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Sub: GST - Duty free import of goods under Notification No.52/2003-Cus. dated 31.03.2003 -  
**Operational problems faced by EOU in GST Regime** - Clarifications issued vide Customs  
Circular No.29/2017-Customs dated 17.07.2017 - Reg.

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The Trade is hereby informed that the Central Board of Excise & Customs [CBEC] has examined the difficulties expressed by the EOUs in respect of duty free import of goods consequent to certain amendments made in Notification No.52/2003-Cus. dated 31.03.2003 vide Notification No.59/2017-Cus. dated 30.06.2017. Consequently, the CBEC has issued certain clarifications vide Circular No.29/2017-Customs dated 17.07.2017 with reference to the condition inserted therein to the effect that the procedures prescribed under the Customs (Import of Goods at Concessional Rate of Duty) Rules, 2017 [IGCR Rules] shall be followed for import of goods.

2. The gist of clarifications issued by the CBEC in respect of continuity bond, information on estimated quantity and value of goods to be imported, inter-unit transfer and continuity of procurement certificates are highlighted hereunder:

[a] **Furnishing of Continuity Bond:** The B-17 Bond being a general purpose running bond will serve the requirement of continuity bond to be furnished under the Customs (Import of Goods at Concessional Rate of Duty) Rules, 2017. Hence, the CBEC has clarified that EOU/STP/EHTP units are not required to submit separate continuity bond.

[b] **Information on estimated quantity & value of goods to be imported:** This information is required to be furnished for a period not exceeding one year. There is no bar in the relevant provisions to furnish additional / amended information. Hence, the units may furnish requirements for a shorter period than one year and then can give requirements for the subsequent period and also amend/modify/add from time to time as per the requirement.

[c] **Procurement certificates:** The EOU/EHTP/STP units have the option to follow the procedures of IGCR Rules or use procurement certificate for import of goods for the transitional period upto 31.07.2017. 5.

[d] **Inter-unit Transfer:** The inter-unit transfer would be on invoice on payment of applicable GST rates and without payment of customs duty but with an endorsement on the amount of customs duty availed as exemption on such documents. The recipient unit would be responsible for paying such basic customs duty when the finished goods made out of such goods or such goods are cleared in DTA. Further, no procurement certificate would be required for inter-unit transfer.

3. This Trade Notice is being issued to sensitise the field formations and the trade about the salient features of the clarifications issued by the CBEC in respect of EOUs. For complete details, the relevant Circular No.29/2017-Customs dated 17.07.2017 may please be referred in the CBEC's website [www.cbec.gov.in](http://www.cbec.gov.in).

4. The Trade & Industry Associations/Chambers of Commerce are requested to bring the contents of the Trade Notice to the notice of all their members.

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