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Ministry of Commerce & Industry
Department of Commerce
(SEZ Section)

Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi
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To

All Zonal Development Commissioners
All Development Commissioners

Subject: Standardization of sealing procedure for uniform acceptance of SEZ export containers at all gateway ports - reg.

Ma'am/Sir,

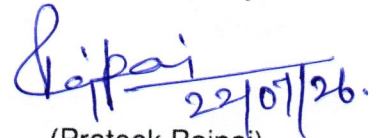
I am directed to refer to the subject mentioned above and to say that it has come to the notice that SEZ units are facing difficulties at gateway ports due to non-uniform export container sealing practices leading to operational challenges for trade.

2. In this regard, this is highlighted that CBIC, through various Circulars viz. Nos. 26/2017-Cus., 36/2017-Cus., 37/2017-Cus. and 41/2017-Cus., has facilitated trade by permitting self-sealing and the use of RFID e-seals for export containers under a risk-based framework. Also, Liner Seals are generally affixed by Shipping Lines and are not a substitute for Customs-prescribed sealing mechanisms unless specifically recognized under prescribed procedures.

3. Therefore, it is hereby directed to use only RFID seal on SEZ export containers, covered under valid LEOs, in terms of CBIC Circular No. 41/2017-Cus. dated 30.10.2017, without insistence on additional sealing requirements for uniform acceptance at all gateway ports.

4. This issue with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,



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