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GEXCOM/VIG/MISC/339/2021-Vig. Date : 06.10.2021

Sub: Observance of Vigilance Awareness Week, 2021 - Regarding

Please see enclosed F. No. GCCO/VIG/MISC/107/2021-VIG-O/o. CGST-ZONE-THIRUVANANTHAPURAM dated 22.09.2021 of the CCO enclosing letter C. No. II/27/19/2021- Dte. Vig. dated 17.09.2021 (copy enclosed) received from DGoV, South Zonal Unit, Chennai enclosing letter V-500/110/VAW/2021/7996-8059 dated 08.09.0201 of DGoV, New Delhi and CVC Circular No. 15/09/21 dated 01.09.2021 on the subject.

2. The **Vigilance Awareness Week, 2021** is being observed from **26th October, 2021 to 1st November, 2021**. The theme for Vigilance Awareness Week is **"Independent India @75: Self Reliance with Integrity; स्वतंत्र भारत @75: सत्यनिष्ठा से आत्मनिर्भरता".**

3. All controlling officers of the Commissionerate/Divisions/Ranges are directed to observe the "Vigilance Awareness Week" in adherence with the Circular cited above keeping in view Covid-19 guidelines.

4. The observance of the week will commence with the Integrity Pledge at **11.00 A.M.** on **26th October 2021** in the Central Tax & Central Excise Auditorium, 5th Floor, C. R. Building. The respective Heads of Offices shall administer the pledge in the field formations. The Integrity pledge to be administered (English and Hindi version) is available in the CVC website. Sufficient copies of the pledge may be made available to all field formations and these may be displayed on the Notice Boards.

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5. Banners/posters in accordance with the circular may be displayed in all the formations under your charge. The Vigilance Awareness Week shall be used as an occasion to highlight the awareness about effective preventive measures undertaken through system improvements and use of information technology to fight against corruption.

6. The Commission has also desired to spread awareness and campaign about **"Complaints under PIDPI (Public Interest Disclosure and Protection of Informers"**. Posters in this regard as suggested may be displayed and a drive may be undertaken to spread awareness regarding the provisions under the PIDPI resolution as well as all related information.

7. It may also be ensured that expenses incurred in connection with observance of the week be monitored closely to avoid profligate expenditure by way of bringing out glossy brochures etc.

8. You are also directed to visit the CVC website **www.cvc.nic.in** during the week and participate / take the online Integrity Pledge as a citizen. The certificate of commitment shall be generated at the end of the Integrity Pledge.

9. A compliance report on the observance of the "Vigilance Awareness Week" shall be sent in the prescribed proforma to this office, latest by **5th November**, 2021.

10. This circular issues with the approval of the Commissioner of Central Tax and Central Excise, Kochi.

Digitally Signed by S Suresh
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Reason: Approved

[एस. सुरेष / S. Suresh]

सहायक आयुक्त (का. व सत.) /Assistant Commissioner (P&V)

To

The Deputy/Assistant Commissioners in charge of All Divisions
(Display the banners in the building premises and Instructions to field formations regarding the observance of "Vigilance Awareness Week" may be issued)

All Addl./Joint/Deputy/Assistant Commissioners in Hqrs Office, Cochin.

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Copy to:

1. All Section Heads in Hqrs Office, Cochin
2. The Superintendent (PRO), Hqrs Office, Cochin, for making arrangements in connection with the observance of the Vigilance Awareness Week.
3. The Superintendent (EDP) for uploading in website

Copy submitted to the Chief Commissioner of Central Tax & Central Excise, Thiruvananthapuram Zone

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Date: 21.09.2021

To

1. **The Commissioner,**
   Central Tax & Central Excise,
   Kochi/Kozhikode/Thiruvananthapuram,
2. **The Commissioner (Audit),**
   Central Tax & Central Excise, Kochi.
3. **The Commissioner of Customs,**
   Custom (Preventive), Kochi.
4. **The Commissioner of Customs,**
   Custom House, Kochi,
5. **The Commissioner (Appeals),**
   Kochi

Sir,

Sub: Observance of Vigilance Awareness Week from 26th October, 2021 to 01st November, 2021 -Reg.

Kind Attention is invited to letter C.No. II/27/19/2021- Dte Vig dated 17.09.2021 (copy enclosed) received from DGoV, SzU, Chennai enclosing letter V-500/110/VAW/2021/7996-8059 dated 08.09.0201 of DGoV, New Delhi and CVC Circular No. 15/09/21 dated 01.09.2021 on the above subject.

2. As per the instructions given in the said circular, the **Vigilance Awareness Week, 2021** is to be observed from 26th October, 2021 to 01st November, 2021 with the theme **"Independent India @75: Self Reliance with Integrity; स्वतंत्र भारत @75: सत्यनिष्ठा से आत्मनिर्भरता".**

3. The Observance of Vigilance Awareness Week would commence with the Integrity Pledge by all the officers and staff of their Zone in their respective offices/Commissionerates on 26th October, 2021 at 11.00 AM.

4. In this connection, all the Commissionerates/field formations falling under the Zone need to organise the activities listed out in the circular mentioned above keeping in view Covid-19 guidelines as well as economy measures issued by the Ministry of Finance vide the Department of Expenditure OM No.7(2)E. Coord/2020 dated 04.09.2020. Further, all formations are advised to emphasise and focus on **Internal (housekeeping) Activities** which are taken up in campaign mode as part of the Vigilance Awareness Week as enumerated in the enclosed circular.

5. The Commission has desired to spread awareness and campaign about **"Complaints under PIDPI (Public Interest Disclosure and Protection of Informers"**. Two posters in this regard have been prepared and may be displayed al all the offices of the organization (Annexure D). A drive may be undertaken to spread awareness reading the provisions under the PIDPI resolution as well as all related information. Both posters should be placed together and should be translated to local languages, wherever required. Also, employees may be employees may be encouraged to take e-pledge by visiting the website, Online **"Integrity Pledge"** is available at CVC's website (www.cvc.gov.in).

6. In this regard, the Chief Commissioner has directed to obtain an action plan. Therefore, it is requested that an action plan on the activities to be organised may please be furnished to this office at the earliest. Also, on conclusion of the observance of the **Vigilance Awareness Week**, a report in the prescribed proforma may be forwarded to this office latest by **09.11.2020** as the Zonal report has to be submitted to DGoV, South Zonal Unit on or before **15.11.2020.**

7. The matter may please be given **Top Priority**.

Yours faithfully,

Digitally Signed by Anwar Ali T P
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Encl: As above.

(Anwar Ali T P)
Additional Commissioner (CCO)

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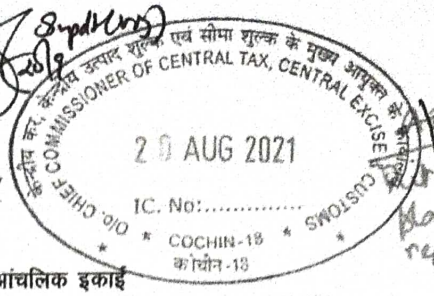

Pl follow up with action plan in this regard.
20/9/2021

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To

The Principal Chief Commissioner of GST & Central Excise, TN & Puducherry Zone
The Chief Commissioner Central Tax, Central Excise & Customs, Thiruvananthapuram Zone,
The Chief Commissioner of Customs, Chennai Customs Zone, Chennai.
The Chief Commissioner of Customs (Preventive), Trichy CC(P) Zone, Trichy.

Sir,

Sub: Observance of Vigilance Awareness Week – 2021 – Reg.

Ref: Letter F.No.V-500/110/VAW/2021/7996-8059 dated 8.9.2021 of DGoV., New Delhi.

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Kind reference is invited to the above referred letter addressed to all Chief Commissioners of GST & Customs along with copy of CVC's Circular No.15/09/21 dated 01.09.2021 on the above mentioned subject.

2. In this regard, it is requested that the Vigilance Awareness Week – 2021 may be organised from 26.10.2021 to 01.11.2021 with the theme "Independent India @ 75: Self Reliance with Integrity", and conduct activities relevant to the theme within the Commissionerates, plan outreach activities for public/citizens and also focus on internal (House Keeping) activities as emphasised in CVC's circular. Campaigns may also be organised to spread awareness about "Complaints under PIDPI (Public Interest Disclosure and Protection of Informers)".

3. On conclusion of the observance of the Vigilance Awareness Week, it is requested that a report in the prescribed proforma may be sent to this office by 15.11.2021.

आपका आभारी / Yours faithfully,

17/9/2021 2/5

(पेरी उमाशंकर/Peri Umasankar)
Additional Director General

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F.No. V-500/170/VAW/2021/7996-8059 Dated: 8.09.2021

To

1. All Chief Commissioners of GST & Customs
2. All Director Generals under CBIC
3. All Directorates under CBIC
4. Chief Commissioner (AR)
5. Narcotics Commissioner, Gwalior
6. Chief Controller of Govt. Opium & Alkaloid Factories, New Delhi
7. Commissioner, Directorate General of Taxpayer Services, New Delhi

Sir/Madam,

Subject: Observance of Vigilance Awareness Week , 2021 -reg

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of CVC's Circular No. 15/09/21 dated 01.09.2021 regarding observance of "Vigilance Awareness Week" from 26th October, 2021 to 01st November, 2021 with the theme **"Independent India @75: Self Reliance with Integrity; स्वतंत्र भारत @ 75: सत्यनिष्ठा से आत्मनिर्भरता".**

2. The observance of the Vigilance Awareness Week would commence with the **'Integrity Pledge'** by all public servants in the Ministries/Departments/Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs)/Public Sector Banks (PSBs) and all other Organisations on 26th October, 2021 at 11.00 a.m.

3. All Pr CCs/Pr DGs/CCs/DGs/Dtes. are also advised to conduct activities relevant to vigilance awareness and the aforesaid theme within their Commissionerates/Directorates, and also plan outreach activities for public/citizens strictly adhering to extant Covid-19 prevention guidelines at the respective locations and events as well as economy measures issued by MoF as emphasized in CVC's circular. All formations are also advised to focus on Internal (Housekeeping) Activities for Vigilance Awareness Week 2021 as indicated in Annexure-G attached to the CVC circular supra.

4. The Commission has also desired to spread awareness and campaign about "**Complaints under PIDPI (Public Interest Disclosure and Protection of Informers)**". Two posters in this regard have been prepared and may be displayed at all offices of the organization. Both posters should be placed together and should be translated into local languages, wherever required. Wide publicity may be given to the campaign pertaining to "Complaints under PIDPI".

5. It is requested that on conclusion of the observance of the **Vigilance Awareness Week**, a report in the enclosed prescribed proforma may please be forwarded to the respective Zonal Units of DGoV latest by 15.11.2021. Further, the Zonal Units of DGoV may compile the same and submit their report to DGoV (Hqrs.) by 21.11.2021 for onward submission to the CVC.

Yours Sincerely,

Encl: as Above

(Suchitra Sharma)
Pr. Director General(Vig.)

Copy to: -

Pr. ADG/ ADG, Delhi/Lucknow/Ahmedabad/Mumbai/Chennai/Hyderabad/ Kolkata, DGoV Zonal Units for information and necessary action.

सत्यमेव जयते

केन्द्रीय सतर्कता आयोग
CENTRAL VIGILANCE COMMISSION

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दिनांक / Dated 01.09.2021

Circular No. 15/09/21

Sub: Observance of Vigilance Awareness week 2021.

1. In a move towards commemorating 75 years of India's Independence which falls on August 15, 2022, Central Vigilance Commission in carrying out its duty as the apex anti-corruption body in the country, reaffirms its resolve to fight corruption and ensure integrity in public life to usher in a new era of a self-reliant India. In recognition of this momentous stage in India's journey, the Commission has decided that this year Vigilance Awareness Week would be observed from 26th October to 1st November, 2021 with the theme **"Independent India @ 75: Self Reliance with Integrity; स्वतंत्र भारत @ 75: सत्यनिष्ठा से आत्मनिर्भरता".**

2. Vigilance Awareness Week is observed every year during the week in which the birthday of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel (31st October) falls. Observance of Vigilance Awareness Week is one of the tools used by the Commission to bring together all stakeholders to collectively participate in the prevention of, and the fight against corruption and to raise public awareness regarding the existence, causes and gravity of and the threat posed by corruption. During this week, all organizations are encouraged to bring together all their employees, create awareness regarding common issues related to vigilance and create an atmosphere motivated towards weeding out corruption and unethical practices.

3. Though punishment and penal actions delivered quickly are effective deterrents to corruption, the spirit behind the observation of Vigilance Awareness Week is to sensitize the public against the menace of corruption. All organizations should strive to drive home the idea that the fight against corruption is a collective fight involving everyone. It is

therefore imperative that the public must be motivated to fight against corruption if India is to succeed in its goal towards achieving self-reliance with integrity.

4. The observance of Vigilance Awareness Week would commence with the taking of the integrity pledge (copy enclosed at the Annexure A) by public servants in the Ministries/ Departments/ Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs)/ Public Sector Banks (PSBs) and all other organizations on 26th October, 2021 at 1100 hrs.

5. All organizations are advised to strictly adhere to extant Covid-19 prevention guidelines at all locations and events issued from time to time by the competent authority. In addition, all the organizations should strictly adhere to the economy measures issued by Ministry of Finance vide Department of Expenditure OM no. 7(2)E. Coord/2020 dated 04.09.2020

6. All organizations are advised to conduct activities relevant to the theme, both within and outside their respective organizations, and to conduct outreach activities for public/citizens.

7. Activities to be conducted within the organizations may include the following:

a. In continuation of activities taken up during Vigilance Awareness Week, 2020, the Commission desires that all organizations focus on internal (housekeeping) activities. The indicative list for these activities as well as the format in which response is to be given is enclosed **(Annexure C)**.

b. Employees may be encouraged to take e-pledge by visiting the website. Online "Integrity Pledge" is available at CVC's website (www.cvc.gov.in) and can be accessed by all.

c. The Commission has desired to spread awareness and campaign about "Complaints under PIDPI (Public Interest Disclosure and Protection of Informers)". Two posters in this regard have been prepared and may be displayed at all offices of the organization (Annexure D). A drive may be undertaken to spread awareness regarding the provisions under the PIPDI resolution as well as all related information. Both posters should be placed together and should be translated to local languages, wherever required.

d. Conduct workshops/sensitization programs for employees and other stake holders on policies/procedures of the organization and on Preventive Vigilance measures.

e. Use organizational website for dissemination of employees/ customer-oriented information and to make available avenues for redressal of grievances.

f. The systemic improvements and good practices adopted for wider dissemination and awareness may be displayed on the website of the concerned organizations.

g. Conduct various competitions such as debates, quiz etc. for the employees and their families on issues relating to anti-corruption.

h. Promote the concept of e-Integrity Pledge by persons with whom the organization deals with.

8. Outreach activities for public/citizens:

a. All Ministries/Departments/Organizations shall publicize Integrity Pledge amongst all employees, their families, vendors/ suppliers/ contractors/ stake holders, students etc. to elicit wider participation. Integrity pledge for citizens and organizations enclosed at **Annexure A and B.**

b. Wide publicity may be given to "Complaints under PIDPI (Public Interest Disclosure and Protection of Informers)". Two posters in this regard have been prepared and may be displayed at all offices of the organization (Annexure D). A drive may be undertaken to spread awareness regarding the provisions under the PIPDI resolution as well as all related information. Both posters should be placed together and should be translated to local languages, wherever required.

c. Organizations may undertake activities such as walkathons, marathons, street plays etc. which have visibility and mass appeal across all strata of society.

d. Extensive use of social media platforms, bulk SMS/ e-mails, WhatsApp etc. for spreading awareness.

e. Organize grievance redressal camps for citizens/ customers by organizations having customer-oriented activities. Similarly, vendor meets may be organized wherever necessary, through online mode or otherwise, whichever is more feasible.

f. Organizations may conduct various outreach activities for dissemination of anti-corruption messages and stressing the vision of a Vigilant India who is moving towards self-reliance with integrity. Online modes may be extensively used, wherever required.

g. Organize "Awareness Gram Sabhas" for dissemination of awareness in Gram Panchayats to sensitize citizens on the ill effects of Corruption. As per past practice, Public Sector Banks need to conduct "Awareness Gram Sabhas" at the Branch level in atleast two Gram Panchayats. Other organizations may also organize wherever possible. Indicative list of activities which can be conducted as part of "Awareness Gram Sabhas" is at **Annexure E.**

9. The two months, September and October, 2021 may be observed as a "Special Clearance Campaign" to clear all outstanding Further Information cases (FI), Implementation of First Stage and Second Stage Advices (FSAs and SSAs), Investigation and reports (I&Rs), Factual Reports (FRs), Complaints (PIDPI), Complaints (Non-PIDPI), Prosecution Sanctions, Departmental Inquiries (DIs) and Comments Awaited on CBI reports (CAs), in respect of all organizations and departments.

A report may be submitted as per format at Annexure F to the Commission.

10. Vigilance study circles may also participate actively in the Vigilance Awareness Week by conducting any or all the outreach activities keeping in view Covid-19 guidelines as well as economy measures mentioned in para 5.

11. The Commission expects all organizations to conduct various activities with zeal and enthusiasm to achieve the objective to eliminate corruption in public life. Although all activities need to be conducted during the Vigilance Awareness Week, however, in case of exigencies/holidays etc., the same can also be conducted before or after the Vigilance Awareness Week.

12. Selected Photographs/ Media clips may be sent to the Commission by email at the address coord1-cvc@nic.in. Photographs and Media clips may be uploaded on departmental / organizational websites.

13. A report on the observance of the Week may be sent by all Ministries/Departments/ Organizations to Central Vigilance Commission as per the format enclosed at **Annexure C, F and G** by 30th November, 2021.

14. This notification is also available on the Commission's website at http://www.cvc.gov.in.

Daniel P.

(P. Daniel)

Additional Secretary

Encl: As stated.

To

i) The Cabinet Secretary of India
ii) The Secretaries of all Ministries/ Departments of Government of India