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Sub: Standard Operating Procedure consequent to commencement of "Direct Port Entry" and "Document Processing Zone" in the Truck Parking Terminal for Export of Containerised Cargo-Reg.

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Attention of the Exporters, Custom Brokers, Port Terminal Operators, Shipping Lines / Shipping Agents, CFSs and all other concerned is invited to the Notification No. 3/2018 dated 06.07.2018 issued by this office declaring the designated area in the Truck Parking Terminal set up by M/s VOC Port Trust as "Customs Area" for the purpose of facilitation of Direct Port Entry and Document Processing Zone,

2. Direct Port Entry is a facility provided under "Ease of Doing Business" to reduce the dwell time of export cargo from factory to onboard the vessel by directly allowing the entry of the export containers into the ports and processing the export clearance in the port itself.

3. However, as there is lack of suitable and adequate space inside the port area, it has been decided to provide the facility of granting LEO to factory stuffed export containers at the area declared as Customs Area in the Truck Parking Terminal set up by the VOC Port Trust. M/s VOC Port Trust, Tuticorin shall act as a Custodian for the facilitation of Direct Port Entry and Document Processing Zone.

4. This facility of Direct Port Entry is available to all factory stuffed self sealed export containers which are exported through the Port of Tuticorin.

5.1 The Standard Operating procedures to be followed for the direct port entry of the export containers prior to granting LEO are as follows:

5.2. All export goods laden containers shall enter the designated Direct Port Entry premises along with the relevant invoice and Check list of the Shipping Bill filed through ICEGATE and Annexure 'C' as applicable.

5.3. The Custodian of the Truck Parking Terminal shall ensure that the export goods laden with factory stuffed self sealed containers are not permitted inside the designated area without the above said mandatory documents. Also, the custodian shall ensure that container gate pass / parking slip is not issued unless the container is actually entered inside the designated area.

5.4. The Customs Officer posted at designated place shall verify the container gate pass/parking Slip issued by the Port trust and subsequently physically verify the "container no., seal no. and the condition of the seal" and on having found in order, the S/B is registered and Let Export Order (LEO) is granted as per the prescribed inspection/examination procedure. If a Shipping Bill covers more than one container, only after arrival of all containers, the Shipping Bill shall be registered.

5.5. If the export container is selected for inspection by the RMS, then the RMS instruction shall be executed by the proper officer and accordingly the report shall be entered in the system.

5.6. In case of export container selected for examination by the RMS, then the RMS instruction shall be executed by the proper officer and such containers shall be examined at the designated examination area within the notified area. Thereafter, such examined containers shall be re-sealed by the Examination officer in the presence of CB. Thereafter, appropriate examination report shall be entered in the system and LEO shall be granted.

5.7. On completion of inspection or examination as the case may be, the Superintendent of Customs shall give LEO in the system.

6. In case of container selected for scanning, the procedure prescribed vide Public Notice No. 14 /2018 dated 20.04.2018 and Standing Order No.3/2018 dated 20.04.2018 shall be followed. i.e. LEO can be granted subject to the condition that the containers selected for scanning shall be scanned and on being found ok before entry into the gate. If the cargo is found suspicious on scanning, the container shall be brought back to the DPE site for thorough examination and appropriate action.

7. Responsibility of the Custodian M/s VOC Port Trust:

7.1. The Custodian M/s VOC Port Trust shall provide facilities in newly notified area for the verification of container number and seal by Customs Officer and facilitate proper inspection/examination, as the case may be, of the export goods

by Customs in the designated area. If a Shipping Bill is selected for open examination, the custodian has to facilitate open examination of the said container.

7.2. The Service centre shall be made operational on 24X7 basis in order to generate the shipping Bill after granting LEO.

7.3. The Custodian shall adhere to the published tariff for export containers as intimated to Customs by them and display the same as per Regulation 6(3) of Handling of Cargo in Customs Area Regulations, 2009.

7.4. The Custodian should organise the entry and exit gates in such a manner that there is smooth movement of trailers within the Customs area.

8. The Steamer agents/Shipping Line/Agents should not impose any extra condition on the exporter for deposits/documents etc. to avail DPE facility.

9. Permission from Participatory Government Agencies (PGAs) for DPE containers are to be given on priority basis.

10. The above facility of Direct Port Entry is effective with effect 16.7.2018 and difficulties if any, may be brought to the notice of this Office.



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