STANDING ORDER NO 22/2005

Attention of all the officers is invited to the procedure regarding destruction of High Frequency Wireless and Mobile sets including SOS signal device sticks obtained from ships during ship breaking operations.

Reports have been received of scrap dealers indulging in irregularities by procuring High Frequency Wireless and Mobile phone sets as also SOS signal device sticks obtained from ships during breaking operations which are later sold out to outsiders by the scrap dealers. Intelligence Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi, have requested to ensure that during the ship breaking operations, such sensitive items from ships do not fall into the hands of undesirable elements for possible misuse by them.

The matter has been examined by the Board. As the issue involves highly sensitive items having substantial security implications, especially if they were to fall into the wrong hands, it has been desired that the following procedures adopted at Ship breaking yard, Alang, Bhavnagar for destruction of Radio/Wireless equipments be adopted at this Custom House also :-
i. At the time of boarding of the vessel, the master of the vessel is to submit a list of all the Wireless / Radio Equipments on board of the vessel to the Boarding Officer. The Boarding Officer shall then carry out search of the vessel and compare the said equipments found on board to verify the genuineness of the said list. Thereafter, he shall assign running serial numbers to each of the equipments.

ii. The said list shall then be signed by the Master of the vessel and by the Boarding Officer, and kept in the IGM file of the vessel. As Walkie-Talkies are not permanent fixtures unlike other radio / wireless equipments, the Master of the vessel shall bring all Walkie-Talkies declared in the list of the Wireless/Radio equipments and submit them to the Boarding Officer. These shall then be destroyed in the presence of the Master of the vessel and two independent panchas, and a proper panchnama recording the proceedings will be drawn. The remaining equipments shall also be destroyed subsequently by the Customs office at the concerned plot of the importer in the presence of the representative of the importer and two independent panchas, and a proper panchnama drawn.

iii. The out of charge of the vessel should not be granted to the importer unless all the Wireless/ Radio Equipment as detailed in the list have been destroyed by the Customs Officer.

All the concerned officers shall follow the above instructions without fail.

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IMPORTS

Attested by

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