

AEPC Circular No 79

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IMPORTANT

Dear Members,

Sub: 1. Pan-India webinar on 'Recent changes in Customs (Import of Goods at Concessional Rate of Duty) Rules, 2017 (IGCR Rules, 2017)' on 15.03.2022 at 1500 hrs.

2. To be organized by DGTS, DOR, Ministry of Finance and AEPC.

3. Senior Officers of Ministry of Finance to be present : Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Zone-II; Additional Director, ICEGATE, DG Systems, CBIC; Deputy Secretary, Customs Policy Wing, CBIC; Commissioner, Nhava Sheva-II; Commissioner, Nhava Sheva-III; Joint Director, ICEGATE, DG Systems, CBIC and Deputy Director ICES

The Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance vide its Notification No. 02/2022-dated 01.02.2022 has allowed import of Trimmings and Embellishments and has carried out changes in facility of import of Tags, labels, stickers, belts, buttons, hangers or printed bags and import of lining and interlining material. One of the important changes is that these items are allowed to be imported under Serial No 257 / 257B of Custom Notification No 02/2022 dated 1.2.2022, without any duty and without any limit. These imports are now governed under condition 108 which primarily requires, i.e " the items manufactured using the imported goods are exported by the importer within six months of the date of the import". The other condition specified in the notification is condition No.9, which requires importers to follow the procedure set out in Import of Goods at Concessional Rate of Duty (IGCR) Rules 2017.

2. The Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance vide Circular No. 04/2022-Customs dated 27.02.2022 has notified the procedural changes in the IGCR Rules 2017 that came into effect from 1st March, 2022. The amendments are aimed at simplifying the procedures with a focus on automation and making the entire process contact-less. These include:

- (a) The process is being automated. The Rules prescribe the submission of the necessary details electronically, through the common portal. (The common portal is the one notified vide notification 33/2021 dated 29-03-2021 and accessible at the URL www.icegate.gov.in).
- (b) The various forms have been standardized and notified for the purpose of electronic submission of details.
- (c) Individual transaction-based permissions and intimations, such as - intimation of the intent to import goods at a concessional rate of duty, intimation of the receipt of goods, permission to re-export or clear goods domestically etc, are all being done away with.
- (d) A monthly statement would to be submitted by the importer on the common portal
- (e) A procedure for inter-unit transfer of the imported goods has been provided for.
- (f) An electronic option for voluntary payment through the common portal, as specified in the Rules, is also being developed for implementation.

3. The details of the advisory have already been shared with members vide AEPC Circular no. 79 dated 28th February, 2022 on the "Implementation of automation in the Customs (Import of Goods at Concessional Rate of Duty) Rules, 2017 with effect from 01.03.2022"

4. The Council had been receiving concerns from exporters on the procedural issues and seeking clarity on the formats and procedures to be followed with regard to the Circular No. 04/2022-Customs dated 27.02.2022 on the procedural changes in the IGCR Rules 2017.

5. In response, AEPC had requested Director General of Taxpayer Services (DGTS), CBIC to organise a webinar for Apparel exporters to address the concerns being faced by them in understanding and implementing the requirements towards import of Trimmings and Embellishments, import of Tags, labels, stickers, belts, buttons, hangers or printed bags and lining and interlining material under Serial No 257 / 257B of Custom Notification No 02/2022 dated 1.2.2022, without any duty and without any limit.

6. We are happy to share that DGTS has agreed to the AEPC request and is organizing a Pan-India webinar on 'Recent changes in Customs (Import of Goods at Concessional Rate of Duty) Rules, 2017 (IGCR Rules, 2017)' on 15.03.2022 at 1500 hrs. in association with AEPC. The invite, as received from DGTS for apparel exporters, detailing programme, speakers, meeting link and other details are placed below :

Dear Sir/Madam,

DGTS CBIC invites you for Pan-India webinar on 'Recent changes in Customs (Import of Goods at Concessional Rate of Duty) Rules, 2017 (IGCR Rules, 2017)' on 15.03.2022 at 1500 hrs. The Webinar is being conducted by DGTS Delhi and Kolkata Zonal Units in association with Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC).

Inaugural session speakers

Shri M.K.Singh, Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Zone-II (Inaugural Address)

Shri Sudhir Sekhri, Vice Chairman, AEPC (Introductory Address)

Keynote Speakers

Shri Atul Singh, Additional Director, ICEGATE, DG Systems, CBIC

Shri R. Ananth, Deputy Secretary, Customs Policy Wing, CBIC

Interactive Session with Expert Panel

Shri N. V. Kulkarni, Commissioner, Nhava Sheva-II

Shri Sonal Bajaj, Commissioner, Nhava Sheva-III

Ms. Chhaya Bhoyar, Joint Director, ICEGATE, DG Systems, CBIC

Shri Shivam Sharma, Deputy Director ICES

Meeting link

<https://dgts.webex.com/dgts/j.php?MTID=med0765e0bc9e2078dba1bb29a70bd200>

Meeting number: 2512 533 8583

Password: 1234

You are requested to kindly inform your members to attend this webinar session. Your support and cooperation are important in making this exercise meaningful, productive and useful for all Stakeholders/Taxpayers.

With best wishes,

Upender Gupta

Pr. ADG, DGTS

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7. Towards smooth facilitation of the exporter's interaction and resolving maximum queries of our members, members are advised to submit their specific issues beforehand. **Kindly share your specific issues / suggestions by 12.03.2022 in the Registration-cum-Feedback form** at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfP2gHmUVYvbJGCwCIVOXAnN8QQn8eD_uEtBfsnbUygBbncgQ/viewform so that the same can be compiled and shared with DGTR/CBIC beforehand.

8. **Given the relevance of the Webinar, we request you to take part in the Webinar on 15.03.2022.**

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

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