PUBLIC NOTICE NO.19/2014

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS (IMPORT) JAWAHARLAL NEHRU CUSTOM HOUSE, SHEVA, URAN TALUKA, RAIGAD DISTRICT, MAHARASHTRA – 400 707.

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Sub: Procedure regarding clearance of containers from CFS Gates after out of charge given by Proper Officers of Customs

Attention of all concerned is invited to the clearance of cargo from CFS Gates after out of charge is given by Proper Officers of Customs. At present, there is no system connectivity between the Shed Appraising Officer/Superintendent, who gives Out of Charge, the Custodian, (CFS) which issues the gate pass and the Gate Officer who permits the physical removal of the cargo from the Gate of a CFS. The existing procedure under which the Custodian issues the Gate Pass and Gate PO allows the physical removal of cargo on the basis of hard copy of Out of Charge Bill of Entry needs to be integrated to ICES through the Gate module to ensure proper accounting of cargo being cleared/entering through CFS.

2.As the operationalisation of the Gate Module in ICES system may take some time, the following procedure shall be followed with immediate effect and until further orders:

(i)All CFSs shall immediately provide ICES terminal and EDI/internet connectivity to the Customs Gate Officers deployed therein. The Gate Officers shall get their SSO-ID mapped in the ICES to view the document and its status. The Gate Officers can also view the documents through internet from ICEGATE, whether the Bill of Entry has been given out of charge by the proper officer. By viewing the documents, the Gate Officers can check from the system, before allowing physical removal of cargo from the CFS. The CFS's are directed to provide this facility positively by 09.06.2014.

(ii)The Shed Appraising Officers/Superintendents shall give list of Bills of Entry, in respect of which OOC has been given by them, to the Gate POs at periodical intervals i.e. at 3 PM and 8 PM. The Gate POs should verify the OOCs presented to them for their bonafide nature and allow the physical removal of cargo from the gate of CFS from these lists in case access to system is not available/ procedure at Sr. NO. (i) is not in place.

(iii)The AC(Docks), Admin will circulate specimen signatures and stamps of all OOC's Officers posted at the Docks to all Gate PO's. Gate PO's should keep this list readily available for quick verification.

All OOC Officers in Docks shall ensure that their name stamps and seals remain in their personal custody at all times.

(iv)CFS's shall check the status of documents i.e. whether out of charge has been given by Customs or not, at ICEGATE website www.icegate.gov.in before issuing the gate pass for exit of any import cargo. They will check the following documents thoroughly:-

Bill of Entry in original
Out of Charge Copy
Duty payment challan in original

(v) Gate PO's must also thoroughly examine the clearance/exit documents presented to them, before allowing physical clearance of cargo.

3.In case of any difficulty being faced, the trade may contact AC/DC (Customs) in charge of respective CFS and the Gate P.O. should contact Deputy Commissioner/Assistant Commissioner (Imports) for import cargo and Deputy Commissioner/Assistant Commissioner (Export) for export cargo in the respective CFS.

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