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**PUBLIC NOTICE NO. 29 /2018**

**Subject: - Facility of Direct Port Delivery (DPD) at Deendayal Port (Kandla Port) - reg.**

Attention of all Importers/Exporters, Custom Brokers, Members of the Trade and all other concerned is invited to the above subject matter.

**2. Direct Port delivery - A key commitment in TFA**

In the backdrop of Government of India ratifying the Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) of World Trade Organization (WTO), CBEC has initiated far reaching changes in the interest of genuine trade so that facilitation measures are in sync with the requirements of TFA. In order to keep up with the commitments of the TFA, CBEC has made operational a revamped AEO programme to benefit all stakeholders in the international supply chain. Direct Port Delivery (DPD) is a facility which is one of the key assurances of the AEO scheme for expedited clearance of goods directly from the Port, thereby reducing the transaction time and cost considerably for Trade and Industry. The following are direct benefits to the importer from the DPD facility:

- i. The prompt and timely delivery by the port terminal will help in reducing inventory cost.
- ii. Saving of transportation charges from port terminal to customs bonded warehouses.
- iii. Saving of handling and storage charges at warehouse/CFSSs.
- iv. Saving of container detention charges payable to shipping lines.
- v. Delivery of DPD container at port terminals is on 24x7 basis.

**2.1 Broad banding of DPD facility**

In the present context, DPD facility is available to AEO status holders in terms of TFA and CBEC Circular 33/2016 dated 22.7.2016 and amendment Circular No. 3/2018 dated 17.1.2018 & 26/2018 dated 10.08.2018. Further, it is proposed to broadband the number of importers who can avail DPD facility based on their past compliance levels, the percentage of RMS facilitated B/Es, volume of containers and based on the assessment by this office on their ability to comply with the conditions stipulated in this Public Notice. Accordingly, a list of all importers who have been brought within the purview of DPD is enclosed as Annexure- A to this PN. The importers

availing the DPD facility but subsequently coming under adverse notice, their DPD facility shall be withdrawn by the Competent Authority.

In addition to the AEO clients and importers mentioned in "Annexure - A" those importers who are interested in availing the said facility may also apply to the Assistant Commissioner / Deputy Commissioner (DPD), Custom House, Kandla alongwith volume of their RMS facilitated BEs/Containers at Kandla Port for processing of their request as per details in para 3 below.

All AEO status holders are by default entitled for DPD facility. Those AEO holders who are not already registered for DPD facility at Custom House, Kandla and want to avail this facility giving the details as stipulated in para-3 of the Public Notice shall file an intimation in Annexure - B to this Public Notice to the Assistant Commissioner / Deputy Commissioner (DPD), Custom House, Kandla.

## **2.2. Scope of DPD facility:-**

The DPD facility shall be available on Full Container Load (FCL) containers under RMS facilitated Bill of Entry i.e. Bill of Entry not requiring examination of goods by Customs, except for the commodities which require drawl of sample by PGAs for NOC.

## **3. Registration for DPD facility with Port Terminal:-**

The Importers listed in Annexure - A shall send request letter and scanned copies of the following documents to the Assistant Commissioner/Deputy Commissioner (DPD), Custom House, Kandla.

- (a) Request letter for availing DPD facility on the importer's letter head.
- (b) List of authorized signatories of the DPD importers.
- (c) Self attested copies of PAN card (Firm / Company PAN card in case of Partnership, Private Limited, Public Limited company and Proprietor's PAN in case proprietorship firm)
- (d) Letter of authorization given to the Customs Broker attending to such imports on behalf of the importer.
- (e) Details of the company official with photos and signatures, in case of self clearance.

Upon scrutiny of such applications by the Assistant Commissioner/Deputy Commissioner (DPD), Custom House, Kandla, permission / rejection will be emailed to registered email id of the Importer informing the basis of acceptance or rejection of the request. In case of acceptance, the letter of permission and the documents sent by the registered Importer shall be transmitted to the Port Terminal for processing of registration by Terminal and assigning of DPD code.

## **4. Timelines for clearance of the DPD containers:**

The DPD importers shall move out / evacuate the containers within 2 days of its landing in the Terminal. The time limit of 2 days (i.e. 48 hours) should be calculated from the time of landing of the containers in port yard or entry inward granted by Customs (in case of any system related issue), whichever is later.

Note: - The time period of 2 days of landing shall be reckoned from the time the last container in the vessel makes its landing in the terminal (i.e. the vessel laden with DPD container while discharging the said container shall factor in, the time limit only after having unloaded the last container in the DPD container laden vessel). The Terminal operator shall send an e-mail to DPD cell informing the date and time of the completion of unloading of the last container in the vessel.

#### **4.1. Designated CFS for DPD containers:-**

In case DPD importers are unable to clear their containers within the above stipulated timelines, such containers shall be moved to CFSs as preferred by the importers in their advance intimation to shipping lines.

#### **5. Procedure for obtaining OOC from DPD/ RMS Centralized Facilitation Centre: -**

For facilitated Bills of Entry, the DPD Importer/ CB shall produce/ submit the requisite documents (same as being submitted presently before Officers giving Out of Charge in various CFSs) before the Appraiser/ Superintendent posted at 'DPD Facilitation Centre'. The concerned officer shall register the Bill of Entry, scrutinize the documents and after being satisfied on the correctness of payment of Customs duty (including ADD or IGST or safeguard etc.), compliance of CCR instructions etc. shall give 'Out of Charge' with a condition that verification of the container No. and Seal No. shall be carried out by officers posted at the Terminal gate.

#### **6. Procedure for RMS facilitated Bills of Entry requiring PCA NOC without drawl of sample:-**

The importer/CB on filing Advance/prior bill of entry get to know the PGA to which the B/E has been referred to. Immediately the importer/ CB shall submit an advance application with necessary documents to PGAs. In cases of consignments, where mere documents are scrutinized for grant of NOC (like the majority of cases in ADC) such RMS facilitated B/Es may be cleared in DPD mode as outlined in para 5 above.

#### **7. Role of importer and Custom Broker:-**

##### **7.1 Advance Intimation:-**

All DPD importers shall submit, at least 72 hours in advance, to the Shipping Lines through their registered e-mail IDs all details such as Bill of Lading No, Details of Consignment, Stacking code (see Para Sl. No. 9.2), Preferred CFS (in case containers are out of scope of DPD facility as discussed

in various paras of this PN), copy of Letter of DPD permission as per Annexure B to this PN.

**7.2** If the importer (who is entitled to avail DPD Facility) fails to intimate the shipping Lines/Agent in advance, then in such cases, containers will be evacuated to nominated CFS.

**7.3 Advance submission of Original Bill of Lading:**

After the submission of advance intimation to shipping line by Importer, the Shipping Lines/Agents shall by default generate an advance invoice immediately for port free days without waiting for request from the importer or up to the days if any advance request placed by the Importer/Customs Broker. After the receipt of advance invoice, the Importer/Customs Broker shall make payments as per the invoice to the Shipping Lines/Agents (as per their mutual agreement) and submit the relevant documents viz 'Original copy of Bill of Lading' duly endorsed to shipping line, well in advance before the arrival of the vessel and obtain advance e-DO from Shipping Lines/Agents. In case where Original Bill of Lading is not available then the importer shall submit Express BL, Surrender BL, Telex release and Seaway Bill through email to Liners.

**7.4** The Importer/ Customs Broker shall file Advance Bill of Entry for such facility. The importer shall preferably discharge Customs duty and other dues to the respective stake holders in advance.

**8. Movement of DPD containers selected for scanning from the Terminal:-**

**8.1** The containers with DDPD stacking code (as per para 9.2 of this PN) selected for scanning and subsequently found clean and affixed stamp "SCANNED CLEAN", will be off loaded at designated CFS, in place of returning to Terminal.

**8.2.** Further, in respect of DCFS stacking code (as per para 9.2 of this PN) containers selected for scanning, the preferred CFS would be allowed to transport the container within 48 hours of discharge of the container, for scanning to reduce the dwell time and after completion of the scanning, off loading of the container in their own yard.

**9. Responsibilities of Shipping Lines/ Agents:-**

**9.1 IGM Code:-** The CFS code shall be left blank by Shipping Line/Agents while filling the IGM. The blank column against the container number with a blank CFS code signifies that the said containers are DPD containers.

**9.2 'Stacking Code':** Shipping Lines/Agents shall, while filing IAL (Import Advance List) in respect the said DPD importers shall indicate the stacking CODES in the following manner and their treatment shall be as follows :-

Sl. No.	STATUS	Stacking Code
1	DPD clients giving 72 hours advance intimation regarding Preferred CFS.	DCFS

2 DPD clients not given 72 hours advance intimation regarding preferred CFS - En-block movement from Terminal to designated CFS.	DDPD
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**9.3** Shipping Lines/Agents shall issue advance e-DO as per the procedure mentioned in the paras above.

**9.4** Shipping Lines/Agents shall forward a copy of IAL for every vessel to Terminal well in advance before the berthing of the Vessel.

**10. Responsibilities of Terminal Operator:-**

**10.1** Separate staking of DPD containers:- To ensure expeditious delivery of containers, Terminal operator shall stake the containers separately as per para 9.2 supra.

- (i) DCFS containers (DPD Client opted for preferred CFS through Advance intimation shall be staked separately in CFS stacks. (i.e. normal PNR containers staking).
- (ii) Port Terminals should mark the stacking code (DDPD/DCFS) on the EIR (Equipment Interchange Receipt) copy of DPD containers.

**10.2 Advance intimation to Terminal if B/E is not RMS facilitated.**

In the case of non-facilitated B/Es the DPD importer shall intimate the Terminal Operator in advance through e-mail to stack their containers in preferred CFS stack rather than in DDPD stack.

**10.3** In the following situations

- B/E is selected for examination (non- facilitated)
- RMS intervention by DPD facilitation centre
- Damaged container/Seal mis-match/Tempered seal

On receipt of request from the Importer/CB, the Terminal shall facilitate delivery of those containers immediately to the Preferred CFS/designated CFS (depending upon whether the advance intimation was given to shipping line or not in terms of para 7.1 of this PN). It is clarified that the Terminal for moving out such containers need not wait for the time limit as stipulated under this Public Notice as these time limits are not applicable in such cases.

**11. Containers held/detained by investigating agencies:-**

In cases where OOC is given by the DPD Facilitation Centre and it is subsequently noticed that the said B/E or any of the containers are under hold/detained by investigating agency like DRI, SIIB, etc., prior to delivery from the Terminal gate, then the said B/E should be taken to the AC/DC (Docks) in charge of the DPD Facilitation Centre by the concerned CB/Importer for cancelling the out of charge and further examining the goods in the CFS as per procedure. The DPD Facilitation Centre will monitor transfer of container/s up to CFS.



## 12. Clarifications:-

**12.1** Steamer Agents/Shipping lines shall not insist/impose any extra condition on the Importer (Deposits/documents/extra DPD charges etc.) to avail DPD facility. Steamer Agents should not charge any direct/indirect charges for moving DPD containers to Preferred CFS of the DPD importer.

**12.2** Permissions from Participatory Government Agencies (PGAs) for DPD containers are to be done on priority basis.

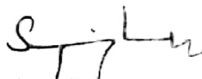
## 13. Monthly reports on DPD:

**13.1** Terminal Operator shall submit a monthly report with details of DPD to Additional Commissioner/Joint Commissioner in charge of 'DPD Facilitation Centre' giving details in the prescribed proforma set out in Annexure -C.

**13.2** The Importers availing facility of DPD shall submit a monthly report through email in the prescribed proforma set out as Annexure-D.

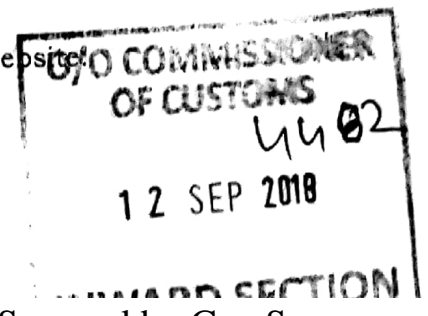
**14.** All the Trade Associations, Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Customs Brokers Association are requested to publicize the contents of this Public Notice among their members / constituents for information. Difficulties faced, if any, may be brought to the notice of the undersigned.

Encl- Annexure- A, B, C & D

  
(Sanjay Kumar Agarwal)  
Commissioner

Copy to:-

1. The Chief Commissioner of Customs, Gujarat Zone, Ahmedabad.
2. All Additional Commissioners of Customs, C.H., Kandla.
3. All Deputy/ Assistant Commissioner of Customs, C.H., Kandla.
4. The President, Kandla Custom Broker's Association, Gandhidham Chamber Of Commerce & Industry Building, Plot No.71, Sector No.8, 2Nd Floor, Room No.7, Gandhidham.
5. The President, Kandla Port Steamship Agents Association, No. 5, Chambers Bhawan, 2nd Floor, Sector 8, Plot No.71, Gandhidham.
6. The Gandhidham Chamber of Commerce & Industries, Plot No.71, Sector No.8, 2Nd Floor, Gandhidham.
7. The Chairman, DPT, Business Development Cell, P.O. Box 50, Administrative Building, Gandhidham.
8. M/s Kandla International Container Terminal Pvt. Ltd, DDP, Kandla.
9. The President, Kandla Timber association, "Timber Bhavan" Plot No. - 47, Sector-8, Gandhidham.
10. The President, Kandla Liquid Tank Terminal Association, Maitri Bhavan, Opp. Post Office, Plot No. 18, Sector- I, Gandhidham.
11. The EDI Section, for uploading on Commissionerate's Website
12. Notice Board.



**ANNEXURE- A**

List of Manufacturer/ Importers eligible for DPD permission

Sl. No.	IEC No.	Manufacturer/ Importers
1	205004733	GALLANTT METAL LTD
2	388038942	HINDUSTAN UNILEVER LIMITED
3	504042530	AARTI CARBON (INDIA)
4	505045559	VARRSANA ISPAT LTD.
5	507080491	INDIAN INTERNATIONAL
6	507087119	PARASNATH ORGANICS PVT LTD
7	517543699	ALS SINGAMAS LOGISTICS LIMITED
8	599006765	KESRI OIL PVT LTD
9	889000093	ELECTROTHERM (INDIA) LIMITED
10	3015015532	KIRAN ENTERPRISES
11	3703001950	NILKANTH CONCAST PVT.LTD.
12	ADIPA3757D	OIL ENERGY
13	309065569	TRAFIGURA INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED
14	397003498	POLYCAB WIRES PVT.LTD.
15	511009909	SARASWATI WOOD PRIVATE LIMITED
16	516508091	ABHAY ENTERPRISES
17	514014547	P D INDUSTRIES
18	3007003555	NANDINI ALLOYS
19	613003993	BAJRANG PETROCHEMICAL PVT. LTD.
20	808004654	RAJKAMAL INDUSTRIAL PVT. LTD.
21	3703000074	PANCHSHIL EXIM PVT. LTD.
22	3705000802	ASR MULTIMETALS (P) LTD.
23	3714001662	NAKUL ENTERPRISE

**ANNEXURE- B**

**ADVANCE INTIMATION FOR DPD FACILITY**  
(To be submitted 72 hours before arrival of the vessel- ( Para 7.1)

1. Name of Importer:

1(a). IEC Code:

2. DPD Code Registered by PORT/ Terminal

3. Authorised CB details ( If applicable)

3(a) Name

3(b) e-mail

3(c) Phone No. Mobile No

4 Bill of Lading Details:

4(a) Number

4(b) Date:

5. Details of the Consignment



**ANNEXURE- C**

**Monthly Performance Report of DPD for the Month by Port Terminal**

**MONTH:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PART- A**

Sl. No.	Name of the DPD Importer	No. of containers of DPD importer in the month	No. of DPD containers cleared from Port	No. of containers sent to preferred CFS	No. of containers sent to designated CFS

**PART- B**

Sl. No	Total No. of Import containers handled by Terminal		No. of DPD containers handled by Terminal		No. of DPD containers cleared from Port		No. of DPD containers moved to preferred CFS under ENBLOCK		No. of DPD containers sent to designated CFS under ENBLOCK	
	No.	TEU	No.	TEU	No.	TEU	No.	TEU	No.	TEU

### ANNEXURE- D

Monthly Performance report of DPD for the month by the Importer to be sent by email.  
**MONTH:** \_\_\_\_\_

Sl. No.	Name of the Importer	B/E No / Date	Date of Landing of Containers	Total Containers in BE	No. of containers cleared in 24 hrs of landing	No. of containers cleared in 48 hrs of landing	No. of containers cleared beyond 48 hrs. in 24 hrs of landing	No. of containers sent to designated CFS/ Preferred CFS	Reasons for delay in clearing containers beyond stipulated 48 hrs.

Signature of Authorised Representative

Name:

Date: