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Dear Members,

Sub: <u>Circulation of Presentation made by Sh. Salik Parwaiz, IRS, Additional Commissioner</u> (WCO Cell), Directorate of International Customs (DIC) during the Webinar organized by Directorate General of Taxpayer Services (DGTS), Department of Revenue (DOR), Ministry of Finance (MOF) with AEPC on 16th June, 2022 on Authorised Economic Operator (AEO).

This is with reference to the webinar organized by Directorate General of Taxpayer Services (DGTS), Department of Revenue (DOR), Ministry of Finance (MOF) in association with AEPC on AEO Certification on 16th June, 2022.

2. During the webinar, a Power Point Presentation on AEO scheme was made by Sh. Salik Parwaiz, IRS, Additional Commissioner (WCO Cell), Directorate of International Customs (DIC).

3. On the request of AEPC, the above referred presentation has been received. A copy of the presentation <u>(Click here to view)</u> along-with for your information please. This is an important presentation received from WCO Cell, Directorate of International Customs (DIC). Hence, members should take advantage and make use of this presentation. The presentation broadly covers the following issues:

WCO SAFE Framework of Standards

- Overview
- Objectives of SAFE Framework of Standards
- SAFE Framework: Customs to Business Cooperation
- · Indian AEO Programme

- Overview
- Eligibility and Compliance criteria
- Legal and Financial Compliance
- Benefits for AEO T1/ T2/ T3/ LO
- AEO MRA

- Recent reforms undertaken: Special measures to facilitate MSME for AEO T1 and T2 accreditation; Online filing of AEO T2/ T3 application and launch of v2.0 of AEO web portal; Auto renewal of AEO T1 application

The above PPT is for taxpayers' awareness and educational purposes only. Legal texts may be referred for understanding the details and legal implications.

4. In the Webinar, a number of exporters sought clarification on various issues. It was clarified that on this subject, a Master Circular No. 33/2016-Customs dated 22.7.2016 has been issued by CBIC, which covers the entire Scheme. It was also advised that the users should go through this circular and make use of the same. A copy of the Circular is enclosed along-with for ready reference. In the Interactive Session the team of officers from DGTS/DIC clarified the various issues. After the Webinar, the issues received have also been sent to DGTS/DIC for further necessary action.

5. This is for your information please.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

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