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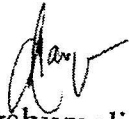
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**ORDER**

**Subject: Reduction in Free Period for Air Cargo.**

In pursuance of the National Civil Aviation Policy (NCAP) released by Ministry of Civil Aviation on 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 and subsequent deliberations in Government of India on reduction of air cargo dwell time, the Free Period applicable for air cargo at all airports is reduced as follows:

- a) For import cargo, free period is reduced from 72 hours to 48 hours. (i.e. Two working days). The time of reckoning of Free Period would start from segregation time reflected in ICEGATE.
  - b) For export cargo, free period for airlines is reduced from 48 hours to 36 hours and free period for exporters is reduced from 24 hours to 12 hours. Thus the total free period available for export cargo would be 48 hours (i.e., Two working days)
2. Till such time Customs facilitation is available 24x7, the Free Period will not include holidays.
  3. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority and would come into effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2017.

  
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