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**PUBLIC NOTICE No. 24 /2018**

**Subject: - Creation of DPD / RMS Centralized Facilitation Centre at Kandla Custom House -Reg.**

Attention of the Importers, Exporters, General Trade, Port Terminal Operators, Shipping Lines / Shipping Agents, CFSs coming under the jurisdiction of Kandla Custom House and all other stake holders, is invited to various decisions communicated through Public Notices or minutes of PTFCs from time to time for smooth clearing of consignments and to reduce dwell time of import cargos.

2. As a measure of trade facilitation and 'Ease of Doing Business' a dedicated "DPD/RMS Centralized Facilitation Centre" has now been created at Custom House, Kandla.

3. The main function of the 'DPD/RMS Centralized Facilitation Centre' is to give out of charge to the DPD / RMS facilitated Bills of Entry, wherein the cargo is lying at Terminals (port) and / or in different CFSs. In case of RMS facilitated Bills of Entry, as soon as the Importer / Customs Broker or the Authorized Person produces / submits / uploads the requisite documents (same as being done presently before Customs Officers giving Out of Charge in various CFSs) before the Appraiser / Superintendent posted at 'DPD/RMS Centralized Facilitation Centre', the concerned officer will register the Bill of Entry, scrutinize the documents and after being satisfied with the correctness of payment of Customs duty (including ADD or CVD or Safeguard Duty etc); RMS / CCR instructions, verification / debiting of various certificates, if any, (viz. COO etc.) will give out of charge with a condition that verification of the Container No. and Seal No. is to be carried out by Officers posted at Gate (in the case of DPD clearances) or by verifying the endorsement made on copy of Bill of Lading by the authorized personnel of the CFS for containers other than DPD clearances. The requirement to check Container No. & Seal No. by Gate Preventive Officer, needs to be mentioned by the Appraiser / Superintendent in the "Departmental Comment" column of the Integrated Declaration (Bill of Entry) in the case of DPD clearance. The documents submitted during the Registration of Bill of Entry should be retained.

4. The officer posted at Terminal Gate in the case of DPD clearances will check Container No. and Seal No. at the time of passing the containers out of the Port. If the officer finds any variation in Container No., Seal No. or the Seal is found tampered / mutilated he should immediately bring it to the notice of the Asst. /Dy. Commissioner of Customs in charge of 'DPD / RMS Centralized Facilitation Centre'.

5. The 'DPD / RMS Centralized Facilitation Centre' will work on 24x7 basis. The facility of giving 'Out of Charge' for other than DPD / RMS facilitated BEs will continue to be available at all the CFSs as per the present procedure.

6. According to the CBEC Circular No. 43/2005 - Cus., dated 24.11.2005, it is possible that in a few cases, the field formations might decide to apply a particular treatment to the BE which is at variance with the decisions received from the RMS owing to risks which are not factored in the RMS. Such a course of action shall, however, be taken only with the prior approval of the jurisdictional Commissioner of Customs or an officer authorized by him for this purpose, who shall not be below the rank of Addl. / Joint Commissioner of Customs, after recording the reasons for the same. Accordingly, some consignments can be selected for examination with the approval of Additional/Joint Commissioner in-charge of 'DPD / RMS Centralized Facilitation Centre'. A brief remark regarding the reasons and the particulars of Additional / Joint Commissioner's authorization should be made by the officer examining the goods in the departmental comments in the EDI system. Report of such Containers selected for examination and results of such examination will be submitted by the said Additional / Joint Commissioner to the Commissioner.

7. In order to ensure smooth work flow, it has been decided that initially, there would be 2 (two) Counters / Tables (Each Counter comprising one Appraiser / Superintendent & One Preventive Officer / Inspector) for registration of Bill of Entry and giving out of charge. The distribution of work among these 2 (two) Counters / Tables will be decided by the AC/DC in-charge of Docks Examination who will also act as in-charge of 'DPD / RMS Centralized Facilitation Centre'.

#### **Filing of ex-bond Bill of Entry in RMS facilitation Cell**

8. Attention of all Importers, Exporters, Customs Brokers, Members of the Trade and Industry and other stakeholders is also invited to Warehouse ( Custody and Handling of Goods ) Regulations, 2016 issued vide Notification No. 68/2016- Customs (N.T.) dated 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2016, bringing the change from Physical control, over the Public Bonded Warehouses / Private Bonded Warehouses to record based control.

9. In the interest of trade facilitation and ease of doing business, it has been decided that the Out of Charge (OOC) of ex-bond Bills of Entry which are RMS facilitated i.e. not requiring any physical examination as well as in respect of which no departmental comments for physical verification of goods at the time of Ex-bonding is mentioned in the Into-Bond Bill of Entry, can be obtained from the officer of DPD/RMS Centralized Facilitation Centre.

10. The officer of DPD/RMS Centralized Facilitation Centre shall prior to granting OOC will compulsorily examine the departmental comments of the Into-Bond Bill of Entry to ensure that no physical verification of goods is warranted. Further, the cases where PGA (Partner Government Agencies) NOC is also required, the same shall also be verified by the officer of DPD/RMS facilitation Centre and only thereafter, the OOC will be granted.

11. In the matter, it is to clarify that RMS facilitated Bills of Entries means all Bills of Entries selected by Risk Management System for "No Assessment & No Examination" as well as selected for "Assessment but No Examination".

**12. Effective date:**

This Facility Notice shall come into force with effect from 01.08.2018. In case of any difficulty, the specific issue may be brought to the notice of Additional Commissioner / Joint Commissioner in charge of in-charge of 'Docks examination' who will also act as in-charge of 'DPD / RMS Centralized Facilitation Centre' for remedial action.


13. Difficulties, if any, may be brought to the notice of the undersigned.

  
(Sanjay Kumar Agarwal)  
Commissioner

**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 House 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.
10. The EDI Section, for uploading on Commissionerate's Website.
11. Notice Board.

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