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STANDING ORDER No. 29/2009

Subject: Additional instructions on scanning of containers passing through gateway port Nhava Sheva- in partial modification to Facility Notice no. 13/2008 dated 4th Feb, 2008 -reg:

It has been noticed that sometimes containers which are selected for scanning, are not presented for scanning and are being taken directly to the respective CFS without scanning. This non-reporting of the selected containers to the scanners is defeating the very purpose of the scanning in the heightened National Security scenario. Further, there is a need to ensure that the containers the images of which are found to be *prima facie* suspicious are not cleared without obtaining NOC from Container Scanning Division.

2. Hence in partial modification of Facility Notice no. 13/2008 dated 4th Feb, 2008 and other instructions/Notices issued on the subject of scanning of containers and in view of the issuance of Public Notice No. 40/2009, dated 25 June, 2009, all the officers posted at Fixed (Relocatable) and Mobile (GaRDS) Scanners shall carry out the following procedure notwithstanding anything contrary to the same contained in earlier notices issued in respect of scanning of containers:-

- i. **Fixed Scanner** - Whenever a container selected for scanning is brought to the scanning site, the Customs Officer manning the scanner will physically verify the container number printed on the Equipment Interchange Receipt (EIR) copy with the number on the container and thereafter check-in the said container for scanning. If the image of the said container is reported clean by the Image Analysing Officer, the check-in officer shall affix the **SCANNED** stamp in blue ink on the reverse of EIR copy. In case, the Image Analyzing Officer reports that the image of the said scanned container is found to be **SUSPICIOUS** then the check-in

officer shall affix the stamp **SCANNED/SUBJECT TO CLEARANCE BY DC/CSD** in red ink.

- ii. **Mobile Scanner**-The Superintendent manning Mobile Scanner shall physically verify the container number printed on the Equipment Interchange Receipt (EIR) with the number on the container and thereafter check-in the same for scanning On Image Analysis, If the image of the scanned container is found to be CLEAN then the **SCANNED** stamp in blue ink shall be affixed on the reverse of EIR. In case the image of the scanned container is found to be **SUSPICIOUS** then the Superintendent shall affix the stamp **SCANNED/SUBJECT TO CLEARANCE BY DC/CSD** in red ink.
- iii. In the case of Odd-dimensional Containers (ODC) and overweight containers that report at either of the scanning sites, the Customs Officer shall physically verify the same with respect to the EIR copy and then enter the container number in the system and thereafter affix the stamp **NOT SCANNED DUE TO ODC/OVERWEIGHT**.
- iv. In case of the Reefer (refrigerated) container (s) reporting at either of the scanning sites, the Customs Officer manning the site shall screen the same on priority basis as per the procedure mentioned at 2 (i) or (ii).
- v. If the containers selected for scanning are brought to the assigned scanning site, but could not be scanned due to the non-functioning of the scanners or for any other reason, the Customs Officer manning the concerned scanner shall inform the same to ADC/CSD or DC/CSD who in turn will decide on *release* or *holding* of the said containers. If the ADC/CSD or DC/CSD order for release of such containers, then the scanning officer shall physically verify each container with respective EIR copy and then feed each container number in the system Thereafter the EIR of each such container may be endorsed with stamp **NOT SCANNED DUE TO _____** on the reverse. The containers should be released strictly on first come first serve basis.
- vi. After the scanning is done, the container will be allowed to be moved to the respective CFS. No container shall be examined/detained at the scanning site.

3. Docks Examination/Clearance- As per the Public Notice no. 40 /2009 dated 25 June, 2009, the Equipment Interchange Receipts (EIR) of all the scanned containers are to be marked as (a) SCANNED or (b) SCANNED/

SUBJECT TO CLEARANCE FROM AC/DC CSD or (c) NOT SCANNED. The concerned CFSs are required to provide the said scanning status of each container to the respective docks examination/clearance officer by the CFSs by reflecting the same in the seal cutting document raised by CFSs. The Officers posted at CFSs for examination/clearance of import cargo shall ensure that the scanning status of each container, as per the above detail is furnished to them by the concerned CFS before the examination/verification of seal (when examination is not prescribed) of each container/consignment.

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- i. **Containers with stamp SCANNED affixed on reverse of EIR-** Such containers shall be cleared by docks staff as per normal Customs clearance procedure.

- ii. **Containers with stamp SCANNED/SUBJECT TO CLEARANCE FROM DC/CSD affixed on reverse of EIR-** The images of such containers will be scrutinized by the DC/Container Scanning Division and then DC/CSD will:◆
 - a. either issue NOC after scrutiny of BE details/Examination of goods (vis-a vis image) by Container Scanning Division officers. *or*
 - b. mark such containers for examination by Docks officers posted at concerned CFSs by following the normal Customs procedure. In such cases, NOC is not required from Container Scanning Division.

- iii. **Containers with stamp NOT SCANNED affixed on reverse of EIR-**Such containers can be examined by the Docks Examination officers. The percentage of such examination is to be decided by the AC/DC in charge of the concerned CFS. The details/findings of such containers are to be communicated to the Container Scanning Division by the AC/DC on next working day. Thereafter, NOC from Container Scanning Division may be obtained for such containers. In case, the number of such ◆**NOT SCANNED**◆ stamped containers is very high, Container Scanning Division may waive the requirement of granting of NOC to such containers after getting approval from Additional Commissioner of Customs, Container Scanning Division.

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