Sirs,

Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, Central Board of Excise & Customs vide letter No.F.No.450/199/2014-Cus-IV dated 19.11.2015 and Letter No.C.No.II-39(3)/Commr.FBD-1/2015 dated 23.11.2015 has informed that with a view to enhance ease of doing business, CBEC has decided to carry out a comprehensive review of all Customs, Central Excise and Service Tax issues relating to working of SEZs. In that connection CBEC has constituted a working group for the purpose.

The working group is required to study and report the policy and procedural bottlenecks in connection with the following and recommend remedial measures for simplifying, streamlining and automating the process.

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A copy of the order is enclosed for information and necessary compliance. The name of the persons raising the issue along with E. Mail ID may also be mentioned alongside of the issue in the above table and information should be sent by 7th December 2015.

It is therefore requested to furnish the details of policy and the procedural bottlenecks if any faced by the SEZ developer/SEZ units, Customs field formations in the prescribed proforma latest by 07.12.2015.

Encl: As above

(K. V. Prasanna Kumar)
Asst. Development Commissioner

To
1. All SEZ Developers/SEZ Units, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana And Chhatisgarh.
2. All the Specified Officers/Authorized Officers, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana And Chhatisgrh
3. DDC, Sub-Office, Hyderabad for information and necessary action.
4. VSEZ Website
Date: 23rd November, 2015

To

The Zonal Development Commissioner

NOIDA, Kandla, SEEPZ, Chennai, Cochin, Vizag, Falta, SEZ

Sir/Madam,

Subject: Working group to study policy and procedural bottlenecks relating to Customs, Central Excise and Service Tax - request for suggestion-reg.

This is to inform you that as a measure Trade facilitation and with a view to further enhance ease of doing business, Central Board of Excise and Customs has decided to carry out a comprehensive review of all Customs, Central Excise and Service Tax issues relating to working of Special Economic Zones.

2. For this purpose a working group headed by the undersigned has been created vide CBEC Order F. No. 450/199/2015-Cus.IV dated 19th November 2015. The working group is required to study and report the policy and procedural bottlenecks in connection with the following and recommend remedial measures for simplifying, streamlining and automating. A copy of the order is enclosed for kind ready reference.

3. It is requested that proposal/suggestion in this regard may kindly be discussed with the stakeholders in your zone and forwarded to the undersigned at ygarg@nic.in in the following format:

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In order to facilitate any further queries it is requested that name of the person raising the issue along with email ID may also be mentioned alongside of the issue in the table above. As this working group is required to furnish the report within a period of six weeks, I will be grateful if the information requested can be sent by 7th December, 2015.

Yours faithfully,

(YOGENDRA GARG)

Encl: As above
ORDER

Subject: Review of SEZ procedures-reg.

As a measure of trade facilitation and to further enhance ease of doing business it has been decided to carry out a comprehensive review all Customs, Central Excise and Service Tax issues related to working of Special Economic Zones (SEZs). In this regard, a Working Group headed Shri Yogendra Garg, Commissioner of Central Excise, Faridabad is constituted to study and report on policy and procedural bottlenecks especially in connection with the following:

1. Movement of import and export goods from gateway port / airport to SEZ and vice-versa with specific focus on
   a. existing bottlenecks, if any, in the procedural interface between SEZs and Gateway ports for imports and exports and recommendations for removing those bottlenecks
   b. issues concerning reconciliation between (a) exports from SEZ and corresponding EGMs and (b) imports to SEZ and corresponding IGMs
   c. issues related to connectivity between ICES and SEZ online applications
   d. evaluate need to introduce end-to-end trace and track mechanisms for movement of import and export goods

2. Export of services from SEZ
3. Procurement of goods and services from DTA for the SEZ
4. Sale of goods and services from SEZ to DTA
5. Functioning of Customs clearance system for imports and exports from SEZ
6. Automated system for procurement of goods and services from DTA
7. Posting and functioning of Authorized and Specified officers in the SEZ

The Working Group should identify the current problems in the aforementioned areas and recommend concrete measures for simplifying, streamlining and automating existing procedures, keeping in view the interests of protecting revenue on one hand and ensuring hassle free clearances to imports destined to SEZs and exports originating from SEZs. The Working Group is advised to discuss the issues with officials from Commerce Ministry, trade
and industry associations and other stakeholders in developing and functioning of SEZs before finalizing the report. Shri Rakesh Agarwal, Assistant Commissioner, Central Excise, Gurgaon-I, shall assist Shri Yogendra Garg. The head of Working Group may coopt other members also, as deemed fit. The report may be furnished to Board within a period of six weeks.

(Zubair Riaz)
Director (Customs)

Copy to:

1. Chairman CBEC, North Block, New Delhi
2. Shri Y. Garg, Commissioner Central Excise, Faridabad-I
3. Shri Rakesh Agarwal, Assistant Commissioner, Central Excise Gurgaon-I
4. PS to RS, North Block, New Delhi