Madam/Sir,

Subject: Webinar on “Implementation of Section 28DA of the Customs Act, 1962 and CAROTAR, 2020 in respect of Rules of Origin under Trade Agreements (FTA/PTA/CECA/CEPA) and Verification of Certificates of Origin” for officers of CBIC on 4th September, 2020 from 11:00 AM to 01:00 PM -reg.

Kind reference is invited to the recently notified Customs (Administration of Rules of Origin under Trade Agreements) Rules, 2020 (CORATAR, 2020), which operationalise Section 28DA of the Customs Act, 1962 as well as the guidelines on the subject, as per Circular No. 38/2020-Customs, dated 21.08.2020.

2. In this regard, kindly find attached a copy of the D.O.F. No. 15021/18/2020-(ICD) dated 27.08.2020 of the Member (Customs), CBIC, wherein it has been advised that all officers involved in assessment, audit and investigation should carefully study CAROTAR, 2020 and the guidelines as provided in Circular no. 38/2020-Customs, dated 21.08.2020 to ensure proper application of the legal provision governing imports under claim of preferential tariff treatment and that the Board, in coordination with NACIN, would be hosting a WEBINAR on 04th September, 2020.

3. Accordingly, National Academy of Customs, Indirect Taxes & Narcotics (NACIN), Faridabad is organizing a webinar on the above captioned subject for officers of CBIC on 4th September, 2020 from 11:00 AM to 01:00 PM. The inaugural address shall be delivered by the Member (Customs), CBIC.

4. It is requested to nominate suitable officers of CBIC in large numbers so as to ensure maximum participation and active discussion during the above said webinar. Details of the nominated officers may please be sent by 2nd September, 2020 before 5:00 PM to this office through email at EMAIL ID: NOMINATIONS.IST-FBD@GOV.IN with the captioned subject in the subject field of the email.
5. The details of participants may please be sent in the following format in **EXCEL only**:

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6. Details of the web-platform, web-link and appropriate instructions for participation in the webinar will be directly sent to the participants by e-mail and they can participate in the webinar by simply clicking on the link at the designated time. In case of any query/difficulty, Shri Arvind Kumar, Addl. Assistant Director (Mob: 8448662025) and Shri Mahesh Kumar, Addl. Assistant Director (Mob: 9810411650) may please be contacted.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: As above.

(Rajesh Kumar)  
Joint Director

To

1. The Pr. Chief Commissioners/ Chief Commissioners of Customs (All)  
2. The Pr. Chief Commissioners/ Chief Commissioners of CGST & Central Excise (All)  
3. The Pr. Director General / Director General (All Directorates General under CBIC)  
4. The Chief Departmental Representative, CESTAT, New Delhi  
5. The Pr. Commissioners / Commissioners of Customs (All)  
6. The Commissioner (Customs & EP ), CBIC  
7. The Joint Secretary (Customs ), CBIC  
8. The Pr. Commissioners / Commissioners of CGST & Central Excise (All)  
9. The Pr. Commissioners / Commissioners of Audit Commissionerates (All)  
10. CBIC & NACIN Website

(Rajesh Kumar)  
Joint Director
Dear Colleague,

I am writing to you to draw your attention to the recently notified Customs (Administration of Rules of Origin under Trade Agreements) Rules, 2020 (CORATAR, 2020), which operationalise Section 28DA of the Customs Act, 1962 as well as the guidelines on the subject, as per Circular No. 38/2020-Customs, dated 21.08.2020.

2. Section 28DA supported by CAROTAR, 2020, empowers the proper officer to seek origin related information and provides the mechanism to accept/deny preferential tariff treatment claim within defined timelines. Further, CAROTAR, 2020 aims to clearly define the mechanism for claiming preferential tariff treatment. While placing responsibility upon an importer to possess sufficient information related to origin of goods, they also provide an importer the support to correctly ascertain the origin and avoid denial of preferential tariff treatment on account of incomplete/incorrect information provided by an exporter/producer of the exporting country. CAROTAR, 2020 will ensure smooth flow of legitimate preferential trade and provide sufficient safeguards to check fraudulent claims.

3. I advise you to direct all officers involved in assessment, audit and investigation to carefully study CAROTAR, 2020 and the guidelines as provided in Circular no. 38/2020-Customs, dated 21.08.2020, to ensure proper application of the legal provision governing imports under claim of preferential tariff treatment. In this direction Board, in coordination with NACIN, is hosting a webinar on 04.09.2020, details of which will be shared by NACIN. I hope to see maximum participation and active discussion during this webinar.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Sandeep M. Bhatnagar)

1. Pr. Chief Commissioners/Chief Commissioners of Customs
2. Pr.DG, DRI/DG(ARM)/DG(NACIN)