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Dear Viswanathan,

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Sub: Allowing the movement of Customs officers and staff for working at airport, seaport and air cargo during the period of restriction – reg.

As Customs Services connected with clearance of goods or passengers or with the prevention of smuggling is *essential service* in terms of Section 2(1) of the Essential Services Maintenance Act, 1981, the Government had decided to continue to provide 24&7 Customs clearance facility to the trade and industry, public.

2. **Government restrictions:** You are aware that there have been restrictions imposed on movement of people due to prevailing situation around COVID-19 and the need to contain its spread by issue of Government of Tamil Nadu Notification GO (Ms)152 dated 23.3.2020. However, "**B. Government of India Agencies – Customs, GST**" have been categorized in the List of Exempt Services and *movement of vehicles for transportation of staff to work place and back for these agencies* have also been exempt under **E. Transport**.

3. **Customs staff identified by Govt. ID cards:** The Customs officers and staff are working 24X7 basis and they are staying at their residences in different parts of Chennai city. They are required to visit the office of Chennai Custom House, Rajaji Salai; New Customs House and Airport, Air Cargo Complex, Meenambakkam; Ports of Chennai, Ennore, Kattupalli and various Container Freight Stations (CFSs)/ Inland Container Depots (ICDs) situated in and around Chennai for discharging their functions.

4. It is highly appreciated if you could kindly issue necessary instructions to the concerned officials to permit the movement of Customs officers and staff, and their vehicles based on their identity cards issued to them by the Customs Department which they are instructed to carry at all time.

Regards

Yours faithfully,

24/3/2020

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