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Subject: Terminal Handling Charges levied by Shipping Lines-reg.

Attention of all Importers, Customs Broker, Shipping Lines/Agents, CFSs, Custodians, Port Terminal Operators, General Trade coming under the jurisdiction of JNCH, Nhava Sheva and all other stakeholders is invited on the above captioned subject.

2. 'Terminal Handling Charges' are levied by Port Terminals to the Shipping Lines and Shipping Lines in turn collect these charges from the importers. Many importers have represented to the department that Shipping Lines are collecting 'Terminal Handling Charges' which are at variance with what the shipping lines have paid as THC to the port terminals. This results in lack of transparency in these charges.

3. In order to bring transparency, augment 'ease of doing business' and to reduce the logistics costs, it has been decided that the importers having AEO status and those who are availing DPD facility for containerized cargo may be allowed the facility of paying Terminal Handling Charges (THC) directly to the Terminal Operators instead of paying through Shipping Lines. Therefore, all such eligible importers who have already opened P.D. Account with the Terminal Operators may pay terminal handling charges directly to the respective Terminals. The eligible importers who do not have P.D. Accounts may open P.D. Accounts with the concerned Ports/Terminals and pay terminal handling charges directly to the concerned Ports/Terminals. Ports/Terminals are also requested to raise invoices for THC directly to the eligible and willing importers.

4. Difficulties faced, if any, may be brought immediately to the notice of the undersigned.

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(S. K. VIMALANATHAN)
Commissioner of Customs, NS-III

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1. The Pr. Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Zone-II, JNCH.
2. The Commissioner of Customs, NS-G/ NS-I/ NS-II/ NS-IV/ NS-V, JNCH.
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