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Sub: Advisory on non-charging of detention, demurrage, ground rent charges for the period from 25.03.2020 to 14.04.2020 -Reg.

1. In the context of the national effort to battle COVID-19, the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs has issued order No. 40-03/2020 DM-I(A) dated 24.03.2020 imposing complete lockdown in India for a period of 21 days.
2. Whereas, the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs vide order No. 40-03/2020 DM-I(A) dated 25.03.2020 issued an addendum and included Customs clearances at Port/Air Ports/Land Border in exemption to Clause 1 from Lockdown. Further, Operations of Railways and sea ports and their related organizations for cargo movement were also added in the exemption list to ensure regular supply of goods in the country.
3. This complete lockdown in the country has put the trade, particularly importers, under a very difficult situation, as considering the prohibitory orders, transport of goods along with movement of Importers/Customs Brokers and their staff, is not feasible to secure the release of imported goods. Moreover, due to ongoing lockdowns and prohibitory orders loading and transportation of goods to the importers premises is/was also very difficult.
4. Apprehending that, delay in securing release of goods from the PORT/TERMINALS/CFSs during the national wide lockdown period may result into container detention & ground rent charges etc. Importers and Custom broker associations have requested the undersigned to look in to the matter.
5. In view of the current extra ordinary scenario and nation's effort to contain the spread of COVID-19, Shipping Lines and Container Freight Stations are advised to adopt a sympathetic and humanitarian approach while levying the container detention charges/ground rent and to consider the request of trade for waiver of charges of any container detention, demurrage, ground rent beyond the allowed free period, during the period from 25.03.2020 to 14.04.2020, which become due for the reasons attributable to the nationwide lockdown.
6. In this regard, attention is also invited towards DGS Order No. 08 of 2020 dated 31.03.2020 issued by the Director General of Shipping, Mumbai, which is self explanatory and you are also requested to adhere to the relevant applicable lawful instruction/order/advise issued in this regard, available in public domain.

7. In order to provide better facilitation to importers / exporters in this extraordinary situation, Custom House, Knadla, in public interest, has also issued Public Notice No.07/2020 dated 30.03.2020.

8. This is purely an advisory issued in public interest meant for combating the present Covid-19 Pandemic.


(M. K. Srivastava)
COMMISSIONER

Copy to:-

1. The Pr. Chief Commissioner of Custom, Gujarat Zone, Ahmedabad.
2. The Additional Commissioners of Custom, CH Kandla.
3. All Deputy/ Assistant Commissioner of Custom, CH 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, Deendayal Port Trust (DPT), Business Development Cell, P.O. Box 50, Administrative Building, Gandhidham.
8. M/s Kandla International Container Terminal (KICT), Room No. 301-306, Chetna Chambers, Plot No. 38, Sector-9, Gandhidham-370201.
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 Manager, Central Warehousing Corporation, CFS-Kandla, Fax-271400
12. The Manager, M/s A V Joshi & Co. CFS, Container Freight Station, SS No. 316/5, National Highway 8A, Near Mahindra Showroom, Village- Mithirohar, Gandhidham - 370201
13. M/s Container Corporation of India Limited, Container Freight Station, Nr. Macchu Nagar, Khari Rohar Road, Gandhidham - 370 201
14. The EDI Section, for uploading on Commissionerate's Website.
15. Notice Board.