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NEW IT INITIATIVE OF CENTRAL BOARD OF INDIRECT TAXES & CUSTOMS

The Ministry of Finance & Corporate Affairs, Govt. of India has launched a new IT initiative of Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs – Atithi@Indian Customs – for arriving international passengers. This state-of-the-art mobile application enables incoming passengers to make advance customs and currency declarations even before reaching Indian airports. The details are attached herewith:
Note on Atithi@Indian Customs Mobile application

- "ATITHI @Indian Customs" is a mobile app developed by Directorate General of Systems, Central Board of Indirect Taxes(CBIC) as a platform to globally facilitate & enable the arriving international passengers to declare their dutiable baggage goods; make Indian Customs Declaration and Currency Declaration in advance of their arrival at Red Channel of international airports of India.

- The name of the Mobile Application is based on the Ancient Indian tradition of welcoming the guests as god i.e. 'Atithi Devo Bhava'. In the same spirit, the application has been created to welcome and facilitate the bonafide passengers arriving in India.

- The application is made available on Android as well as iOS platforms, which together constitute nearly 99% of the mobile operating system market share worldwide.

Objectives-

1. Streamline the customs processes at airports and enhance transparency.
2. Integrate the mobile app declaration of passenger & transmit the data to e-Baggage Receipt (eBR) application launched recently at the red channel of all international airports in India, so as to fasten the customs clearances.
3. Cut the time spent by passengers at red channel significantly

Who can use- All travelers, including Indian residents & Foreign nationals, arriving in India by air from across the globe.

Key Features:

- One time sign up process by providing basic details like Passport No., Name, Nationality and address as on passport
- Advance Declaration facility. Enter basic travel information to initiate a declaration
- Mobility- Anywhere, Anytime
- Free Allowance & Customs Duty Information
- The passenger cum travel details & details of dutiable baggage items declared in Mobile App will be auto-populated in the eBR application upon mentioning the passport no. & choosing the advance declaration of passenger. This will enable swift generation of e-baggage receipt and significantly speedup the customs clearances
- Provision to "Modify declaration" for enabling transit passengers to make modifications when making additional purchases or rescheduling the flight.
- Enhanced Data security (refer to Privacy policy of the application)
- Feedback mechanism to redress and improve the future releases.