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New Delhi

To,

All Chief Commissioners of Customs and Customs (Preventive)
Director General, NACIN

Sir/Madam,

Subject: The 9th English-speaking Session of the Virtual Customs Orientation Academy (VCOA) from 4th March to 7th June, 2019-reg.

Director, Capacity Building Directorate, World Customs Organization has informed that the 9th Session of the Virtual Customs Orientation Academy (VCOA) of the World Customs Organization (WCO), intended for English-speaking Customs officers to be held from **4th March to 7th June, 2019**. Detailed brochure on the VCOA Nomination Form and Application Form are enclosed with the letter.

2. The Virtual Customs Orientation Academy (VCOA) aims to provide newly recruited Customs officials with basic Customs knowledge and skills through a tutored curriculum. The course introduces the core roles and functions of Customs officials, the principles and practices of Customs procedures and the main international conventions and instruments.

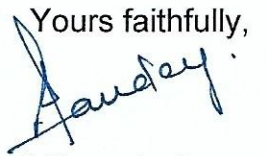
3. It is requested to identify and nominate suitable candidates who meet the following criteria:

- Newly recruited Customs official having less than four years of service in Customs;
- Proficiency in both written and spoken English;
- Good computer skills and having access to the Internet;
- Maximum age 35 years;
- Available during the whole period of the VCOA session and able to devote the necessary time (minimum of 12 hours per week);
- Accept and Sign the Virtual Customs Orientation Academy Charter; and
- Receive their administration's approval to enroll into the Virtual Customs Orientation Academy.

4. The nominated candidate's application must be supported by the concerned Chief Commissioner of Customs & Customs (preventive), Director General, NACIN. The nominations should be accompanied by the completed application form in the format prescribed by WCO. The completed Applications and Nomination form of suitable officer/officers may be forwarded through proper channel and e mailed at indiaawco-cbec@nic.in Support letter in the nomination form should be completed but it will be signed by an officer from the Board.

5. The nomination of willing and suitable officers who fulfil the criteria specified by the WCO may be sent as soon as possible but not later than **10th December 2018**.

6. It is requested that the officers may be advised not to send their applications to WCO directly. Further they should not enter into any correspondence with WCO in this regard. The nomination of suitable officers will be sent to WCO after approval of the Board. After receiving the nominations, the candidates will be invited by the WCO Secretariat to complete an online questionnaire by **8th February 2019**. The selected candidates will be informed by **20th February 2019** via e-mail.

Yours faithfully,


Assistant Commissioner
WCO Cell

Encl:-

1. Nomination Form
2. Application Form
3. Brochure on the VCOA