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Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC) has taken an initiative to observe a refund sanction fortnight from 15.3.18-29.3.18 on an all India scale. Administrative and logistical arrangements have been made in order to ensure that maximum number of pending refund claims are settled during the said fortnight. As per the reports from field offices of CBEC, most of the refund claims which were pending due to errors committed while filing the GST returns and where exporters came forward with requisite documentation have been settled. In order to facilitate further sanction of refunds, CBEC has decided to extend the "Refund Fortnight" and keep open all the Customs field formations on 29.03.2018, 30.03.2018 and 31.03.2018 even though these are holidays/ non-working days. Necessary administrative instructions have been issued in this regard.

Government is keen to ensure that all the exporters get their refunds sanctioned at the earliestand, therefore, requests the exporters to avail this opportunity to settle their refund claims if not done as yet.

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