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**Subject: All India roll-out of Faceless Assessment - reg.**

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Attention of the importers, exporters, Customs Brokers and all other stake holders is invited to Board Circulars No.28/2020-Customs, dated 05.06.2020 and No. 34/2020-Customs, dated 30.07.2020, launching Phases I and II of Faceless Assessment, respectively, under the umbrella of the next generational Turant Customs programme. Also kind reference is invited to Public Notice No.35/2020 dated 06.06.2020 and Public Notice No.40/2020 dated 31.07.2020 issued by Chennai Customs Zone.

2. **Board has decided to roll-out the Faceless Assessment at an All India level in all ports of import and for all imported goods by 31.10.2020.** The detailed roll-out plan in phases covering different Customs Zones and Chapters of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975, including the existing Phases I and II, is given in Annexure I. The Board has issued Circular No.40/2020-customs dated 04.09.2020 in this regard. The following are the excerpts of the said Circular:

3. **Constitution of National Assessment Centres (NACs):**

- 3.1 Vide para 4 of Circular No.28/2020-Customs, dated 05.06.2020, it was intimated that the designated nodal Commissioners would be precursors to the National Assessment Centres (NACs). Accordingly, Board has decided to constitute total 11 NACs, as mentioned in the Annexure II. These NACs are organized commodity-wise according to the First Schedule to the Customs Tariff Act, 1975. The rationale for the selection of a Zone in the NAC is the share of volume of the import of the particular commodity group(s) in its Zone as compared to the All India imports and/or share of contributed by the said commodity group(s) or the share of import of the particular commodity group(s) in their own Zones, while the rationale for the selection of a Conveners for the NAC is its share of the All India revenue contributed by the said commodity group(s) or the share of the revenue contributed by the particular commodity group(s) in their own Zones.
- 3.2 Each NAC shall be co-convened by the Principal Chief Commissioners/Chief Commissioners of the Zones mentioned in Column 4 of Annexure II.
- 3.3 Each NAC shall consist of the Principal Commissioners/ Commissioners of Customs from the Zones indicated in Column 3 of Annexure II as a member.

over the Zones, shall nominate a nodal Principal Commissioner/ Commissioner. The Chief Commissioner of Customs, Chennai has appointed Shri. R. Srinivasa Naik, Commissioner (Imports-Seaport) as Nodal Commissioner from Chennai for the following NACs.

- i. Primary Products (Chapter 1-26);
- ii. Mineral Products (Chapter 27);
- iii. Chemicals 1 (Chapter 28-38);
- iv. Chemicals 2 (Chapter 39);
- v. Chemicals 3 (Chapter 40-49);
- vi. Metal Products (Chapter 72-83);
- vii. Misc. Products/Project Imports (Chapter 93-98 )

Smt. N.Padmasri, Commissioner (ACC) has been appointed as Nodal Commissioner from Chennai for the following NACs.

- i. Textile Products (Chapter 50-71);
- ii. Mechanical Machineries(Chapter 84);
- iii. Electrical Machineries(Chapter 85) ;
- iv. Automobiles and Instruments ( Chapter 86-92).

#### **Responsibilities of NAC:**

3.5 The NACs have a critical role in the successful implementation of Faceless Assessment. In addition to their existing work, the NACs would work in a coordinated manner to ensure that all assessments are carried out in a timely manner and there is no delay or hold up of the Bills of Entry. The NACs would also examine the assessment practices of imported goods across Customs stations to bring about uniformity and enhanced quality of assessments. The important responsibilities of the NACs shall include the following:

- I. Monitor the assessment practice for enhancing uniformity of classification, valuation, exemption benefit and compliance with import policy conditions.
- II. Assess the application of Compulsory Compliance Requirements (CCRs) and ensure uniform practices in accordance with the relevant statutes/Legal provisions.
- III. Study audit objections and take corrective actions regarding assessments, wherever necessary and provide inputs to the concerned ports of import.
- IV. Analyse the RMS facilitated Bills of Entry pertaining to Chapters falling under their purview and advise the DGARM regarding possible interventions or review of risk parameters.
- V. Liasise with Principal Commissioner/Commissioner of Customs at ports of import about interpretational issues pertaining to classification, valuation, scope of exemption notifications and trade policy conditions.
- VI. Interact with sectoral trade and industry for inputs, and on issues relating to assessment.
- VII. Function as a knowledge hub or repository for that particular Chapter(s);
- VIII. Examine the orders/appellate orders in relation to assessment practices pertaining to goods assigned to each Faceless Assessment Group and provide inputs to the Commissionernates for uniformity of assessment orders before legal fora.
- IX. Constitute Working Groups for matters relating to:
  - a) Monitoring for timely assessment of Bills of Entry
  - b) Valuation and related issues
  - c) Classification and related issues

- d) Restrictions and prohibitions and Co-ordination with PGAs
- e) Communication and Outreach for departmental officers and trade
- f) Any other matter relevant to timely and uniform assessment, as may be decided.

4. Further, Board has issued Notification No.85/2020-Customs (N.T.) dated 04.09.2020 by virtue of which the Commissioners of Customs (Appeals) are empowered take up appeals filed in respect of Faceless Assessments pertaining to imports made in their jurisdictions even though the Faceless Assessment officer would be located at any other Customs station. To illustrate, Commissioners of Customs (Appeals) at Bengaluru would decide appeals filed for imports at Bengaluru though the Faceless Assessment officer is located at any other port of the country, say Delhi.

5. All other clarifications and guidelines on Faceless Assessment, as provided vide Circular No.28/2020-Customs and Instruction No.09/2020-Customs, both dated 05.08.2020 may kindly be referred to.

6. Any difficulties faced in the implementation of this Circular may please be brought to the notice of undersigned.

This issues with the approval of the Chief Commissioner of Customs.



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JOINT COMMISSIONER(CCO)

To

All concerned

Copy to:

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2. The Principal Director General, Directorate of Systems & Data Management, Hotel Samrat, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi – 110 021.
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Annexure I

Implementation Phases for All India Roll-Out of Faceless Assessment

Phase	Roll-Out Date	% Coverage of All India Bills of Entry	Faceless Assessment Group Clusters	Zones and Faceless Assessment Groups
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
I	05.08.2020	14 %	5 & 5A - Bengaluru & Chennai	(a) Bengaluru – 5, 5A (b) Chennai – 5, 5A
II	03.09.2020	21%	(i) 3,5,5A,5B – Bengaluru, Chennai & Delhi  (ii) Mumbai I,II,III – 2A	(a) 3, 5, 5A, 5B – Bengaluru (b) 3, 5, 5A, 5B - Chennai (c) 3, 5, 5A, 5B – Delhi (d) 2A - Mumbai I, II , III
III	15.09.2020	50 %	(i) 5,5A,5B - Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Chennai, Delhi, Mumbai I, II & III, Visakhapatnam  (ii) 4 - Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Bhubaneshwar, Chennai, Delhi, Visakhapatnam  (iii) 3 – Bengaluru, Chennai & Delhi, Delhi (Prev.), Kolkata, Thiruvananthapuram, Tiruchirappalli (Prev.), Patna (Prev.), Guwahati  (iv) 2G – Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Bhopal, Chennai, Delhi, Meerut and Nagpur, Pune  (v) 2A – Mumbai I, II, III, Chennai and Hyderabad	(a) 2A,5, 5A, 5B - Mumbai I, II, III (b) 2A – Hyderabad (c) 2G, 4, 5, 5A, 5B – Ahmedabad (d) 2G, 3, 4, 5, 5A, 5B – Bengaluru (e) 2G, 2A 3, 4, 5, 5A, 5B – Chennai (f) 2G, 3, 4, 5, 5A, 5B – Delhi (g) 2G – Bhopal, Meerut, Nagpur, Pune (h) 3 – Delhi (Prev.), Kolkata, Patna (Prev.), Guwahati, Thiruvananthapuram, Tiruchirappalli (Prev.) (i) 4 – Bhubaneshwar (j) 4,5, 5A, 5B – Visakhapatnam
IV	01.10.2020	86%	(i) 5,5A,5B – Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Bhopal, Bhubaneshwar, Chennai, Delhi, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Delhi (Prev.), Meerut,Mumbai I, II & III, Nagpur, Patna (Prev.), Pune, Thiruvananthapuram, Tiruchirappalli (Prev.), Visakhapatnam  (ii) 4 – Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Bhubaneshwar, Bhopal, Chennai, Delhi, Delhi (Prev.), Kolkata, Meerut, Mumbai I, II,III, Nagpur, Pune, Visakhapatnam, Hyderabad  (iii) 3 – Ahmedabad, Bengaluru,	(a) 1,2A, 2G, 2K, 3, 4, 5, 5A, 5B, 6 – Mumbai -II (b) 1,1A, 2G, 2A, 3, 4, 5, 5A, 5B, 6 - Chennai (c) 1A, 2A, 2G, 3, 4, 5, 5A, 5B, 6 – Mumbai-I (d) 2A, 2G, 3, 4, 5, 5A, 5B – Mumbai-III (e) 2A, 4, 5, 5A, 5B – Hyderabad (f) 1A, 2A, 2G, 2K, 3, 4, 5, 5A, 5B – Ahmedabad (g) 1A, 2A, 2G, 3, 4, 5, 5A, 5B – Bengaluru (h) 2A, 2G, 3, 4, 5, 5A, 5B, 6 – Delhi (i) 2G, 4, 5, 5A, 5B – Meerut, Nagpur, Bhopal, Pune (j) 1, 3, 4, 5, 5A, 5B – Kolkata (l) 3, 4, 5, 5A, 5B – Delhi (Prev.)

Phase	Roll-Out Date	% Coverage of All India Bills of Entry	Faceless Assessment Group Clusters	Zones and Faceless Assessment Groups
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
			<p>Chennai &amp; Delhi, Delhi (Prev.), Guwahati, Kolkata, Mumbai I, II &amp; III, Patna (Prev.), Thiruvananthapuram, Tiruchirappalli (Prev.),</p> <p>(iv) 2G – Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Bhopal, Chennai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Meerut, Mumbai I, II &amp; III, Nagpur, Pune, Thiruvananthapuram, Tiruchirappalli (Prev.)</p> <p>(v) 2A – Ahmedabad, Chennai, Delhi, Hyderabad and Mumbai I, II, III</p> <p>(vi) 1A – Ahmedabad, Bhubaneshwar, Mumbai-I, Visakhapatnam</p> <p>(vii) 1,B – Chennai, Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai-II, Visakhapatnam</p> <p>(viii) 2K – Ahmedabad, Mumbai-II, Tiruchirappalli (Prev.)</p>	<p>(j) 2G, 3, 5, 5A, 5B – Thiruvananthapuram, Tiruchirappalli (Prev.)</p> <p>(k) 1A, 2A, 4, 5, 5A, 5B – Visakhapatnam</p> <p>(l) 5, 5A, 5B, 4, 1A – Bhubaneshwar</p> <p>(m) 3, 5, 5A, 5B – Patna (Prev.), Guwahati</p>
V	31.10.2020	100%	<p>(i) 5,5A,5B – Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Bhopal, Bhubaneshwar, Chennai, Delhi, Delhi (Prev.), Guwahati, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Mumbai I, II &amp; III, Nagpur, Pune, Thiruvananthapuram, Tiruchirappalli (Prev.), Patna (Prev.), Visakhapatnam</p> <p>(ii) 4 – Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Bhubaneshwar, Bhopal, Chennai, Delhi, Delhi (Prev.), Kolkata, Meerut, Mumbai, I,II,III, Nagpur, Pune, Visakhapatnam, Hyderabad, Patna (Prev.), Thiruvananthapuram, Tiruchirappalli (Prev.), Guwahati</p> <p>(iii) 3 – Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Bhopal, Bhubaneshwar, Chennai, Delhi, Delhi (Prev.), Guwahati, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Meerut, Mumbai I,II &amp; III, Nagpur, Patna (Prev.), Pune, Thiruvananthapuram, Tiruchirappalli (Prev.).</p>	<p>(a) 1, 1A, 2, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 2E, 2F, 2G, 2H, 2I, 2J, 2K, 3, 4, 5, 5A, 5B, 6 – Mumbai II</p> <p>(b) 1,1A, 2, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 2E, 2F, 2G, 2H, 2I, 2J, 2K, 3, 4, 5, 5A, 5B, 6 - Chennai</p> <p>(c) 1,1A, 2, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 2E, 2F, 2G, 2H, 2I, 2J, 2K, 3, 4, 5, 5A, 5B, 6 - Mumbai-I</p> <p>(d) 1, 1A, 2, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 2E, 2F, 2G, 2H, 2I, 2J, 2K, 3, 4, 5, 5A, 5B – Mumbai -III</p> <p>(e) 1, 1A, 2, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 2E, 2F, 2G, 2H, 2I, 2J, 2K, 4, 5, 5A, 5B, 6 – Hyderabad</p> <p>(f) 1, 1A, 2, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 2E, 2F, 2G, 2H, 2I, 2J, 2K, 3, 4, 5, 5A, 5B, 6 – Delhi</p> <p>(g) 1, 1A, 2, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 2E, 2F, 2G, 2H, 2I, 2J, 2K, 3, 4, 5, 5A, 5B, 6 – Meerut, Nagpur, Bhopal, Pune</p>

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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
			<p><b>Visakhapatnam</b></p> <p>(iv) 2G – Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Bhopal, Bhubaneshwar, Chennai, Delhi, Delhi (Prev.), Guwahati, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Meerut, Mumbai I, II &amp; III, Nagpur, Patna (Prev.), Pune, Thiruvananthapuram, Tiruchirappalli (Prev.), Visakhapatnam</p> <p>(v) 2A – Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Bhopal, Bhubaneshwar, Chennai, Delhi, Delhi (Prev.), Guwahati, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Meerut, Mumbai I, Mumbai I, II, III, Nagpur, Patna (Prev.), Pune, Thiruvananthapuram, Tiruchirappalli (Prev.), Visakhapatnam</p> <p>(vi) 1A – Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Bhopal, Bhubaneshwar, Chennai, Delhi, Delhi (Prev.), Guwahati, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Meerut, Mumbai I, Mumbai II &amp; III, Nagpur, Patna (Prev.), Pune, Thiruvananthapuram, Tiruchirappalli (Prev.), Visakhapatnam</p> <p>(vii) 1,6 – Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Bhopal, Bhubaneshwar, Chennai, Delhi, Delhi (Prev.), Guwahati, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Meerut, Mumbai I, Mumbai II &amp; III, Nagpur, Patna (Prev.), Pune, Thiruvananthapuram, Tiruchirappalli (Prev.), Visakhapatnam</p> <p>(viii) 2K – Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Bhopal, Bhubaneshwar, Chennai, Delhi, Delhi (Prev.), Guwahati, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Meerut, Mumbai I, Mumbai II &amp; III, Nagpur, Patna (Prev.), Pune, Thiruvananthapuram, Tiruchirappalli (Prev.), Visakhapatnam</p> <p>(ix) 2,2B,2C,2D, 2E, 2F, 2H, 2I, 2J - Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Bhopal, Bhubaneshwar,</p>	<p>(h) 1, 1A, 2, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 2E, 2F, 2G, 2H, 2I, 2J, 2K, 3, 4, 5, 5A, 5B, 6- Kolkata</p> <p>(i) 1, 1A, 2, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 2E, 2F, 2G, 2H, 2I, 2J, 2K, 3, 4, 5, 5A, 5B, 6- Delhi (Prev.)</p> <p>(j) 1, 1A, 2, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 2E, 2F, 2G, 2H, 2I, 2J, 2K, 3, 4, 5, 5A, 5B, 6- Thiruvananthapuram, Tiruchirappalli (Prev.)</p> <p>(k) 1, 1A, 2, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 2E, 2F, 2G, 2H, 2I, 2J, 2K, 3, 4, 5, 5A, 5B, 6- Visakhapatnam</p> <p>(l) 1, 1A, 2, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 2E, 2F, 2G, 2H, 2I, 2J, 2K, 3, 4, 5, 5A, 5B, 6- Bhubaneshwar</p> <p>(m) 1, 1A, 2, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 2E, 2F, 2G, 2H, 2I, 2J, 2K, 3, 4, 5, 5A, 5B, 6- Patna (Prev.), Guwahati</p>

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31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2020: All India – All Zones - All Imports under Faceless Assessment#

# Excluding Land Customs Stations.

**Note :** Zones and Faceless Assessment Groups in bold in columns 4 and 5 and are newly added as on the roll-out dates in column 2.

Annexure II  
National Assessment Centres

National Assessment Centre (1)	Faceless Assessment Groups (Chapters covered by Customs Tariff Act, 1975) (2)	Nodal Commissioners from Zones (3)	Conveners (Pr.CC/CC of the Zone) (4)
Primary Products	1 (1-26)	1. Bengaluru 2. Bhubaneshwar 3. Chennai 4. Kolkata 5. Tiruchirappalli (Prev.) 6. Thiruvananthapuram 7. Vishakhapatnam	Kolkata
		1. Ahmedabad 2. Delhi 3. Delhi(Prev.) 4. Guwahati 5. Mumbai II 6. Mumbai III 7. Patna (Prev.)	Guwahati
Mineral Products	1A (27)	1. Ahmedabad 2. Delhi 3. Mumbai I 4. Mumbai II 5. Mumbai III 6. Pune	Ahmedabad
		1. Bengaluru 2. Bhubaneshwar 3. Chennai 4. Kolkata 5. Tiruchirappalli (Prev) 6. Visakhapatnam	Bhubaneshwar
Chemicals 1	2A,2B,2C,2D,2E and 2F (28-38)	1. Ahmedabad. 2. Delhi 3. Delhi (Prev.) 4. Meerut 5. Mumbai II 6. Mumbai III	Mumbai II
		1. Chennai 2. Hyderabad 3. Kolkata 4. Mumbai I 5. Thiruvananthapuram 6. Visakhapatnam	Visakhapatnam
Chemicals 2	2G (39)	1. Chennai 2. Hyderabad 3. Mumbai I 4. Mumbai II 5. Mumbai III 6. Visakhapatnam 7. Thiruvananthapuram	Mumbai II
		1. Ahmedabad 2. Bhopal 3. Delhi 4. Delhi (Prev.)	Bhopal

National Assessment Centre	Faceless Assessment Groups (Chapters covered by Customs Tariff Act, 1975)	Nodal Commissioners from Zones	Conveners (Pr.CC/CC of the Zone)
		5. Kolkata 6. Meerut 7. Patna (Prev.)	
Chemicals 3	2H,2I,2J,2K (40-49)	1. Bengaluru 2. Bhopal 3. Chennai 4. Kolkata 5. Nagpur 6. Tiruchirappalli (Prev.) 7. Thiruvananthapuram 8. Vishakhapatnam	Chennai
		1. Ahmedabad 2. Delhi 3. Delhi (Prev.) 4. Meerut 5. Mumbai II 6. Mumbai III 7. Mumbai I 8. Patna (Prev.) 9. Pune	Patna (Prev.)
Textile Products	3 (50-71)	1. Ahmedabad. 2. Bengaluru 3. Delhi 4. Delhi(Prev.) 5. Kolkata 6. Patna (Prev.)	Bengaluru
		1. Chennai 2. Mumbai I 3. Mumbai II 4. Mumbai III 5. Tiruchirappalli (Prev.). 6. Thiruvananthapuram	Tiruchirappalli (Prev.)
Metal Products	4 (72-83)	1. Ahmedabad 2. Delhi 3. Delhi(Prev.) 4. Guwahati 5. Meerut 6. Mumbai I 7. Mumbai II 8. Mumbai III 9. Kolkata	Delhi (Prev.)
		1. Bengaluru 2. Bhopal 3. Chennai 4. Hyderabad 5. Nagpur 6. Pune 7. Vishakhapatnam 8. Thiruvananthapuram	Nagpur
Mechanical Machineries	5 (84)	1. Ahmedabad 2. Delhi 3. Delhi(Prev.) 4. Mumbai II 5. Mumbai III	Mumbai III

National Assessment Centre	Faceless Assessment Groups (Chapters covered by Customs Tariff Act, 1975)	Nodal Commissioners from Zones	Conveners (Pr.CC/CC of the Zone)
		1. Bengaluru 2. Chennai 3. Hyderabad 4. Kolkata 5. Thiruvananthapuram	Hyderabad
Electric Machineries	5A (85)	1. Delhi 2. Ahmedabad. 3. Mumbai I 4. Mumbai II 5. Mumbai III	Delhi
		1. Bengaluru 2. Chennai 3. Hyderabad 4. Kolkata Thiruvananthapuram	Mumbai
Automobiles and Instruments	5B (86-92)	1. Bengaluru 2. Chennai 3. Hyderabad. 4. Kolkata 5. Thiruvananthapuram	Chennai
		1. Ahmedabad 2. Delhi 3. Delhi(Prev.) 4. Mumbai II 5. Mumbai III	Pune
Misc. products/Project Imports	6 (93-98)	1. Ahmedabad. 2. Kolkata 3. Mumbai I 4. Mumbai II 5. Mumbai III 6. Hyderabad	Mumbai I
		1. Bengaluru 2. Chennai 3. Delhi (Prev.) 4. Delhi 5. Thiruvananthapuram 6. Visakhapatnam	Thiruvananthapuram