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Wildlife Crime Control Bureau

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Subject: Introduction of WCCB Accredited Clients Programme under Risk Management System (RMS) for clearance of flora and fauna consignments referred by Customs - reg

Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB) being one of the regulatory authorities of Government of India gives clearance to flora & fauna consignments being imported or exported that are referred to it by Customs for examination in accordance with the provisions of Wild Life Protection Act, 1972; CITES and Foreign Trade Regulation. Consequent to the approval of the Competent Authority, WCCB has decided to introduce Accredited Clients Programme (ACP) under the Risk Management System (RMS), as a measure of trade facilitation for efficient clearance of flora & fauna export/import consignments. The goal of the Risk Management System (RMS) is to enable WCCB to strike an appropriate balance between trade facilitation and enforcement of government policies & regulations. Exporters/Importers registered by the Bureau as "Accredited Clients" will form a separate category to which assured facilitation would be provided. Except for a small percentage of consignments selected on a random basis by the RMS, or cases where specific intelligence is available or where a specifically observed pattern of non-compliance is required to be addressed, the Accredited Clients will be allowed clearance on the basis of self-assessment i.e. as a matter of course, clearance would be allowed on the basis of their declarations, and without examination of goods. However, the species listed in the Schedules of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, and/ or the Appendices of the CITES, will not be covered under the Scheme.

2. The importers/exporters desirous of availing the facility as "Accredited Clients" are required to apply for registration under the Scheme using an Application Form attached herewith at Annex – 1. Importers/exporters meeting the following criteria shall be eligible for consideration for the Accredited Clients Program:

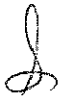
- a. They should be in the business of export/import for past three years or more through any Indian Customs stations.
- b. They should not have any case of violation of the provisions of Wild Life Protection Act, CITES and Foreign Trade (D&R) Act, 1992, relevant to flora & fauna, against them in the past.
- c. Products should have formulation / ingredients mentioned in details with the scientific name.
- d. Self- certification by the party (Exporter/Importer) that no CITES or/and Wild Life Protection Act listed species are used by them in their products/consignment.

3. Copy of the Scheme is available on WCCB website www.wccb.gov.in .

4. The interested exporters / importers are hereby requested to apply for Accredited Clients Programme on the prescribed format placed at Annexure - 1. Hard copy of the application along with requisite annexures/documents may be submitted latest by 5 PM on 15th May 2015, at WCCB BHQ New Delhi or by post at the following address:

Assistant Director (CITES)
RMS Division,
Wildlife Crime Control Bureau, Head Quarters
2nd Floor, Trikoot -1 Building,
Bhikajicama Place, New Delhi -110066

5. A soft copy of the application and scanned copies of the annexures/ documents should also be sent through e-mail to: adadm@wccb.gov.in. The application will however be processed only on receipt of the hard copy within due date. It may also be noted that any application received incomplete or after the due date, shall not be accepted; and no correspondence in this regard shall be entertained.


14/5/2015
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Additional Director

Copy for information and requisite action to:

1. Director General Foreign Trade, New Delhi.
2. Joint Secretary (Customs), CBEC, New Delhi.
3. All Chief Commissioners of Customs.
4. Commissioner Customs (Single Window), CBEC, New Delhi
5. WCCB Regional Deputy Directors - NR/CR/WR/ER/SR, for wide publicity within their respective jurisdictions.
6. PS to the Additional Director General (WL), MoEFCC, Govt of India, New Delhi.
7. Federation of Indian Export Organizations, New Delhi, with request to circulate to members.
8. Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), with request to give wide publicity amongst its members and allied organizations.
9. All Export Promotion Councils - with request to circulate amongst their members. (Council for Leather Exports; Basic Chemicals; Pharmaceuticals and Cosmetics Export Promotion Council (CHEMEXCIL); Chemicals and Allied Products Export Promotion Council (CAPEXIL); Sports Goods Export Promotion Council; Gem and Jewellery Export Promotion Council; Export Promotion Council for handicraft)
10. Marine Products Export Development Authority, Cochin, for information and circulation amongst its members.
11. Air Cargo Forum India, New Delhi
12. MoEFCC and WCCB websites
13. Guard file

Copy for information to:

1. Chief Wildlife Wardens – all States/UTs