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Subject:-Direct Port Delivery of import laden containers of AEO clients - procedure to be followed - reg

Attention of all Exporters /Importers/Custom Brokers/ Clearing Agents / Steamer Agents/Shipping agents/Trade and Industry and Public is invited to this office Public Notice No. 19/2015 dated 19.06.2015 on the above cited subject.

- 2. According to the Circular No. 33/2016-Cus Dated 22.7.2016, as a measure of trade facilitation, in the light of international developments as well as in view of the focus of the Government of India on "Ease of doing business", a comprehensive Unified trade facilitation programme by incorporating the existing ACP Scheme is developed into a revised AEO programme providing additional facilities to the legitimate trade.
- 3. Under AEO programme, one of the prominent facility is Direct port delivery of import laden containers to ensure speedy clearance to the AEO clients. As per the Public Notice No. 19/2015 dated 19.06.2015 issued by this Custom House, in respect of AEO clients, if any container is selected for scanning, all the containers as per the Bill of entry including the containers selected for scanning have to be moved to a CFS for examination after IGM amendment. The trade represented that this practice has caused delay in the clearance of containers of AEO clients. In view of the focus of Government of India on "Ease of doing business", further modification of the Public Notice No. 19/2015 dated 19.06.2015 is required and thereby, the following procedures are prescribed for clearance of the import laden containers of AEO clients.
- In respect of AEO Clients, if any container is selected for scanning, the selected container shall be moved to the Container Scanning Facility Centre after a special permission is accorded by the AC (CMFC) or Superintendent (CMFC) under the cover of a bond. After the said permission, the officer posted at ICVC Section, at terminals (PSA/DBGT), shall verify the seal and container number of the selected container and record the same on the EIR, before moving the container to Container Scanning Facility Centre. The remaining containers covered by the same Bill of Entry may remain at container terminal. On arrival of the selected container for Scanning at the Container Scanning Facility Centre, seal and Container number shall be checked by the officers posted therein. If container number/seal number found to be in order and Seal found to be intact and after Scanning no violation of law is noticed by the Scanning Officer, the Scanning report may be endorsed in the EIR along with an endorsement that "container number/seal number found in order and Seal found intact" by the Scanning Officer and the EIR is sent to the Docks Examination Officer. The Bill of Entry shall be registered at Docks Examination. The Docks Examination officer, after receipt of the scanning report, shall verify the container number and seal number in respect of the other containers not selected for scanning. If container number/seal number found in order and Seal found intact in respect of

the other containers, the Docks Examination Officer may accord "Out of Customs Characteristics to the Bull of Entry (including the container selected for scanning) after putting appropriate comments in the system in respect of all the containers including the container selected for scanning. The Docks Examination officer will then permit all the containers for delivery at the VOC port gate itself. The scanned container shall be delivered from the container scanning facility premises itself.

- 5. However, if seal number is not found to be in order or seal not found to be intact in respect of any container not selected for scanning such container shall also be marked for scanning after putting customs seal. After scanning if no violation of law is noticed by the scanning officer the scanning report may be endorsed in the EIR and the EIR is sent to the Docks Examination officer. Thereafter the procedure prescribed in para 4 shall be followed.
- 6. The AEO shall execute a running bond to be accepted by AC CMFC and the Bond register in this regard is to be maintained by Superintendent, CMFC as at present debiting and crediting of Bond in system at CMFC is available for CFS movement and Liner movement only.. The superintendent CMFC shall permit movement of the containers selected for scanning after debiting the value in the Bond register and recredit the value in the Bond register on production of proof of OCC.
- 7. If violation of any law is noticed in the case of scanned container, the present practice of moving all the containers to a CFS for examination as per the Choice of the AEO client as prescribed in the Public Notice No. 19/2015 dated 19.06.2015 may continue after obtaining the required IGM amendment as facilities for examination are not available at Docks Examination inside the Port premises.
- Difficulty faced in this regard, if any, may be brought to the notice of this office.

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