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## COVID-19: CBIC introduces Special Refund and Drawback Disposal Drive from 15-31 May 2021

Considering the outbreak of second wave of COVID-19 pandemic, the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) has decided to focus on timely disposal of all pending refund/duty drawback claims in order to provide immediate relief to the business entities, especially MSMEs, in these difficult times.

Therefore, it has introduced a **Special Refund and Drawback Disposal Drive from 15 May 2021** for priority processing and disposal of all pending refund and drawback claims. This special drive will be in place **till 31 May 2021**. It is expected that during this period all refund and drawback claims **pending as on 14 May 2021** shall be disposed.

For facilitation of exporters, the tax officers have been instructed to undertake all communications over email, wherever email id of the applicant is available. Further, all deficiency memos shall be reviewed, and refund/drawback shall be considered on merit.