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Subject: Installation of Container Scanners & Scanning of Import Containers passing through Deendayal Sea Port-Regarding.

Attention of all the Importers/Exporters, members of General Trade, Port Terminal Operators, Shipping Lines / Shipping Agents, Custodians of CFSs coming under the jurisdiction of Kandla Custom House, Vessel operators/ Non- vessel Operating Common Carriers and all other stakeholders concerned is invited to the Fixed Container Scanning Facility operational at Deendayal Port. In this regard, the procedure to be followed is detailed below:

- 2. Container Scanning Division:- For the purpose, Container Scanning Division (CSD) headed by Deputy / Assistant Commissioner of Customs (CSD) has been created and is functional at Customs House, Kandla.
- 3. Location of Container Scanner (Container Scanning Facility):The fixed Container Scanning Facility is situated near cargo berth no. 10 &
 11 (north side of Kandla International Cargo Terminal) at Deendayal Port.
 The place has been marked as INDIAN CUSTOMS, CONTAINER
 SCANNING FACILITY prominently. Further, the public in general is cautioned that ENTRY TO THE AREA IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED without valid authority / permission from Customs.
- 4. Movement of containers selected for scanning: -
- (i) The containers which are to be scanned will be selected by the Container Scanning Module (CSM) of the Risk Management Centre of Customs (RMCC). The intimation of selection will be communicated automatically to the Terminal Operators, Liners, Custodians of CFS, DC/AC of CFSs and the Container Scanner Division by email. The DC/AC of

CFSs shall forward the selected containers list to the Docks Examination Officers posted at the CFSs.

- (ii) The Terminal Operators shall ensure that the containers selected for scanning are brought to the notice of Terminal Out Gate Preventive Officer by making suitable endorsement "Selected for Scanning"- in RED COLOUR in the EIR/FORM-6 copy of such selected containers as per responsibility cast upon them as Customs Cargo Service Providers, under the Handling of Cargo in Customs Area Regulations, 2009. The Gate Preventive Officer shall verify the container no., seal no., seals intact and shall endorse the same on the EIR/FORM-6 and hand over the same to the authorised person of the CFS. If the EIR/FORM-6 copy of any such selected container reporting at Terminal Out Gate is not marked as detailed above, then the Terminal Operators will be liable for penal action under the provisions of the Customs Act, 1962, read with Handling of Cargo in Customs Area Regulations, 2009.
- (iii) Thereafter, the selected containers shall be transported from the Container Terminals to the Container Scanner for the purpose of scanning by the Custodians of the respective CFS (where the container concerned is to be moved) as per responsibility cast upon them under the Handling of Cargo in Customs Area Regulations, 2009.
- (iv) The Custodian of CFS shall ensure that container selected for scanning should reach the Container Scanner facility along with the copy of EIR/FORM-6 provided by gate Prev. Officer. He shall also ensure that in case if any such selected container report at the CFS before scanning, then the Custodian of the CFS will be liable for penal action under the provisions of Customs Act, 1962 read with Handling of Cargo in Customs Area Regulations, 2009.

5. Procedure to be followed in Container Scanner Division:-

5.1 On receipt of the selected container at the CONTAINER SCANNING FACILITY, the Preventive Officer shall physically verify the container number and Seal number printed on the EIR/FORM-6 document with the number on the container and seal affixed on the container. If the same are found to be tallying, the container shall be checked-in for scanning, otherwise the same shall be reported to DC/AC (CSD) for further action.

- 5.2 On completion of scanning of the selected containers at the Container Scanning facility, the Superintendent of the Container Scanning Facility will endorse the following comments on the face of EIR/FORM-6 document as the case may be:
- (a) If the image of the scanned container is found to be CLEAN, then the "SCANNED CLEAN" stamp in BLUE INK shall be affixed on the reverse of the EIR/FORM-6 document
- (b) If the image of the scanned container is found to be SUSPICIOUS, then the "SCANNED MISMATCH" in RED INK shall be affixed on the reverse of the EIR/FORM-6 document. Thereafter, such containers will be moved for 100% examination by the Docks Examination Officers at the CFS.
- (c) In case of Odd Dimensional Containers (ODC)/ Empty/ Coastal Containers, the number of such containers will be entered in the system and thereafter "NOT SCANNED DUE TO ODC/ OVERWEIGHT/EMPTY/ COASTAL CONTAINERS" stamp will be affixed on the EIR/FORM-6 document.
- 5.3 Reefer (refrigerated) containers shall be scanned on priority basis as per procedures mentioned above.
- 5.4 In case the containers selected for scanning could not be scanned due to non-functioning of the scanner or for any other reasons, the Superintendent CSD, shall inform the same to DC/AC (CSD). The DC/AC (CSD) in turn will decide whether to release the containers without scanning but for regular examination procedure or to hold the said containers.
- 5.5 If the DC/AC (CSD) order for release of such containers, then the preventive officer, CSD shall physically verify each container number with the respective EIR/FORM-6 copy and then feed each container number in the system. Thereafter, the EIR/FORM-6 document of each container shall be endorsed with stamp "NOT SCANNED DUE TO" on the reverse.
- 5.6 After completion of scanning of selected containers at the Container

CFS by the Custodians of the said CFS. The EIR/FORM-6 copy should also be provided to authorised person of the CFS concerned.

5.7 No container shall be examined / detained at the Container Scanning Facility.

6. Procedure to be followed post scanning:-

- 6.1 The custodians of CFS shall provide the copy of EIR/FORM-6 document duly marked by the container scanning facility officers for each container to the respective CFS Docks Examination officers and reflect the same in the Seal Cutting Document raised by them.
- 6.2. The following examination norms shall be adopted for scanned containers at the respective CFS:
- (a) <u>Containers with stamp "SCANNED CLEAN" on EIR/FORM-6</u>: The Docks Examination Officers shall clear these containers as per normal Customs clearance/ examination procedures.
- (b) <u>Containers with stamp "SCANNED MISMATCH" on EIR/FORM-6</u>: The Docks Examination Officers will examine such containers 100%. The results of examination of these containers shall be communicated by DC/AC (Docks Examination) to the DC/AC (Container Scanning Division).
- (c) Container with Stamp "NOT SCANNED" on EIR/FORM-6: Such containers shall be examined by the Docks Examination Officers as per normal Customs clearance/examination procedures. The results of examination of these containers shall be communicated by DC/AC (Docks Examination) to the DC/AC (Container Scanning Division).
- 6.3 If a container is not selected in the first scanning list for a particular IGM but gets selected after reaching the concerned CFS on the basis of any amendment subsequently filed for that particular IGM, then such container shall be brought back for scanning to the Container Scanning facility prior to giving Out of Charge with the seal intact. Alternatively, DC/AC (Docks) may grant NOC from scanning but shall order for 100% examination at the respective CFS.

7. All the Trade Associations, Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Customs Brokers Association are requested to publicize the contents of the Public Notice among their members / constituents for information. Difficulties faced, if any, may be brought to the notice of the undersigned.

(Sanjay Kumar Agarwal)
Commissioner of Customs

Copy to:-

- 01. The Chief Commissioner of Customs, Gujarat Zone, Ahmedabad.
- 02. All Additional Commissioners of Customs, CH Kandla.
- 03. All Deputy/ Assistant Commissioner of Customs, CH Kandla.
- 04. The President, Kandla Custom Broker Agents' Association, Gandhidham Chamber Of Commerce & Industry Building, Plot No.71, Sector No.8, 2Nd Floor, Room No.7, Gandhidham.
- 05. The President, Kandla Port Steamship Agents Association, No. 5, Chambers Bhawan, 2nd Floor, Sector 8, Plot No.71, Gandhidham.
- 06. The Gandhidham Chamber of Commerce & Industries, Plot No.71, Sector No.8, 2Nd Floor, Gandhidham.
- 07. The Chairman, KPT, Business Development Cell, P.O. Box 50, Administrative Building, Gandhidham.
- 08. The President, Kandla Timber association, "Timber Bhavan" Plot No. 47, Sector-8, Gandhidham
- 09. The President, Kandla Liquid Tank Terminal Association, Maitri Bhavan, Opp. Post Office, Plot No. 18, Sector- I, Gandhidham.
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