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Sub: All India roll-out of Faceless Assessment -Reg

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Kind attention of the Importers/Exporters, Custom Brokers, Shipping Lines/Agents, Logistic Service Providers, ICD/CFS Custodians, Trade and Other Stakeholders is invited to CBIC Circular No. 09/2019 dated 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019 and Public Notice No.1/2019 dtd.21.10.2019 regarding introduction of the next generation reforms named Turant Customs which is a comprehensive package of various elements that would be implemented from time to time. Faceless assessment was implemented on a pilot project basis in respect of Bills of Entry filed under Group 2G(Chapter 39) in four ports/ICDs i.e. Mundra, Pipavav, Hazira and ICD Sanand under Gujarat Customs Zone.

.2 Kind reference is also invited to CBIC Circulars No. 28/2020-Customs dated 05.06.2020 and 34/2020-Customs dated 30.07.2020 launching Phases I and II of Faceless Assessment respectively under the umbrella of the next generation of **Turant Customs** programme.

3. The CBIC has issued a further Circular No. 40/2020 dated 04.09.2020 for All India roll-out of faceless assessment at all ports of import for all imported goods by 31.10.2020. The detailed roll-out plan in phases is given in **Annexure I**. For imports made in Gujarat Zone the faceless assessment shall be rolled out in the following phases :-

a) Phase III on 15.09.2020 for Group 2G, 4, 5, 5A and 5B

b) Phase IV on 01.10.2020 for Group 1A, 2A, 2K and 3

c) Phase V on 31.10.2020 for Groups 1, 2, 2B, 2C, 2D, 2E, 2F, 2H, 2I, 2J and 6.

4. Accordingly, the assessment with respect to these Groups will get

assigned by the Customs Automated System to officers of Faceless Assessment Groups. For this, the CBIC Circular Nos. 40/2020-Customs, 28/2020-Customs and 34/2020-Customs and Instruction No. 09/2020-Customs provide self-contained guidance which shall be taken as Standing Order for the Commissioner/officers concerned including in the Faceless Assessment Group which would consist of Appraisers / Superintendents and Assistant / Deputy Commissioner and be supervised by Joint / Additional Commissioner under the overall control and monitoring of the Principal Commissioner/Commissioner. The Principal Commissioners/Commissioners of Ahmedabad, Mundra, Kandla and Jamnagar shall issue further detailed Public Notice by 14.09.2020 for roll-out of phases III, IV and V of Faceless Assessment and make suitable directions for the officers and staff.

5. The concerned Principal Commissioner/ Commissioner(s) would interact with trade and industry for inputs, and on issues relating to assessment, and inter alia assist stakeholders, by taking suitable measures, locally and as part of National Assessment Centres constituted by Board, before, during and after roll-out of phase III, IV and V, so that the faceless assessment and clearance of goods occur smoothly to achieve objectives of the Turant Customs program.

6. The stakeholders are also informed that the CBIC has issued Notification No. 85/2020-Customs (N.T.) dated 04.09.2020 for the purpose of empowering the jurisdictional Commissioner of Customs (Appeals) to take up appeals filed in respect of Faceless Assessments pertaining to imports made in their jurisdiction (even though the faceless assessing officer may be located at any other Customs station).

7. Difficulties, if any in following the procedure may please be brought to the notice of the Additional Commissioner of Customs, Customs Gujarat Zone, Ahmedabad.

8. This is issued with the approval of Principal Chief Commissioner of Customs, Gujarat Zone.

(Binay Pratap Singh)  
Additional Commissioner

Customs, Gujarat Zone, Ahmedabad

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Date: 14/09/2020

To,

All Concerned.

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