Sirs,

Sub: Ease of doing business – Advisory for registration of Beneficiaries on ICEGATE – Reg.

Ref: Circular No.35/2018-Customs – F.No.450/148/2015-Cus-IV dated 01st October, 2018, from Dept. of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, Gol

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Kind reference is invited to this office letter No.MR/Exports/2018-19/1053 dated 10/11-12-2018 sent through e-mail along with the copy of letter cited in the reference. We have so far not received any confirmation from the Exporters for having registered themselves with ICEGATE.

2. It is once again reiterated that as per para 3 and 5 of the Circular, it is mandatory for all the registered Coffee Exporters to register themselves with ICEGATE to enable the traders to submit all supporting documents for clearance of consignments electronically with digital signatures, which obviates the need for the trader to approach different regulatory agencies with hardcopies of the documents thereby making the entire process of consignment clearance faceless and paperless.

3. Further, Deputy Commissioner, Single Window Project, CBEC in the email dated Jan 31, 2019 informed that it would be mandatory for the beneficiaries to be registered on ICEGATE when PGAs starts uploading LPCOs directly on eSANCHIT by mid-February 2019. In order to avoid any difficulties at this time regarding clearance of import/export consignments, it is requested that all the exporters of coffee are registered on ICEGATE in accordance with the advisory Circular No. 35/2018-Customs dated 01st October, 2018 (enclosed for reference).

4. Therefore please complete the registration process without fail well before mid-February 2019 failing which, there may be problems for obtaining permits for export of Coffee due to non-compliance of the procedures being implemented by the Department of Revenue, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs, Ministry of Finance.

5. Therefore, all the Exporters are hereby requested to please go through the detailed procedure on registration available at ICEGATE website under the path – www.icegate.gov.in downloads Registration Demo. In case of clarifications, required if any during the registration process, the exporters may contact the ICEGATE Information Centre at icegatehelpdesk@icegate.gov.in or call 1800 3010 1000.

6. We shall appreciate a line of confirmation from those who have registered on ICEGATE and compliance thereon.

Yours faithfully,

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

To:
All the Registered Coffee Exporters.

Copy to:
1. The President, Coffee Exporters Association, Bengaluru, with a request to once again circulate the advice of the Ministry to all the registered Coffee Exporters, for mandatory compliance well before February 2019.
2. The DS to Secretary, Coffee Board, for information.
To

All Principal Chief Commissioners/ Chief Commissioners of Customs/Customs & Central Tax/ Customs (Preventive)
All Principal Commissioners/Commissioners of Customs/ Customs & Central Tax/ Customs (Preventive)
All PGAs

Subject: Advisory circular for registration of beneficiaries on ICEGATE – regarding.

Sir/Madam,

1. Customs has introduced Single Window Interface for facilitating Trade (SWIFT) as part of ease of doing business initiative to integrate Customs and other Participating Government Agencies (PGAs) for seamless processing of import and export clearances. One of the component of SWIFT is e-SANCHIT. Under eSANCHIT, the system allows a trader to submit all supporting documents for clearance of consignments electronically with digital signatures. This obviates the need for the trader to approach different regulatory agencies with hardcopies of the documents, thereby making the entire process of consignment clearance faceless and paperless. It has been made mandatory that all the importers are required to upload the documents relating to regulatory compliances electronically from 01st April, 2018 onwards. Shortly eSANCHIT facility will be extended to exports also, for which a pilot is underway.

2. Further, CBIC is embarking on a project under SWIFT to bring all the Participating Government Agencies (PGAs) under eSANCHIT wherein instead of importer/exporter the PGAs who issue Licences, Permits, Certificates and Other Authorizations (LPCOs), will upload the documents themselves.

3. Once the LPCO is uploaded by a PGA, a unique IRN (Image reference number) will be generated by the system and the same will be communicated to the beneficiary. For availing this facility, the email id of the beneficiaries registered with ICEGATE will
be used. In future, a view facility will also be available, wherein a beneficiary will be able to view the documents uploaded by the PGAs during a given period.

4. A pilot is expected to be launched shortly for testing the eSANCHIT facility for PGAs with three PGAs. Thereafter on successful testing, the facility will be extended to all the PGAs. Once the facility of uploading the document on eSANCHIT by PGAs is implemented, the beneficiaries (importer/exporter) will not be allowed to upload such documents themselves.

5. Therefore, all the importers/exporters, Customs brokers or any other beneficiary transacting with Customs are requested to come forward and register on ICEGATE. A detailed procedure on registration is available at ICEGATE website under the path www.icegate.gov.in ➔ Downloads ➔ Registration Demo.

Yours sincerely

(Maninder Kumar)
OSD (Cus-IV)
Ref.MR/Exports/2018-19/1053

10th December, 2018

Sir,

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The Advisory Circular No.35/2018-Customs – F.No.450/148/2015-Cus-IV dated 01st October, 2018, from Ministry of Finance for registration of beneficiaries on ICEGATE issued by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs, Department of Revenue, New Delhi vide email dated 05.12.2018 is enclosed for perusal and necessary action. In this regard, it is to inform that Coffee Board as a Participating Government Agency (PGA) has already registered with ICEGATE.

As may please be seen from para 3 and 5 of the Circular, it is mandatory for all the coffee exporters to register themselves with ICEGATE to enable the traders to submit all supporting documents for clearance of consignments electronically with digital signatures, which obviates the need for the trader to approach different regulatory agencies with hardcopies of the documents thereby making the entire process of consignment clearance faceless and paperless.

Therefore, all the coffee exporters are requested to register with ICEGATE for which the detailed procedure on registration is available at ICEGATE website under the path – www.icegate.gov.in→Downloads→Registration Demo. In case of clarifications, required if any during the registration process, the exporters may contact the ICEGATE information centre at icegatehelpdesk@icegate.gov.in or call 1800 3010 1000.

Yours faithfully,

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Encls: Copy of circular
To:
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Copy to:
1) The President, Coffee Exporters Association of India, Bangalore, with a request to circulate the notice to all the coffee exporters for early compliance.
2) DS to Secretary, Coffee Board for information