Attention of the trade is invited to Facility Notice No 68/2006 dtd. 28/11/2006 and 50/2007 dtd 27/11/2007. Difficulties have been expressed by certain sections of the trade in the clearance of containers marked for scanning, but were not scanned for some reason. To tide over these difficulties the following procedure is to be followed.

1) If containers selected for scanning are brought to the assigned scanning site, but not scanned due to non functioning of the scanners/over weight etc., the Customs Superintendent manning the concerned scanner will give a stamp Container Not Scanned on the reverse of the EIR. Such containers can be permitted for clearance after following the normal customs procedure.

2) Containers not brought to the scan site due to any reason: whenever any container marked for scanning is not taken to scanning site, but taken directly to the CFS, it is the duty of the concerned CFS to immediately inform the Container Scanning Division and the Importer.
Such containers can be cleared through either of the two under mentioned procedures, depending on the convenience of the trade:

A) The container can be brought back to the Relocatable scanner located at CWC Distripark with the seal intact, and prior to giving out of charge; or

B) The container can be examined by the Docks officers posted at the concerned CFS. The percentage of such examination is to be decided by the AC/DC in charge of the concerned CFS. The details of such containers are to be communicated to the CSD by the AC/DC docks. Separate NOC is not required from CSD whenever the container is examined by the dock staff.

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C) In case of LCL containers which could not be scanned, the goods can be cleared after normal customs procedure, but with the permission of the AC/DC, docks. Separate NOC from Container Scanning Division is not required prior to clearance of LCL cargo.

3) Odd-dimensional Containers (ODC) that are selected for scanning at either of the scanning sites can be taken directly to the respective CFS without scanning. The gate PO posted at the respective CFS will endorse the EIR of container as ODC-not scanned. The
concerned CFS is to send a list of ODC received at their CFS every week to Container Scanning Division. These containers can be cleared as per normal customs procedure, without NOC from Container Scanning Division.

4) It is reiterated that NOC from Container Scanning Division is required prior to clearance of containers only when the images, after scanning, are found to be suspicious, and the containers are specifically put on hold by CSD. In such cases NOC will be issued by the CSD after scrutiny of Bill of Entry/Examination of goods by officers of CSD.

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