Standing Order No. 22/2008

Sub: Examination report at the Import Docks: regarding

Attention of all the Officers/Staff posted in the Import Docks (Container Freight Stations in the jurisdiction of the Jawaharlal Nehru Custom House) is invited to the above subject.

2. It has been observed that quite often the examination reports on the hard copy of the Bill of Entry or that entered into the EDI system do not reflect the details of the containers/ package numbers which if were selected and opened for examination.

3. It has been decided that henceforth the examination report on the hard copy of the Bill of Entry and that entered into the EDI Systems should invariably contain the details of the container number and the package number which were randomly selected on a
percentage basis as per the examination order and opened for examination against any consignment covered by a particular Bill of Entry.

4. In case, where the consignment covered by a particular Bill of Entry has shipping marks as per the import documents but does not bear any running serial numbers on the packages, then the Appraising/Examining Officer may randomly select the specified number of packages for examination from the total lot covered by the Bill of Entry and the said packages are to be opened in the presence of the officers only. Subsequently the officer will mark them with distinct running serial number with Bill of Entry number and their signature and these serial numbers shall be recorded on the hard copy of the Bill of Entry as well as in the EDI System.

5. In case the goods covered under a particular Bill of Entry attract the provisions of Notification No. 44 (RE-2000)/1997-2000 dated 24.11.2000 issued by the DGFT, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, then it must be ensured that these goods comply with the conditions stipulated in this notification before they are cleared for home consumption. The notification stipulates that all the packaged products, which are subject to the provisions of the Standards of Weights and Measures(Packaged Commodities) Rules, 1977, shall, in particular, carry the declarations such as, name and address of the importer, net quantity, month and year of packing and maximum retail price.

6. A proper register in the format as per the annexure should be maintained by all the Appraising Officers/ Superintendents/ Examiners for discrepancies noticed in the examination of cargo, on a daily basis.
7. The Deputy/Assistant Commissioner in charge of Import Docks should conduct surprise checks of at least five consignments chosen randomly to check for any discrepancy noticed in the examination of cargo on a daily basis and keep a record of the same.

8. All concerned are directed to follow these instructions without fail.

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