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Sub: Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for random checking of imported consignment of metal scrap with respect to radioactive contamination - reg.

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Attention of all members of the trade and Stake holders, Shipping Companies, MLOs, Carriers, CFSs, ICDs, Terminal Operators, Ports, Customs Brokers is invited to Public Notice No.37/2015-2020 dated 15.11.2021 issued by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade, New Delhi on the above cited subject.

2. This is regarding the subject cited above, the Director General of Foreign Trade hereby notifies the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for random checking of imported consignments of metal scrap with respect to radioactive contamination as detailed below:

3. No container without a certificate issued by a Pre-Shipment Inspection Agency (PSIA), should be allowed to be unloaded and be sent back to country of origin subject to provisions contained in Public Notice No.23 dated 30th June, 2015.

4. Check the origin of the scrap and associated Certificate issued by the PSIA. The authenticity of PSIA should be verified from the list given in Appendix - 2G (<https://content.dgft.gov.in/Website/APPENDIX-2G.pdf>), as amended from time to time, in Appendices and Aayat/ Niryat Forms of FTP 2015-20.

5. The container(s) may be available / present on board, in port premises, at Container Freight Station (CFS) or at Inland Container Depot (ICD).

6. As a part of normal work practice of Indian Customs, various activities like checking of the seal, serial number of the container, material description etc, as list in the manifest should be carried out.

7. If the conditions mentioned at Part 2 above, are found to be satisfactory, check for copy of agreement between importer (purchaser) and exporter (from foreign country) that the consignment does not contain radioactive material.

8. Measure the background radiation levels at the location where the container is placed. It should be kept in mind that the background radiation level varies from place to place and it normally ranges from 0.04 $\mu$ Sv/h to 0.1

$\mu\text{Sv/h}$  (micro Sievert per hour). However, the background radiation levels at certain regions of the world may be more than  $0.1\mu\text{Sv/h}$ .

9. Measure the radiation levels on the surface of the container by using the hand held radiation monitor, with a preset alarm level. The preset alarm level should be  $0.2\mu\text{Sv/h}$  above background radiation level at the location of measurement. The measured radiation levels should not exceed the preset alarm level.

10. Also, verify the measured radiation levels with that mentioned in the certificate issued by PSIA or Self Declaration cum Legal Undertaking (as per DGFT Public Notice No.23/2015-2020 dated 30.06.2015). If the radiation levels are mentioned in an ambiguous manner, then inform DGFT.

11. In case any container is found showing radiation levels exceeding the preset alarms level, it should be immediately subjected to identification of source of radiation with an Isotope Identifier (a handheld RDE can identify the specific radionuclide emitting the radiation).

12. If the source of radiation is identified as a Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (NORM), the container may be considered as clean, and free to depart the measurement/monitoring area.

13. If the source of radiation is identified as a radionuclide other than NORM, it should be immediately intimated to the following for further course of action:

Emergency Control Room,  
Crisis Management Group  
Department of Atomic Energy (CMG-DAE)  
Mumbai-400001  
Phone: +91-22-22023978/22021714, FAX: +91-22-22021714  
Mobile: +919969201364  
Email: daeecr@dae.gov.in

14. While transmitting the report of monitoring of the container, it must contain the following details:

a. Date of inspection:

b. Place of inspection:

c. Details of radiation survey meter used:

i. Make.....

ii. Model.....

iii. Sr. No.....

iv. Last date of calibration.....

d. Range of background radiation levels observed at the location of measurement .....  $\mu\text{Sv/h}$  to.....  $\mu\text{Sv/h}$ .

e. Range of radiation levels observed around the surface of the container:

i. Around the side walls.....  $\mu\text{Sv/h}$  to..... $\mu\text{Sv/h}$ .

ii. On the top.....  $\mu\text{Sv/h}$  to..... $\mu\text{Sv/h}$ .

15. Once it is found that the radiation levels outside a container exceed the preset alarm level (background radiation level  $+0.2\mu\text{Sv/h}$ ), the container should be relocated to a less occupied area and cordoned off around the container. The radiation level at the cordon should not be more than  $1\mu\text{Sv/h}$ . "The Custodian of the goods shall ensure that there is a specifically demarcated area for relocation of such containers and necessary arrangements are in place for cordoning off. The expenses involved in the relocation and separate storage activity shall be borne by the importer/owner of the goods or their authorized representative, failing which the person-in-charge of the vessel or any other person as may be specified by the Central Government, by notification in terms of Section 30 of the Customs Act 1962 shall bear the expenses".

16. Necessary steps shall be initiated for repatriation / deportation of the container having contaminated metal scrap by "the importer/owner of the goods or their authorized representative, failing which, the person-in-charge of the vessel or any other person as may be specified by the Central Government, by notification in terms of Section 30 of the Customs Act, 1962 shall take action to repatriate/deport such container".

17. This shall come into force with immediate effect.

18. Difficulties faced, if any, in implementation of the Public Notice may be brought to the notice of the undersigned.

(DINESH K.CHAKRAVARTHY)  
COMMISSIONER

To:

As per Mailing List I,II and III.

Notice Board,

EDI Section, Custom House, Tuticorin - for uploading in the website

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