

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS (I)
JAWAHARLAL NEHRU CUSTOM HOUSE,SHEVA,
DIST. RAIGAD, MAHARASHTRA

F.No. EDI-216/2004 JNCH Date : 22.03.2004

STANDING ORDER No.20

**Sub : piecemeal queries on Bill of Entries/
Shipping Bills by the field formations regarding.**

Attention of all Officers of JNCH is drawn to piecemeal queries on the Bills of Entry/Shipping Bills which eventually delay the assessments and clearance of the imported/ exported goods. As on date there are 550 queries in import pending a answer from Importers and CHAs and there are 87772 queries in export pending un-answered from exporters and CHAs

2. The matter has been considered by the Board as well as Custom House and it has been decided that as far as possible, officers should avoid raising piecemeal queries on Bills of Entry/ Shipping Bills. The Board has issued Circular No. 20/2004 Cus. Dated 27/02/2004 (File no 450/115/2003 Cus IV). At the same time, the concerned Joint/Additional Commissioner should also exercise proper check on the number and nature of queries raised and ensure that frivolous queries are avoided. The Trade, Importers, Exporters, CHAs are directed to submit reply to the queries immediately. If no answer is received for query within 3 days then the officers shall assess the Bills of Entry , Shipping Bill on merit.

Importers, Exporters, CHAs shall submit the reply to queries on or before 30/04/2004. For these old Bills of Entry and Shipping Bills (1998 to 2002), if no reply is received before 30/04/2004 then the Officers shall assess the Bills of Entry and Shipping Bills on merit. The Offices of JNCH are directed to inform their respective Trade, Importers, Exporters, CHAs well in advance so as to avoid any complaints from Trade, Importers, Exporters, CHAs in this regard at a later date.

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