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FACILITY NOTICE NO. 23 /2008

SUB : Presentation of Union Budget for the Financial Year 2008-09 reg.

All officers, Importers, Exporters & CHAs are hereby informed that the Union Budget for the Financial Year 2008 08 will be presented in the Lok Sabha on 29.02.2008. In terms of Section 4 of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act, 1931, the provisions of Finance Bill will be effective from the midnight of 29.02.2008. The details of budget proposals and Notifications may be verified from the special Budget Bulletins, 2008, issued by Directorate of Publicity & Public Relations, Customs & Central Excise, CBEC. The details are also available on the following websites:-

- i) <http://indiabudget.nic.in>

ii) <http://www.cbec.gov.in>

As the EDI system would be closed for updating of directories, the filing of Bills of Entry with ICEGATE and Service Centre will be closed at 6.00 pm on 29.02.2008. Filing of Bills of Entry will remain suspended (both from the ICEGATE and Service Centre) from 6.00 pm onwards on 29.2.2008 till the directories are updated.

In the meanwhile all officers posted in appraising groups and docks, while assessing the Bs/E and giving out of charge, must ensure that in case of advance/prior bills of entry, the correct rate of duty is levied as per law i.e as applicable on the date of Entry Inwards. In case any Bill of Entry is facilitated through the RMS, where the Entry Inwards date is after 29.2.2008, the same should be returned to the Assessing Group through the JC/LRM.

On 01.03.2008, all the Bills of Entry for clearance of Import consignments would be allowed to be filed manually with permission of DC/AC of the respective Appraising Groups. However, it is suggested that only Bills of Entry of urgent consignments may be filed on 1.3.2008.

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