Public Notice No. 03/2019  
Dated Shillong the 6th June, 2019

Subject: Implementation of UNSC Resolutions on Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK)- reg.

Attention of all Customs officers/trade/ Customs Brokers and other stake holders concerned is drawn to letter F.No.394/107/2017-Cus (AS) dated 31.05.2019 and letter F.No.394/22/2015- Cus (AS) dated 29.07.2016 issued by the Anti-Smuggling Unit (CBIC) on the above mentioned subject.

2. India, as a UN member state, is obliged under Chapter VII of the UN Charter to take binding commitments for implementing UNSC Resolutions. These Resolutions are implemented by Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) in consultation with various agencies under the Government of India. UNSC Resolutions are mandatory in nature and hence their flawless implementation is required. Improper implementation has implications on India’s image in the international community and may also adversely affect India’s efforts to become member of international Export Control Regimes such as Nuclear Supply Group.

3. The last UNSC non-proliferation order on Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK) (North Korea) was notified by DGFT vide Notification No.41/2015-20 dated 21.03.2017. Further, on 5th August, 2017, the UNSC has adopted another Resolution No.5/RES/2371 (2017) notified by DGFT vide Notifications No.35/2015-20 dated 18.10.2017 and No.52/2015-20 dated 07.03.2018 which reaffirms earlier UNSC Resolutions on DPRK and adds certain other sets of prohibitions and decisions.

4. Recently, certain instances of violation of these notifications were brought to the notice of the Board wherein certain Bills of Entry were cited where the country of origin was declared as DPRK. Similarly, there are also certain Shipping Bills whose destination was declared as DPRK. On examination of the matter, it was reported that the actual country of origin/destination country was other than DPRK and they were inadvertently entered so without due diligence. These mistakes put Indian Customs in a bad light and make it difficult for the Board to explain MEA. MEA is turn faces embarrassment in international forums.

5. Indian Customs is expected to play a pivotal role in implementation of these UNSC Resolutions on DPRK, especially those related to prohibition in import and export of goods. Accordingly, it is hereby directed to sensitize all the officers under your jurisdiction about these UNSC Resolutions on DPRK and to take necessary action in accordance with the law for their implementation. Further, it is also requested to conduct sensitization programmes for officers and other stake holders so that such lapses do not recur.

K. Ashi Khieya
Commissioner
Copy for information to:
1. The Chief Commissioner, CGST & Customs, Guwahati Zone, Shillong
3. The Deputy/Assistant Commissioner, Customs Division, Agartala/Aizawl/Dhubri/Dimapur/Guwahati/Imphal/Karimganj/Shillong, with a request to bring to the notice of all concerned in their jurisdiction and ensure that the prescribed guidelines is followed.
4. The Deputy/Assistant Commissioner, Moreh LCS and Agartala LCS.
5. The Assistant Commissioner, Guwahati Customs Division/ICD Amingaon to conduct sensitization programme for ICD and Airport officials and submit compliance report before the due date i.e 26.06.2019.
6. The Superintendent, Computer Cell, Customs Hqrs, Shillong to upload the contents of this Public Notice to the Commissionerate website.
7. The Hindi Translator, Customs Hqrs, Shillong to get issued Hindi version of this Public Notice.
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