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Government of India
Ministry of Commerce & Industry
Department of Commerce
(SEZ Division)

Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi Dated the 08<sup>th</sup> September, 2014

To,

All Development Commissioners Special Economic Zones

Subject: Exemption of vessels operating under the SEZ Rules, 2006 for oil spill response-regarding.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to say that a request has been received from Indian Coast Guard seeking exemption of vessels operating under the SEZ Rules, 2006 for oil spill response. The matter has been examined and it has been decided that the vessels authorized for use within the SEZ may be exempted from the application of Rule 34 of the SEZ Rules, 2006 for the following purposes:

- (i) When the vessels are required to respond to oil spill emergencies under the direction of the Coast Guard as per the National Oil Spill Disaster Contingency Plan (NOSDCP); and
- (ii) When the vessels are required to participate in scheduled oil spill response exercise under the directions of the Coast Guard as per the NOSDCP.

Yours faithfully,

(Madhup Vyas) Director Tel.011-23063294

## Copy to:

- 1. Central Board of Excise & Customs, DGEP, Hotel Janpath, New Delhi.
- 2. Coast Guard Headquarters, Directorate of Fisheries & Environment, New Delhi.