To,

All Members of Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs
All Pr. Chief Commissioners/ Chief Commissioners of Customs and Customs (Preventive)
All Pr. Chief Commissioners/ Chief Commissioners of Customs and Central Tax
All Pr. Directors General/ Directors General of CBIC
All Joint Secretaries/Commissioners working in the Board

Subject: The 16th Session of the Virtual Customs Orientation Academy (VCOA) from 12 September 2022 to 16 December 2022.-reg

Madam/Sir,

The World Customs Organization (WCO) will be holding the 16th Session of the Virtual Customs Orientation Academy (VCOA) intended for English-speaking Customs officers which will be held from 12 September 2022 to 16 December 2022. WCO letter dated 07.07.2022 and detailed Brochure on the VCOA (Annex-I) are enclosed.

2. The 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. The suitable candidates should meet the following criteria:
   - Newly recruited Customs official with less than 4 years of service in Customs;
   - Proficiency in both written and spoken English;
   - Good computer skills and access to the internet;
   - Available during the whole period of the VCOA session and able to devote the necessary time (minimum of 8 hours per week); and

4. It is requested to forward applications of the willing and suitable officers, who fulfill the criteria specified by WCO along with the vigilance clearance and APAR grading for the last 05 years in the attached proforma by e-mail to indiawco-cbec@nic.in. The forwarding office must ensure that the applicant is free from vigilance angle, that details in the application are correct and that the candidate fulfills the requisite eligibility criteria. The nominations should be sent on or before 31st July, 2022 along with duly filled (typed proforma). Incomplete applications and
those received after the stipulated date will not be entertained. All applications should be forwarded through proper channel only. On approval of the nomination by the Board, officer will be required to complete nomination via the CLiKC! Platform. The VCOA Application Guidance is enclosed in Annexure II.

5. It is requested that the officers may be advised not to send their applications / nominations to WCO directly. Further, they should not enter into any correspondence with WCO in this regard. The nominations of suitable officers will be sent to WCO after approval of the Board.

Yours faithfully,

(Salik Parwalz)
Additional Commissioner,
WCO Cell

Encl:
   i. WCO letter dated 07.07.2022
   ii. Annex 1 (Detailed Brochure)
   iii. Annex 2 (VCOA Application Guidance)
   iv. Proforma

Copy to the Web Manager, CBIC with request to upload it on CBIC website.