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Sub: Terminal Handling Charges levied by Shipping Lines for Exports —  
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Attention of all Exporters, Custom Brokers, Shipping Lines/Agents, CFSs, Custodians, Port Terminal Operators, General Trade coming under the jurisdiction of Tuticorin Customs and all other stakeholders is invited to the above captioned subject.

2. Terminal Handling Charges are levied by the Port Terminals to the shipping lines and the shipping lines in turn collect these charges from the Exporters or the Customs Brokers as the case may be. Many Exporters have represented to the Customs Department that the Shipping lines are collecting terminal handling charges and other charges such as SSR (Special Service Request), Demurrage charges, Reefer Monitoring Charges; Special Handling Charges which are at variance with what the shipping lines have paid to the port terminals. This results in lack of transparency in collection of these charges.

3. In order to bring transparency, augment 'Ease of Doing Business' and to reduce the logistics costs it is decided that the Exporters having AEO status and those who are availing DPE facility for containerized cargo may be allowed

the facility of paying terminal handling charges and the other charges of the port terminal directly to the terminal operators instead of paying through the shipping lines. Therefore, all such eligible Exporters who have already opened P.D account with the terminal operators may pay the terminal charges directly to the respective terminals. The eligible Exporters who do not have P.D accounts may open P.D accounts with the concerned ports/terminals and pay terminal charges directly to the concerned ports/terminals. Ports/Terminals are also requested to raise invoices for terminal charges directly to the eligible and willing Exporters.

4. The above Public Notice comes into effect with immediate effect. Difficulties faced, if any, may be brought immediately to the notice of this Office.

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