

**OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS, (IMPORT-I & IMPORT-II)**  
**NEW CUSTOM HOUSE, BALLARD ESTATE, MUMBAI- 400 001.**

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**Subject :Implementation of 24 x 7 Customs clearance of import cargo-reg**

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Attention of all Importers, Custom Brokers (CBs) and public is invited to the CBEC Circular No. 22/2012-Customs dated 07.08.12 and subsequent Instruction No.3/2013 dated 31.05.2013 regarding 24 x 7 Customs clearance operations at specified sea ports and air cargo complexes.

2. In pursuance of Finance Minister's announcement in the Budget Speech (2014-15) that the 24x7 Customs clearance facility would be deepened and extended, the CBEC has extended the existing 24x7 Customs clearance facility to 13 more airports in respect of all export goods and to 14 more sea ports in respect of specified import and export goods vide Circular No.19/2014 dated 31.12.2014.

3. In the light of the above, the facility of 24X7 Customs clearance will be available at Mumbai port for goods covered by Bills of Entry facilitated by RMS with the treatment of 'no assessment and no examination', with effect from 31.12.2014. The facility to pay Customs duties through E-payment is already available on 24X7 basis to all the stakeholders after filing of self assessed bill of entry.

4. After facilitation by the RMS and e-payment of customs duties such B's/E with 'no assessment and no examination' treatment, will be presented for clearance before Out Of Charge officers (OOC officers) in Docks. After verification and collection of required documents, the OOC officer will verify container number and check its seal is intact in respect of Full Container Load (FCL) cargo before release. Similarly, marks and numbers on the cargo have to be verified in respect of Less Container Load (LCL) cargo.

5. To operationalize this facility, officers will now be available round the clock in the Docks area. OOC officers posted in the Docks from 10 AM to 10 PM will attend to regular Customs clearances of cargo covered under all kinds of bills of entry. OOC officers posted in the second shift from 10 PM to 10 AM will attend to operations in respect of such facilitated Bills of Entry where no examination and assessment is prescribed by the RMS. OOC officers will be available in the second shift at STP, Mumbai Port to cater to the clearances of such cargo.

6. All the stakeholders involved in the processing and clearance of import cargo like Shipping lines, Mumbai Port Trust, Container Agents, Customs Brokers, Banks, Drug Controller, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, Plant and Animal Quarantine, etc. are advised to be available for 24 x 7 operations. At STP, ICES connectivity alongwith printers have already been provided. Related service centre staff shall also be available for round the clock

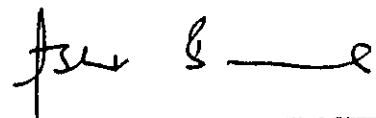
operations. Custom brokers and importers are advised to obtain all necessary endorsements for delivery of cargo and complete all documentation before approaching the OOC officer for clearance.

7. Importers/Custom Brokers/Trade willing to avail clearance in second shift may approach Superintendent/Appraiser posted in the above specified Docks area, who will register their Bills of Entry in the Indian Customs EDI system and give Out of Charge after verification of prescribed documents and after following due procedure prescribed in this behalf. The officer will ensure compliance to Compulsory Compliance Requirements (CCR) prescribed by RMS on the Bills of entry. Mandatory clearance from FSSAI, ADC, PQ etc shall be obtained in advance by all concerned before approaching the OOC officers in the second shift. OOC will be given for only those goods in respect of which all necessary documents are available for verification and no objection from other agencies, if any, is obtained and submitted to OOC officers.

8. Preventive Officer (PO) at the gate is advised to verify the container number in the hard copy of the BE with the container being moved out of the Docks gate and also ensure that the seal is intact. PO at the gate is directed to put his signature and stamp after successful verification on the Importer's hard copy of the BE.

9. On verification of documents or on basis of any intelligence, if the OOC officers suspect that examination of cargo may be required to be attended by day shift officers, the reasons for same shall be intimated to AC/DC Docks and shall be posted for examination during daytime after obtaining prior permission from AC/DC docks. Officers posted in the second shift will maintain a register for this purpose and note down their observation for such reference.

10. Difficulties if any, faced by the Trade/Importer/Custom Broker in implementation of the above 24 x 7 Customs clearance facility shall be brought to the notice of the undersigned.



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All members of the trade as per mailing list.

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