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13 July 2020

To: All Freight Forwarding Agents

Dear Sir/ Madam,

**Subject: Written authorisation for making bills of entry  
for each consignment**

MRA Customs is implementing regulation 19 of the Customs Regulations 1989 and in order to properly enforce regulations 19 (7)(l) & 19(9)(b)(iv) of the Customs Regulations 1989, a form has been devised (copy attached).

Extracts of regulations 19 (7)(l) & 19(9)(b)(i) of the Customs Regulations 1989 are reproduced below:

*19(7)Every freight forwarding agent shall – (l) be allowed to clear goods on behalf of an importer or exporter provided that he complies with paragraph 9(b)(i), (iv) to (xii) and (xiv).*

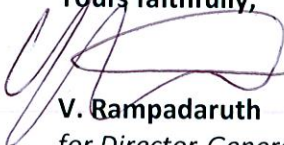
*19(9)(b)(iv) - shall obtain a written authorisation from the economic operator for making bills of entry for each consignment in a form approved by the Director-General;*

You are therefore requested to obtain the written authorisation from the economic operator for making bill of entry for each consignment.

The duly filled authorisation form should be kept at your office for a period of at least **5 years** after completion of the transaction and should be produced on demand to the Director-General.

For any additional information, Officer G. Padayatchy / M. Gundola may be contacted on phone no. 2020500.

Yours faithfully,



**V. Rampadaruth**  
for Director-General

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