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Sub :- Transhipment of import and export cargo through airports-waiver of bank guarantee-reg.

Attention of the trade is invited to <u>Boards Circular Nos.24/2006-Cus</u>, dated 25.08.2006 on the above subject.

2. As per existing provisions of transshipment of cargo from one Customs location to another location, the transhipper has to execute a bond with bank guarantee in order to safeguard Customs duty in the transhipment operation. Kind attention is also invited to Boards Circular No.45/2005-Customs, dated 24.11.2005. the Circular waives the requirement of the of bank guarantee to be taken in case of transshipment of cargo from the gateway port to feeder

ports/ICDs and vice versa, for all carriers of containerized cargo, who are handling more than 1000 TEUs as import containers in a financial year. The waiver is applicable not only to shipping lines but also to ICDs/CFSs/ other carriers and for carriage in all modes of transhipment, irrespective of their movement by road, coastal shipping or rail. Further, jurisdictional Commissioners of Customs may in deserving cases givie waiver of bank guarantee requirement for carriage of goods on transhipment.

3. The issue of waiver of bank guarantee in transhipment of air cargo between two Indian airports and transhipment of cargo from/ to airport from other Customs location was considered in Inter Ministerial Group on simplification of Customs procedures in Air cargo and Air ports. It was discussed to provide similar bank guarantee waiver requirement for air cargo transhipment.

4. It has been decided by the Board that airlines/ other carriers having transhipment volume above 2500 MT to/from any airport, the same would be exempt from Bank Guarantee for carriage of goods on transhipment. Further, the jurisdictional Commissioners of Customs in deserving cases may also consider giving waiver of bank guarantee.

5. Custom House Agents and their associations are requested to give wide publicity to this Public Notice for compliance.

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