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नव सीमा शुल्क गृह, पणबूर, मंगलूर-१०
OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS
NEW CUSTOM HOUSE, PANAMBUR, MANGALORE - 575 010

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Sub: Documents to be submitted by FIRST TIME importers
importing goods through New Custom House, Mangalore -
verification of genuineness - reg.

It has been observed in other Custom Houses that some unscrupulous importers are importing/attempting to import goods using the IEC Numbers of other persons, who, on verification, have been found in many cases to be fictitious that they do not exist at the given address or do not have any knowledge/idea about the import consignment, nor do they have any finance / experience in the business of imports / exports, and, in fact, they are dummies. Such imports by the said unscrupulous importers set a chain of economic offences starting from mis-declaring the description, value and quantity to Customs down to non-payment of Sales Tax /VAT, Income Tax, Octroi, money laundering, generation of black-money and violations of foreign exchange laws.

2. As a preventive measure, it has been decided to scrutinize the genuineness of the importers, who are importing goods for the FIRST TIME through New Custom House, Mangalore by insisting upon the following documents of the IEC holder:

- (i) Copy of VAT/Sales Tax Registration certificate and any other documents relating to the business premises of the importer.
- (ii) Certificate from the bank with whom the bank account is being maintained by the importer certifying the signature, name and address of the importer.

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(iii) Proof of payment / remittance through the importer's account.

(iv) Balance Sheet of the previous years.

(v) Copy of the Income Tax Returns / VAT or Sales Tax Returns filed in the previous years.

3. The above documents will have to be submitted by the importer or his authorized Custom House Agent (CHA) to the concerned Assessing Officer. The CHAs are expected to play a positive role in this regard in terms of Regulation 13 of Customs House Agents Licensing Regulations, 2004. Once the above mentioned documents are filed, imported cargo will be assessed for payment of duties and clearance subject to the genuineness of importer. In case of any difficulty in making available any of these documents, the importer may approach the Additional Commissioner of Customs.

4. The contents of this Public Notice may be brought to the notice of the Members of all the Trade Associations and the Customs House Agents Association and others concerned.


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