

MINUTES OF THE REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RAC)  
MEETING HELD ON 05.10.2010

A meeting of the Regional Advisory Committee for the block years 2009-10 was held on 05.10.2010 at 15.30 hrs at the Office of the Commissioner of Central Excise, Pune-III Commissionerate, Pune under the Chairmanship of Shri. B. S. Vasudev, Commissioner of Central Excise, Pune-III Commissionerate.

2. The following members and Officers of the department attended the meeting:

(A) Members of Trade & Industries:-

1. Shri. P. C. Nambiar - Representative of Export Oriented Units
2. Shri Devesh Hingorani - Representative of Software Exporters Association of Pune (SEAP)

(B) Departmental Officers :-

1. Smt. Seema Jere Bisht - Addl. Commissioner(Tech.)
2. Shri A.D. Pathak - Superintendent(Tech.)

3. S/Shri Anant Sardeshmukh, Vikas Khare, R.R. Joshi, Ajay Pitre and Mohinish Bhalerao, Members were not present.

4. Shri H.P. Srivastava expressed his inability to attend the meeting as he was on tour abroad and the same was conveyed vide letter dated 2-10-10.

5. The Chairman welcomed the members present. The Chairman took up the only point raised for discussion and reply.

**Point raised by Shri Devesh Hingorani, Member, SEAP.**

**Difficulties faced by STP units for want of assessee code in making duty payment.**

RBI has issued circular No. H-850/41.07.003/2010-11 dated 29-7-2010 to all the banks wherein the banks have been instructed not to accept any payment from the companies who do not have a valid 15 digit Assessee Code.

As such, STP units are not registered with Central Excise but only with Customs by obtaining Private Customs Bonded Warehousing License. Whenever, an STP unit was required to pay any duty for example, during ex-bonding of capital goods or payment of penalty etc. they would fill in dummy number of "999999999999999" as their Assessee Code in the bank pay-in slip.

In the light of this circular, STP units are now facing the problem as their Private Customs Bonded Warehouse License number nor "999999999999999" are being accepted as valid Assessee Code by the bank.

An amicable solution is requested.

Reply:

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The Chairman informed that the following procedure be followed for obtaining the 15 digit Assessee Code:

- Visit the website [www.aces.gov.in](http://www.aces.gov.in)
- Click on either central excise/service tax
- Click on new user hyperlink
- Submit the form stating user name, e-mail, address etc.
- System will then automatically transmit user id and password to the e-mail address given by the new user
- Using this generated id and password login to the ACES system
- From Reg module (registration module) fill the non-assessee form and submit application online for non-assessee
- After approval from the Department user will get a RC issued showing the 15 digit assessee code
- The user can use this 15 digit assessee code allotted for payment of excise duties / service tax, other duties (penalty/fine etc) and interest

During further discussion it was clarified that though the RC would be generated the company/unit/person would not be required to file any returns as they had obtained this 15 digit assessee code registering as a non-assessee.

There being no other point the meeting concluded with the Chairman expressing thanks to all the members present.

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Pune, the 8<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

  
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ADDL. COMMISSIONER (TECH)

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