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To

All Trade Partners / Trade Associations,

Sub: Re-designing/Upgrading of the AEO Programme – reg.

The Indian AEO Programme is implemented vide CBIC Circular 33/2016 – Customs dated 22.07.2016. Since 2016, major challenges like implementation of GST have come into effect. Further, several changes/updates e.g. decentralisation of processing of AEO applications, processing of AEO-T1 through on-line web portal, simultaneous processing of AEO-T2 and AEO-T3 through web portal for real-time tracking of status of application, auto-renewal of AEO-T1 application based on self-declaration etc., have been made in the AEO programme vide various circulars issued from time to time. This has necessitated a complete re-working of the original circular.

Further, to obtain insight into the efficacy of the programme, the DIC had conducted an AEO Perception Survey. Based on the feedback received from the AEO entities, the DIC has initiated a revamp of the AEO programme to make it more attractive for trade partners, in line with international best practices and commensurate with the WCO SAFE Framework of Standards.

In this regard, your valuable guidance and suggestions for improving the programme, both in terms of compliance monitoring, as well as additional benefits to be provided, is solicited. It is requested to kindly provide the suggestions at the earliest.

Yours sincerely,

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