Circular No. 31/2017-Customs

F.No.450/101/2016-Cus-IV
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Revenue
(Central Board of Excise and Customs)
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New Delhi, dated the 25th July, 2017

To,

All Chief Commissioners of Customs / Customs (Preventive),
All Chief Commissioners of Customs and Central Excise/ GST,
All Commissioners of Customs / Customs (Preventive),
All Commissioners of Customs and Central Excise/GST.

Madam/ Sir,

Subject: Extending the Single Window Interface for Facilitation of Trade (SWIFT) in Exports with WCCB to all EDI locations- reg.

Vide Circular 1/2017-Customs dated 4.1.17, SWIFT was extended on export side to online clearance for CITES/ wild life items on pilot basis at Chennai, Mumbai, Delhi Air Cargo Complexes. Under this procedure, Shipping Bills filed on ICEGATE or through the Service Centre were referred online to the Wild Life Crime Control Bureau (WCCB) for a 'No Objection Certificate' (NOC), if any required for CITES/ wildlife items.

It has now been decided to extend online referral of WCCB to all Customs EDI locations with effect from 31st July, 2017. The mapping of Customs EDI locations to WCCB offices shall remain the same as it was for imports. The Local System Managers of ICES shall map the roles in ICES to the respective officers from WCCB. These roles have been defined as part of the SW NOC module in Exports and are outlined in the user manual developed by DG (Systems).

2. Chief Commissioners of Customs/Central Excise/GST are requested to sensitize staff, other agencies and customs brokers working under their jurisdiction to ensure smooth implementation of the SWIFT online clearance module with WCCB in exports. Difficulty faced, if any, may be brought to the notice of the Board at the earliest. Further, a suitable Public Notice may be issued for the information of the Trade with a copy to the local offices of the Agencies.

Yours faithfully

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Director (Customs)