STANDING ORDER No. 64/2009

Sub.: Streamlining procedures for disposal of confiscated /seized/time-expired bond goods.

In view of various representations received from different CFS and shipping companies for release of their containers which were put on hold by different investigating agencies and in respect of which NOC for disposal of goods in the said containers have been obtained from seizing/adjudicating authorities, a definite time-frame for approvals and confirmations of all proposal of disposal of such goods are laid down in order to realize Government revenues by sale of such goods and to release containers of shipping companies expeditiously.

(2) Board has issued detailed guidelines for the valuation and disposal by auction-cum-tender of seized, confiscated and time-expired goods vide circular o 12/2006 Dated 20th Feb, 2006 Accordingly individual lot file in respect of such goods which are ripe for disposal in respect of which NOC for disposal of goods have been obtained from seizing /adjudicating Groups shall be prepared by the examining officer/preventive officer or superintendent in charge of disposal before JPC within seven days for fixing the reserve price. After fixing the reserve price, consolidated statement indicating lot no and reserve price shall be forwarded to M/S MSTC for e-auction / e-tender within three days so as to conduct auction in respect of such goods within another 10 days. Advertisement in News Papers in respect of location and inspection of such goods and its sale by auction by M/s. MSTC shall be placed immediately. After confirmation of date of auction by MSTC, the reserve price shall be entered the same day by the officer who has been given password by th MSTC to do so.

(3) Submission of approval of Highest Bid price in auction

After receipt of summary of bid offers from MSTC, it shall be presented before JPC for approval of the bid price within three working days by the Superintendent in charge and confirmatory letter of acceptance shall be issued to the successful bidders immediately.
The JPC shall examine the bid price as per Board’s Circulars and Standing Orders and accordingly it shall be put up before Commissioner for approval.

(4) Issue of Confirmation letter for acceptance of bid price

The successful bidders shall be intimated confirmation of their offers within two working days by the Asstt/Dy Commissioner of the Disposal section.

(5) Issuance of Delivery Order on payment of duty amount:

After confirmation of payment of bid amount and duty in full, delivery order shall be issued on the same day by the concerned AC/DC of the Disposal Section.

(6) Efforts should be made to conduct at least two auctions in a month so as to substantially reduce the number of long pending containers.

(7) TA shall maintain a separate register in respect of Containers on HOLD by DRI/SIIB/CIU/GROUP or any other investing Agency so as to avoid auction of such goods under investigation or for which duty has already been paid. Whenever disposal order in respect of such HOLD goods are received in the section from SIIB, CIU, DRI, etc, TA in Disposal Section shall update the HOLD Register accordingly before taking up the same for disposal.

(8) Any difficulty in following the procedures may be immediately brought in the notice of the under signed.

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