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### **PUBLIC NOTICE NO. 04/2024**

Sub: Verification of Identity of first time Importer/Exporter

Public Notice No. 08/2013 dated 17.09.2013 provides for submissions of certain documents by first time importers who clear their goods through Precious Cargo Customs Clearance Centre (PCCCC), Mumbai. As a result, persons who were otherwise regularly engaged in import/export activity at other ports are also subject to verification of identity afresh when they seek to engage in import/export through PCCC for the first time.

2. Customs (Verification of Identity and Compliance) Regulations, 2021 notified vide Notification No. 41/2021-Cus (NT) dated 05<sup>th</sup> April, 2021 lay down guidelines for verification of identity of persons who are newly engaging in import or export activity. Consequently, when a person engages in the activity of import/export for the first time anywhere in the country, verification of identity as required under Regulation 4 shall necessarily be carried out at that Port. The directive in PN 08/2013 to cause verification in PCCCC again when a person whose identity has already been verified at another port at the time of first import/export at that port is duplication and also prevents the person from carrying out the activity of import/export despite completion of verification at the first Port of import/export. Clearly in such situations the provisions of PN 08/2013 are at variance with the Regulations in this regard.

3. In view of the above PN 08/2013 dated 17.09.2013 is hereby withdrawn with immediate effect.

4. All pending applications shall be disposed accordingly. Needless to say that if a person is newly engaging in import/export and intends to start the activity of import/export for the first time at PCCCC, then the provisions of Customs (Verification of Identity and Compliance) Regulations, 2021 notified vide Notification No. 41/2021-Cus (NT) dated 05<sup>th</sup> April, 2021 shall apply in the matter.

5. In order to ensure that verification of a person newly engaging in the activity of import/export is duly carried out in accordance with the

Regulations, following procedure shall be followed:

- i. Where the person has been importing/exporting through some port and is not a new person engaging first time in import/export, there shall be no requirement for any further compliance. The Customs Broker or first time importer/exporter seeking self-clearance shall immediately intimate the Deputy Commissioner of Customs (Export) seeking assistance in clearance, if required.
- ii. In respect of a person newly engaging in the activity of import/export, the documents mentioned in Regulation 4 shall be submitted not later than 30 days of engaging in import/export.

Any difficulties in the implementation of this Public Notice shall be immediately brought to the notice of the undersigned.

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