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Sub: Revised instructions for stuffing and sealing of the reefer containers - reg.

Attention of all exporters, customs brokers, members of Trade and all persons concerned is invited to Board Circular No 13/2018-Customs dated 30th May 2018 on the above mentioned subject.

2. Para 4(ii) of the Board Circular 13/2018 provides for factory stuffing and sealing of reefer containers with temperature sensitive export goods in the presence of the customs officials where there are no sterile, temperature controlled examination facilities at the port of export for examination of temperature sensitive export goods.

3. In this regard, it is to bring to the notice of all the stakeholders that temperature controlled examination facilities are now available in the CFS under the jurisdiction of Chennai-IV Commissionerate. Hence, as a trade facilitation measure, it is decided to allow the self sealing of temperature sensitive export goods in reefer containers as per the procedure stated in Facility Circular No. 13/2017 issued by Commissioner of Customs, Chennai-IV dated 09.08.2017.

4. The exporter of goods in reefer containers shall have an option either to avail self-sealing facility or to stuff the reefer containers in CFSs having temperature controlled storage facilities.

5. Procedure to be followed in clearance of Self Sealed reefer containers:

Self-sealed reefer containers can be cleared from CFSs having temperature controlled examination facilities as per the procedure mentioned in the facility circular 26/2017 dated 20.11.2017

5.1 Self sealed reefer containers can enter the CFSs having temperature controlled examination facility along with Checklist of the shipping bill and Annexure-'C' as applicable, as mandated vide facility circular no 10/2013 dated 04.10.2013.

- 5.2 Gate Preventive officer shall verify the shipping bill check list, container number, seal number and integrity of the seal before permitting the entry of the self sealed reefer container into the CFS. In case the container seal is found tampered, then mandatory examination would be carried out by the officer posted at the CFS having temperature controlled examination facility in the designated temperature controlled examination area.
- 5.3 On the basis of the Gate-In permission given by the gate preventive officer, the examination officer posted at the CFSs having temperature controlled examination facilities shall verify the documents and register the shipping bill in ICES.
- 5.4 For cases where no examination and inspection is prescribed by the Customs EDI system, appraiser/superintendent posted at the CFSs having temperature controlled examination facilities shall grant LEO in the system.
- 5.5 In case the container is selected for examination/inspection by the Risk Management System, the RMS instructions for the examination/inspection shall be carried out by the examination officer posted at CFSs having temperature controlled examination facilities in the designated temperature controlled examination area and examination report shall be entered in the system.
- 5.6 On completion of inspection/examination as the case may be, the appraiser/superintendent posted at the CFSs having temperature controlled examination facilities shall grant LEO in the system.
- 5.7 Once LEO is granted, three copies of Shipping Bills will be generated. The LEO granted containers shall move to the port with the exporter copy of the shipping bill along with the gate pass generated by the CFS.
- 5.8 Exporter copy of the shipping bill should be presented to the gate officer at the port terminal.

6 Procedure to be followed in case of reefer containers stuffed at the CFSs having temperature controlled storage facilities.

- 6.1 Exporters willing to do stuffing in the CFSs having temperature controlled storage facilities will move the cargo to CFSs.
- 6.2 Shipping bill will be registered by the examination officer after verifying the documents. RMS instructions if any, will be carried out by the examination officer posted at CFSs having temperature controlled examination facilities.
- 6.3 On Completion of the RMS instructions, appraiser/superintendent posted at the CFSs having temperature controlled storage facilities will grant LEO in the system based on the examination report given by the examination officer.

6.4 On grant of LEO, the exporter will submit the stuffing request to the Preventive officer. On grant of the stuffing permission, the cargo will be stuffing under the supervision of the preventive officer. The Container will be sealed by the preventive officer.

7. The comments on this Draft Facility Circular may be sent to commr4-cuschn@nic.in by the stakeholders.


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