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Date: 07 .03.2016

PUBLIC NOTICE: 48/2016

Subject: Simplification of Customs procedure for Port Clearance –reg.

It has been observed that there is no uniformity regarding Customs procedure adopted at some ports/ Customs stations which increases transaction cost and time of clearance. This also results in major constraints in making India ports International Transshipment hubs.

A committee was setup by Ministry of Shipping for simplification of Shipping Customs procedure. The Board has examined the recommendations of Committee in consultation with identified Chief Commissioners of Customs. The following decision has been taken to streamline the extent procedure for Port Clearance at various Ports.

The port clearance requires submission of numerous documents on behalf of other agencies –Lighthouse Dues Certificate, NOC for Immigration, Port Health Certificate, etc. At present, the port clearance is given on execution of a bond/ guarantee by the Steamer agents each time a vessel enters.

As a measure of simplification, the Board has decided to give an option to the steamer agent to give a continuity bond/ guarantee for a period of one year for the said purpose. This would reduce the number of documents submitted each time the vessel enters.

Attention of the Steamer agents is invited to the above decision of the Board and accordingly it is instructed that they may avail the said facility by submitting one time continuity bond (Advance Port Clearance/ EDI Port Clearance) to the Dy./Asst. Commissioner of Customs, Preventive General, as per the format annexed herewith (Annexure-I). The continuity bond shall be executed on stamp paper of Rs. 500/- being stamp duty.

Except for the modification mentioned above, all the provisions of earlier Public Notices inter alia pertaining to port clearance shall remain unchanged.

Difficulties, if any, in implementation of these instructions may be immediately brought to the notice of undersigned.

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(RAJEEV TANDON)

PR. COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS, NS-GEN

Copy to:

1. The Pr. Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Zone- II
2. The Pr. Commissioner / All Commissioners of Customs, Mumbai Zone- II
3. All Addl./Joint Commissioners of Customs, Mumbai Zone- II
4. All Dy./Asstt. Commissioners of Customs, Mumbai Zone- II
5. The DC/EDI for uploading on the JNCH website
6. Bombay Custom House Agent Association
7. All Trade Members / Associations.
8. Office Copy.

ANNEXURE-I

FORMAT FOR CONTINUITY BOND (ADVANCE PORT CLEARANCE)

The Asst./Dy. Commissioner of Customs,
Preventive General,
JNCH.

Sir,

Sub: Continuity Bond /Guarantee for a period of one year from _____
to _____ towards issuance of Port Clearance for vessels calling
JNPT Port pending submission of documents within seven days from the
sailing of the vessel.

Ref: Public Notice No. 12/2007 dated 22.03.2007 as amended time to time.

This Bond/ Guarantee letter is being submitted/executed, for the Advance Port
Clearance being granted to our vessels calling JNPT Port during the period from
_____to_____ with submission of the following Certificates/
Documents within seven days from the sailing of the vessel.

INWARD CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE FOR THE VESSEL.

OUTWARD CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE FOR THE VESSEL.

IMMIGRATION NOC FOR THE VESSEL

PHO CERTIFICATE FOR THE VESSEL.

SHIP REGISTRY CERTIFICATE.

In the event of any failure on our part to submit the said documents within
seven days from the sailing of the Vessel, suitable action shall be initiated against
us by the Customs as per provisions under Customs Act, 1962.

The vessels will be neither carrying any dangerous drugs, nor any
consignments of Arms and Ammunition, fissionable material like Uranium,
plutonium and thorium in the same bottom.

We undertake to apply for renewal of this BOND/ Guarantee and issue us
Bond/reference number that can be referred/furnished for all our vessels calling
from JNPT Port.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,

For _____

As Agents _____