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Shri Gaurav Masaldan, IRS
Jt. Secretary-Customs
Ministry of Finance

Subject:- Request for extension on applicability of Customs (Import of Goods at Concessional Rate of Duty) notified vide Notification No. 07/2022 - Customs (NT)

Respected Sir,

Greetings from MAIT!

This bears reference to Notification No. 07/2022 - Customs (NT) dated 1st February 2022 (enclosed) where Customs (Import of Goods at Concessional Rate of Duty) Amendment Rules, 2022 were notified.

Sir, while we deeply appreciate the intention of Department of Customs for bringing this amendment which is to ease and also track/monitor the movement of goods who intend to avail IGCR, 2017 and therefore have made the application and procedures online.

However, effective date of 1-Mar-2022 as per the notification 07/2022-Customs (NT) dated 1-Feb-2022 is too short a period for the trade for the following reasons

- A. The common portal as referred in Para 4 is not yet live nor industry given exposure as on 25-Feb-2022
- B. A trial/gestation period will be required to check/eliminate any possible hiccups considering the process is new
- C. There is at least 2 weeks' time required to execute the continuity bond (refer para 4(3) as this will still be a manual activity. There is no clarity on whether the Continuity Bond for the entire year will be visible or a separate request for a bond for month of March will be required.
- D. Customs field officer may also need time to understand and allow assessment from new portal

Hence, we request you to give an extension in the applicability date of this Notification for at least a month. During this one month, the trials will be conducted to enable smooth transition from the date the "Common Portal" is made available for public use.

Look forward to your kind consideration and support.

With regards,

George Paul
Chief Executive Officer

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