Standing Order No. 08/2004


Subject: Green Channel facility reg.

In supercession of Standing Order No. 481/2002 dated 10.04.2002 procedure for extension of green channel facility to the importers of repute importing large volume of cargo through JNCH, has been reviewed. It has now been decided to extend the facility of green channel clearance to the importers reflected in Annexure A for import of goods at this Custom House. The import examination under Green Channel will be subject to random checks to be exercised by Dy.

2. For import clearance under Green Channel facility the following procedure for clearance of Bills of Entry in EDI system will be followed:

(i) Only the approved importers as detailed in Annexure A will be allowed to apply for facility of Green Channel at the time of submission of Bill of Entry in EDI.

(ii) The Bill of Entry with a request for Green Channel, irrespective of its assessable value, will be reflected in the screen of the AO Group. The assessment will be carried out in normal course by the AO/Dy. Commissioner of Import Group. After Audit, the DC/AC of Import Group, will approve Green Channel considering the nature of cargo and revenue implications.

(iii) After payment of duty, the EDI B/E will be directly put into the Dy. Commissioner/Asstt. Commissioner (Docks) queue. The Dy. Commissioner / Asstt. Commissioner (Docks) may approve or reject Green Channel as recommended by the Dy. Commissioner / Asstt.

(iv) By selecting on random basis, say 10% of the consignments imported every two months by eligible importers would be ordered for normal examination by Dy. Commissioner / Asstt. Commissioner (Import Group)/(Docks). The DC / AC (Docks) will maintain details of the import consignments cleared under Green Channel and taken up for random examination.

(v) After the Green Channel facility is confirmed by Dy. Commissioner/Asstt. Commissioner (Docks), the Bill of entry will be marked to AO/Docks. The AO/Docks would give out-of-charge after satisfying that all duty and other charges if any have been correctly paid by the importer. While endorsing out of charge on EDI B/E it will also be marked Green Channel by the AO/Docks concerned, showing that no examination has been carried. AO/Docks will carry out checking of marks and no. of package (in case of LCL Cargo) or that of containers and seal no. of containers in case of FCL containers as per Bill of lading/Invoice/Packing List for packages/containers brought in the CFS.

(vi) After endorsement of out of charge, with Green Channel marking by AO/Docks, the preventive officer at the CFS gate shall allow delivery of the container or packages after checking the marks and numbers, as normal and retain the gate copy of the Bill of Entry. Thereafter, the copies of documents will be forwarded to AO/Docks as is being done in normal course, by CFS, by
(vii) This Green Channel facility will not be available for the goods, which require Chemical Analysis/Test/PHO Certification. Where the goods are imported in Retail packing, and green channel facility is sought, the packages may have to have the retail sales price indicated by the supplier otherwise the importer will have to arrange for affixing the retail price stickers in Bond under Customs supervision before clearance from warehouse for sale.

3. Keeping in view the nature of goods, the critical factors for assessment and the track record of the importers, the above procedure will be extended. In case any particular consignment has special features, which necessitates physical examination of the goods and if the Dy. Commissioner / Asstt. Commissioner (Import Group) or Docks (Import) is of the view that examination is necessary, he may, with approval of the Additional Commissioner / Jt. Commissioner in Charge of the Group or Docks may make an order for examination in the manner required. During the course of such inspection of marks and nos., or the percentage examination of the consignment, as above, if any irregularity is noticed, this facility to the said importer may be withdrawn forthwith. In such cases, an immediate report for discrepancy will be made by concerned officers and alert issued. Whenever, a case of misdeclaration, under valuation, fraud, forgery etc., is detected against the importer being extended Green Channel facility, should immediately be withdrawn.

4. The importers are at liberty to engage any CHA or do clearances on self basis, through their employees, authorized for the purpose. Prior intimation for engaging CHA firm will be given by importers to Dy. Commissioner of Customs, (Group), (Import Docks) and Appraising Main. In the interest of the importer, this is necessary so as to guard against unscrupulous persons causing clearance of goods using above procedure in the name of the importers/CHAs.

5. This Standing Order will come into force with immediate effect. This order will be subjected to review in April, every year.

6. In case of any difficulty, the specific issue will be brought to the Notice of Addl. Commissioner (Appraising (Main)), JNCH for remedial action.

   Sd/- (dtd. 12.02.2004)
   (R. SHARMA)
   COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS (IMPORT)
   Encls. Annexure A

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   (K.S. MISHRA)
   DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS
APPRAISING (MAIN-IMPORT), J.N.C.H.
ANNEXURE A

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2. M/S. HEWLETT PACKARD (I) PVT. LTD.
3. M/S. CASTROL INDIA LTD.
4. M/S. SKODA AUTO INDIA PVT. LTD.
5. M/S. BHARAT HEAVY ELECTRICALS LTD.
6. M/S. PHILIPS INDIA LTD.
7. M/S. SONY INDIA PVT. LTD.
8. M/S. PARAKH FOODS LTD.
9. M/S. KODAK INDIA LTD.
10. M/S. RELIANCE INDUSTRIES LTD.
11. M/S. BASF INDIA LTD.
12. M/S. SAMSUNG INDIA ELECTRONICS LTD.
13. M/S. CABOT INDIA LTD.
14. M/S. BHARAT SHELLS LTD.
15. M/S. CEAT LTD.
16. M/S. ICI INDIA LTD.
17. M/S. L.G. ELECTRONICS (I) LTD.
18. M/S. LIBERTY OIL MILLS LTD.
19. M/S. HONDA SIEL CARS LTD.
20. M/S. FIAT INDIA PVT. LTD.
21. M/S. SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS INDIA PVT. LTD.
22. M/S. G.E. PLASTICS (I) LTD.
23. M/S. INDIAN OIL CORPORATION LTD.
24. M/S. BENNETT COLEMAN & CO. LTD.
25. M/S. HANIL ERA TEXTILES LTD.
26. M/S. MARUTI UDYOG LTD.
27. M/S. BHARAT ELECTRONICS LTD.
28. M/S. BRINTONS CARPETS ASIA PVT. LTD.

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