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सार्वजनिक सूचना संख्या <u>52/2018</u> PUBLIC NOTICE NO. 52/2018

विषय/Sub: AEO Programme digitization – Ease of doing business – Development of web-based application for AEO T1 – Reg.

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Kind reference is drawn to this office's Public Notice 32/2018 dated 13.08.2018 [Board's Circular No. 26/2018-Customs dated 10.08.2018 refers] wherein it was stated that "The online processing of AEO T1 application will commence as soon as the necessary digital infrastructure is in place". Keeping in line with the target of digitization, Board has developed an online AEO website (domain name: aeoindia.gov.in) under the aegis of DIC for online filing and processing of AEO T1 applications which was launched by the Chairman, CBIC on 30.11.2018. Subsequently, the access to the website was made available to both the applicant, for filing of AEO T1 application, and Customs officials, for processing and delivery of digitized AEO Certificate online of newly filed applications. Hence, all the importers/exporters are requested to make use of the online platform with immediate effect.

- 2. To file AEO T1 application online, the applicant has to first register himself before login by using the "Applicant registration tab" on the homepage of the website. After registration, the applicant can log in with the ID and password provided during the registration. The applicant then can start filing up his details by clicking the "Application Form" in his dashboard and enter/upload the details and relevant documents in Annexure I & Annexure II.
- 3. Further, for ensuring seamless transition to the online web-application, it has been decided to concurrently continue with the manual filing and processing of AEO T1 applications upto 31.03.2019, i.e. importers/exporters can file the applications either manually or online up to 31.03.2019. However, importers/exporters are advised to make earnest effort to use the online mode as much as possible.
- 4. Reference is also drawn to Para 3 (viii) of Board's Circular No. 03/2018-Customs dated 17.01.2018 regarding amendment in the AEO Programme whereby the validity of AEO Certificate of T1 and T2 were extended to 3 years uniformly. Accordingly, in order to synchronize validity with review and OSPCA of AEO T1 certified entities, their intervals are also being extended to 3 years from existing 2 years,

by modifying the following paras of Master Circular No. 33/2016-Customs dated 22.07.2016 as below:

- 4.1. Para1.5 (viii) "They will not be subjected to regular transactional PCA, instead of tha onsite PCA will be conducted once in three years only."
- 4.2. Para5.4.1 "The AEO Programme Team will review AEO status periodically to ensure continued adherence to the conditions and standards of grant of Certificate of AEO status. Thus, it is recommended that the AEO status holder should continue to re-assess its compliance with the conditions of certification and act upon any identified problems as soon as they arise. The frequency of such review will be three years in case of AEO T1 & AEO T2 and five years in case of AEO-T3 & AEO-LO. As far as possible, the review and the onsite PCA, if applicable, will be conducted simultaneously."

However, DIC may initiate review of any entity at any point of time if there are reasons to believe, to the satisfaction of the AEO Programme Manager, that the adherence to the conditions and standards of AEO status is compromised or affected.

5. Difficulty, if any, may be brought to the notice of Assistant Commissioner of Customs (Appraising Mains), Client Relationship Manager, AEO, Custom House, Visakhapatnam.

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- 1. All concerned.
- 2. EDI Section for uploading in Custom House website.