

F.No.450/08/2015-Cus-IV (Pt.)  
Government of India  
Ministry of Finance  
Department of Revenue  
Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs

Hall No 16049, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, A wing,  
Kartavya Bhavan, New Delhi  
Dated: 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2026

To,

All Principal Chief Commissioners/Chief Commissioners of Customs.  
All Principal Commissioners/Commissioners of Customs.  
All Principal Directors General/Directors General.

**Subject: Clarification regarding validity period for self-sealing permission to exporters under Circular No. 26/2017-Customs and Circular No.36/2017-Customs.**

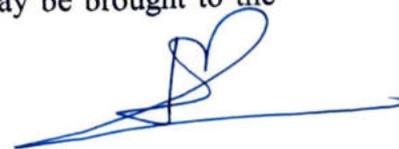
Madam/Sir,

References have been received from the trade seeking clarification on whether any validity period is prescribed for the self-sealing permission granted to exporters under the above-mentioned circulars.

2. The matter has been examined in light of Circular No. 26/2017-Customs dated 01.07.2017 and Circular No.36/2017-Customs dated 28.08.2017. It is hereby clarified that the facility of self-sealing, once granted to an eligible exporter/merchant exporter in terms of the circular no.26/2017-Customs dated 01.07.2017, does not have any prescribed validity period. The permission shall continue to remain valid unless it is specifically withdrawn, suspended, or cancelled by the jurisdictional Customs authority due to non-compliance, misuse of the facility, or any other valid reason.

3. Field formations are advised to ensure that the facility is extended in a facilitative manner while maintaining necessary checks. Any instance of misuse should be dealt with appropriately in accordance with the law, including withdrawal of the facility where warranted.

4. Difficulties, if any, in the implementation of this instruction may be brought to the notice of the Board.



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