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F.No. S/26-Misc-235/10-11/Gr I

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STANDING ORDER NO.55/2010

Sub: Procedure for drawal of sample of food items-reg.



Reference is invited to Standing Order No. 56/2010 dated 30.09.2010 regarding procedure for drawal of samples of food/edible items. Para 8 of the said Standing Order prescribes, as an interim measure, procedure for clearance of **Dry Fruits** in cases where Bills of Entry have been assessed in the Group upto 30.09.010 and are pending clearance on account of NOC from FSSAI.

2. Consequent to issue of the said Standing Order, representations have also been received from the importers and trade associations of spices requesting for devising an interim procedure for clearance of consignments of spices also.

3. The matter has been examined. Accordingly, as an interim measure, it is directed that in cases where Group has already assessed Bs/E till

30.09.2010 for Spices viz. cassia, pepper, cloves, cardamoms, poppy seeds, star aniseed, sesame seeds, carway seeds, etc. and an order has been given for getting PHO (FSSAI) NOC, the concerned DC/AC/ Docks shall follow the procedure, as stated below:

(i) on being presented Test reports of earlier 5 consecutive consignments of the same item by the said importer, give **Out of Charge** without drawl of samples/without waiting for test reports, where samples have been drawn.

(ii) where the importer fails to produce Test reports of earlier 5 consecutive consignments of the same item, sample has to be drawn and goods to be released after FSSAI test report are received. In all these cases, suitable remarks to above effect should be entered in the system.

(iii) In all cases, whether samples have been drawn or not, the Docks Examining Officer shall undertake the general checks prescribed in Para 2.1 (a), (b) & (c) of CBEC Circular No. 58/2001, as detailed below:

(a) The condition of the hold in which the products were transported should be checked to see whether they meet the requirements of storage, as per the nature of the products, and does not in any cause deterioration or contamination of the products.

(b) Physical/visual appearance in terms of possible damage-whether it is swollen or bulge in appearance; and also for rodent/insect contamination or presence of filth, dirt etc.- should be checked.

(c) The products should meet the labeling requirements under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules and the Packaged Commodities Rules. This includes ensuring that the label is written not only in any foreign language, but also in English. The details of ingredients in descending order, date of manufacture, batch no., best before date etc. are mandatory requirements.

(iv) They shall also verify other requirements like clearance from Plant Quarantine, Animal Quarantine and NOC of ADC if applicable in addition to the requirements specified in sub-para (iii) below.



4. Any difficulty noticed in the implementation of this Standing Order may be brought to the notice of the undersigned.

(MALA SRIVASTAVA)

COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS (IMPORT)

JNCH, SHEVA.

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