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Dear Colleagues,

We at NSEZ celebrated Independence Day (photograph attached). I hope you also would have celebrated Independence Day in your premises. Please share your photograph with us.

There have been certain important developments which I would like to share with you. These are as follows:

- 1) As you are aware that GST amendment bill has been passed by the Parliament. It would have certain consequences on the operations of EOUs and SEZs as well. Last week I had interactions on this subject in Ministry of Commerce & Industry. Ministry of Finance has constituted a Sub-group for deciding on the issues relating to EOUs & SEZs in the context of GST regime. I had a meeting with the Sub-group of Ministry of Finance as well along with Director, Department of Commerce and have discussed the issues relating to EOUs & SEZ in the context of GST.
- 2) Department of Commerce has issued a Notification on 5th of Aug., 2016 wherein certain offences under Customs Act, 1962, Central Excise Act, 1944, the Finance Act, 1944 have been notified as the offences under Section 21 of the SEZ Act.
- 3) Department of Commerce has issued another Notification on 5th of Aug., 2016 wherein the Additional Director General, Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) and Additional Director General, Directorate General of Central Excise have been notified as the enforcement officers in respect of above stated notified offences, for Customs & Central Excise respectively, under Section 21 & Section 22 of the SEZ Act.
- 4) Department of Commerce has issued another Notification on 5th of Aug., 2016 wherein jurisdictional Custom Commissioner has been authorised to carry out investigation/inspection/search or seizure in the SEZ under Section 22 of the SEZ Act.
- 5) Department of Commerce has issued another Notification on 5th of Aug., 2016 wherein Rule 47 have been amended to provide that refund, demand, adjudication, review & appeal with regard to matters relating to authorised operations under SEZ Act shall be made by the jurisdictional Customs and Central Excise authorities in accordance with the relevant provisions contained in the Customs Act, 1962, the Central Excise Act, 1944 and the Finance Act, 1944. It has also been provided that all the authorised operations and transactions relating thereto in SEZ & units in the SEZ shall be audited by the Customs officers from a panel drawn by the jurisdictional Development Commissioner in consultation with the jurisdictional Chief Commissioner of Customs & Central Excise.

- 6) Department of Commerce has issued Instruction No.85 dt. 2nd of Aug., 2016 wherein general conditions for work from home by employee of IT SEZ units have been laid down. It has also been provided that SEZ units registered as other services providers (OSPs) with Department of Telecommunication shall also follow the prescribed OSP guidelines issued by Department of Telecommunication.

Above Notifications/Instructions are available on the department of Commerce website: sezindia.nic.in (GOI Acts/Policies – SEZ Rules and Amendments)

- 7) **These are important developments. I have kept a meeting on 19.08.16 at 3.00 P.M. in the Conference Room of NOIDA SEZ to inform you all about these issues in detail. You are welcome to attend this meeting.**

With Best Wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Dr. L.B. Singhal

