Rules, 2016 issued by Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Taxes, quoted below for reference:

“Provisions regarding unaccompanied baggage. - (1) these rules shall apply to unaccompanied baggage except where they have been specifically excluded:

*Provided that the said unaccompanied baggage had been in the possession, abroad, of the passenger and is dispatched within one month of his arrival in India or within such further period as the Deputy Commissioner of Customs or Assistant Commissioner of Customs may allow: **Provided further that the said unaccompanied baggage may land in India upto two months before the arrival of the passenger or within such period, not exceeding one year, as the Deputy Commissioner of Customs or Assistant Commissioner of Customs may allow, for reasons to be recorded, if he is satisfied that the passenger was***

prevented from arriving in India within the period of two months due to circumstances beyond his control, such as sudden illness of the passenger or a member of his family, or natural calamities or disturbed conditions or disruption of the transport or travel arrangements in the country or countries concerned or any other reasons, which necessitated a change in the travel schedule of the passenger.”

3. As per the aforesaid rule, passengers, availing transfer of residence benefits who are not able to travel should send the original copy of passport duly attested by the Indian Embassy and authorize their power of attorney to complete customs formalities on their behalf at the Custom House, Cochin. The said POA holder will be liable to discharge all liabilities on behalf of the passenger for the bona-fide baggage as permissible. The passenger is also under obligation to fulfill the requirements under Rule (8) and he/she may produce evidence of his/her arrival as well as fulfillment of the requirements of the Baggage Rules 2016 and get the same regularized by the Assistant/Deputy Commissioner, failing which the duty and the penal liabilities as per the provisions of the Customs Act 1962 will have to be discharged by the POA holder/passenger.



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Commissioner of Customs

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- 1) The Dy. Commissioner (EDI), Custom House, Cochin
- 2) Notice Board, Custom House, Cochin
- 3) The Cochin Customs Brokers Association, CCHAA Bldg, Willingdon Island, Cochin