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Dated: September, 2021

To,

The Pr. Directors General/ Pr. Chief Commissioners (All)
The Directors General/ Chief Commissioners (All)
The Pr. Additional Directors General/Commissioners (All)
The Additional Directors General/ Commissioners (All)

Madam/Sir,

Sub: Addendum to the Guidelines for Grant of Ex-gratia financial assistance to family of departmental officials/staff from the Customs and Central Excise Welfare Fund in case of death of official/staff due to pandemic such as Covid-19- reg.

Your kind attention is invited to the guidelines for “Grant of Ex-gratia financial assistance to family of departmental officials/staff from the Customs and Central Excise Welfare Fund in case of death of official/staff due to pandemic such as Covid-19” which were issued by this office vide F.No.712/19/HRD/WF-II/12 dated 21.08.2020. Subsequently, OM for the guidelines was further issued by this office vide F.No.712/19/HRD/WF-II/12 dated 14.12.2020. Whereas following criteria/ condition was set for granting financial assistance to the dependents of deceased officer/staff:

“It is hereby brought to notice that an MCCD (Medical Certificate of Cause of Death) as prescribed by the Registration of Birth & Death Act, 1969 duly signed/ certified by authorised medical attendant/ practitioner may preferably be submitted along with the applications seeking COVID-19 ex-gratia assistance. In accordance with the existing ICMR guidelines, only those cases where cause of death is stated as COVID-19 in Part-I of the said MCCD, will be eligible for consideration of COVID-19 ex-gratia assistance. In case the MCCD in the said format is not available, the medical/ death certificate issued by the Hospital should state that COVID-19 in one of the immediate/ antecedent/primary/underlying causes of the death.”

2. The above said guidelines dealt only with cases of death due to COVID-19. However this office received several proposals whereby reason of death was mentioned as Post-COVID complications. As existing guidelines dealt only with cases of death due to COVID-19 and not to deaths due to Post-COVID complications, a proposal was forwarded to Governing Body to also include case of death due to Post-COVID complications for sanction of Rs. 5 lacs or 7

lacs as applicable for COVID-19 related deaths.

3. Now, the Governing Body after examining the proposal has incorporated the following changes in the guidelines:

"Ex-gratia of Rs.7.00 lakh may be provided when the death of an official occurred from post Covid-19 complications within one month (30 days) from the date the staff has been discharged from hospital after recovery from COVID-19 and in case of home quarantine - one month (30 days) from the date on which the official tested negative. This may further be subject to ICMR guidelines governing death due to post covid-19 complications if any in force at the time of death."

2. Accordingly, all new proposals pertaining to Post-Covid deaths may be sent to this Directorate according to the amended/ added clause. All the pending proposals pertaining to Post-Covid deaths will also be processed in the light of the above said guidelines.

Yours faithfully,

(Subhash Chandra Agarwal)
Additional Director General (I&W) &
Member-Secretary Governing Body (Welfare Fund)

Copy to:-

(i) The Joint Secretary (Admin.), CBIC, New Delhi/Director General C.E.I.B/ Director General, N.C.B/ Chief Commissioner, Authority for Advance Rulings/ Competent Authority, SAFEMA/ Narcotics Commissioner, C.B.N/ Chief Controller of Factories/Commissioner, Settlement Commission, DG Anti-Profitteering, CDR, CESTAT, Enforcement Directorate with a request to apprise the officials borne on the strength of Indirect Taxes and Customs and presently working under their jurisdiction/ charge, about addendum to ex-gratia guidelines.

(ii) Webmaster.cbic@icegate.gov.in with a request to place this letter on the CBIC's website. Mention may also be made of the scheme in the headlines being flashed.

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