

F.No.609/13/2017-DBK  
Government of India  
Department of Revenue  
Central Board of Excise & Customs  
Drawback Division

New Delhi, the 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2017

To  
Principal Chief Commissioners/ Principal Directors General,  
Chief Commissioners/ Directors General,  
Principal Commissioners & Commissioners,  
all under CBEC.

Sir/Madam,

Subject: Exemption from drawal of samples for the purpose of grant of drawback to the AEO certificate holders.-reg.

I am directed to invite your attention to Circular No. 5/2017-Cus dated 28.2.2017, wherein exporters who have been accorded Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) certificate (Tier II & Tier III) in terms of Circular No. 33/2016-Customs dated 22.07.2016 have been exempted from the requirements of drawal of samples for the purpose of grant of drawback, except in case of any specific information or intelligence.

2. In continuation of above mentioned Circular, and as a measure of further facilitation, it has been decided to extend the exemption from the requirements of drawal of samples for the purpose of grant of drawback to Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) holding Tier-I certificate, except in case of any specific information or intelligence.

3. Suitable Public Notice and Standing Order should be issued for guidance of the trade and officers. Any difficulty faced should be intimated to the Board.

Yours faithfully,

(Dipin Singla)  
Senior Technical Officer (Drawback)