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Sub: Instruction regarding First Check Basis Assessment – reg.

JNCH has been taking various steps towards “ease of doing business” and reduction of dwell time.

2. In this regard, it has been observed that in many cases/commodities, assessment is being done on First Check Examination basis either by the department or on the request of the Importer to ascertain nature and description, to verify the quantity, to conduct any test regarding grade and quality of the goods etc.

3. The process of first check examination of the goods has resulted in increase in the dwell time in imports creating the imports costlier, defeating the purpose of ‘ease of doing Business’.

4. Therefore, after consultation with various stakeholders, it has been decided that in the cases, where assessment is being done on first check basis examination, the Docks officer shall forward the report within 02 working days to the assessing Group. If the importer/Customs Broker does not come forward for examination without genuine reason, the Bill of Entry to be recalled by the Group officer for conversion of the same in to warehouse Bill of Entry. In cases, where tests are to be conducted mandatorily, assessment should be done after obtaining PD/Test Bond. BG should be insisted only in cases where differential duty can be ascertained before test reports.

5. Final Assessment in all such cases to be done within fifteen days of the receipt of Examination/test reports.

6. These instructions shall not apply to the assessment of Second hand machineries.

7. However, in case of any specific reason, based on specific intelligence or otherwise, the goods may continue to be assessed on first check basis with prior approval of jurisdictional Additional Commissioner.

8. Difficulties, if any, in the implementation of the order may be brought to the notice of the undersigned.

Sd/-

(SHRAWAN KUMAR)

COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS, NS-III

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