

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS (IMPORT), JAWAHARLAL NEHRU CUSTOM HOUSE, TAL:- URAN DIST:- RAIGAD

F.No,S/3-Gen-1358/2007 Imp Noting

ate:- 23.05.2008

STANDING ORDER NO.23/2008

Sub:- **Levy of Light-dues under the Lighthouse Act, 1927**

Attention is invited to Public Notice No.09/2008 dated 17.01.2008 issued by Jawahar Custom House on the above subject.

2. In view of the clarifications received from the Office of the Directorate General of Shipping, it has been decided that the provisions of The Lighthouse Act, 1927, enumerated in the said Public Notice, will be implemented with immediate effect. Shipping Lines/Shipping Companies have been informed by the Department vide letter dated 16.05.2008 to pay light-dues on the Deck Cargo in addition to the light-dues they have been hitherto paying on the Net Registered Tonnage (N.R.T) of the Ship.

3. Presently the procedure followed for payment of light-dues is as follows

- i) Steamer Agents at the time of filing of prior IGM pay Light-dues on the basis of Net Tonnage of the Vessel. They prepare the DD and the Challan for the light-dues is signed by the Officer from Import Noting. This payment is done about 2-7 days in advance of the arrival of the Vessel.
- ii) At the time of arrival of the vessel, the Steamer Agent delivers the arrival papers of the vessel covered by the Application for Entry Inwards. The arrival papers includes the Deck Cargo Declaration of the vessel. The Boarding Officer boards the Vessel for verification of Bond/Stores and completes the arrival formalities.
- iii) Due to quick turnaround of the container vessels calling at JNPT, the Steamer Agent simultaneously moves the application of port clearance of the Vessel to DC/DNode prior to the berthing of the Vessel. The P.C. of the Vessel is generated by DC/DNode and Vessel permitted to sail.
- iv) The Steamer Agents thereupon approaches the Office of DC/Dnode for closure/cancellation of PC. The ACAO i/c DNode endorses the file for closure of PC. The Steamer Agent then goes to the Boarding Officer who will feed the sailing data and other particulars of the sailed vessel in the system. This enables the Steamer Agent to submit EGM soft copy in CMC, Dronagiri, EDI section.

4. Presently, Vessels calling at Nhava Sheva port stay for short duration and Steamer Agent may find it difficult to pay all light-dues on the date of departure of the Vessel, being Sunday/Holiday. Therefore, in partial modification of the procedure mentioned at para 3 above, the following is supplemented.

- i) the Steamer Agent shall pay the differential light-dues in respect of Deck Cargo carried by the vessel within 7 days of the departure of the Vessel. The Light-dues

shall be worked out on the N.T. as well as on the Tonnage of Deck Cargo carried by a Vessel on its arrival or departure whichever is greater.

ii) the Steamer Agents shall approach the office of DC/Dnode along-with the copy of Deck Cargo declaration certified by the Boarding Officer and light-dues receipts.(The light-dues receipts paid on N.R.T. of the vessel in advance of the arrival of vessel and the light-dues receipt on the Deck Cargo of the Vessel). In case there is no Deck Cargo, the Boarding Officer shall certify a Nil Deck Cargo declaration of the Vessel

iii) The Office of Dnode shall permit cancellation of P.C. subject to the production of total light dues receipt and Deck Cargo declaration certified by the Boarding Officer.

5. Difficulties experienced, if any, may be brought to the notice of Addl. Commissioner of Customs, Import Noting, JNCH.

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2. The Asstt. Commissioner of Customs, DNode, JNCH
3. The Asstt. Commissioner of Customs, P(G), JNCH
4. The Asstt. Commissioner of Customs, Import Noting Section
5. The Supdt.(P) of Customs, Boarding Office
6. The ACAO/DNode
7. All Concerned.