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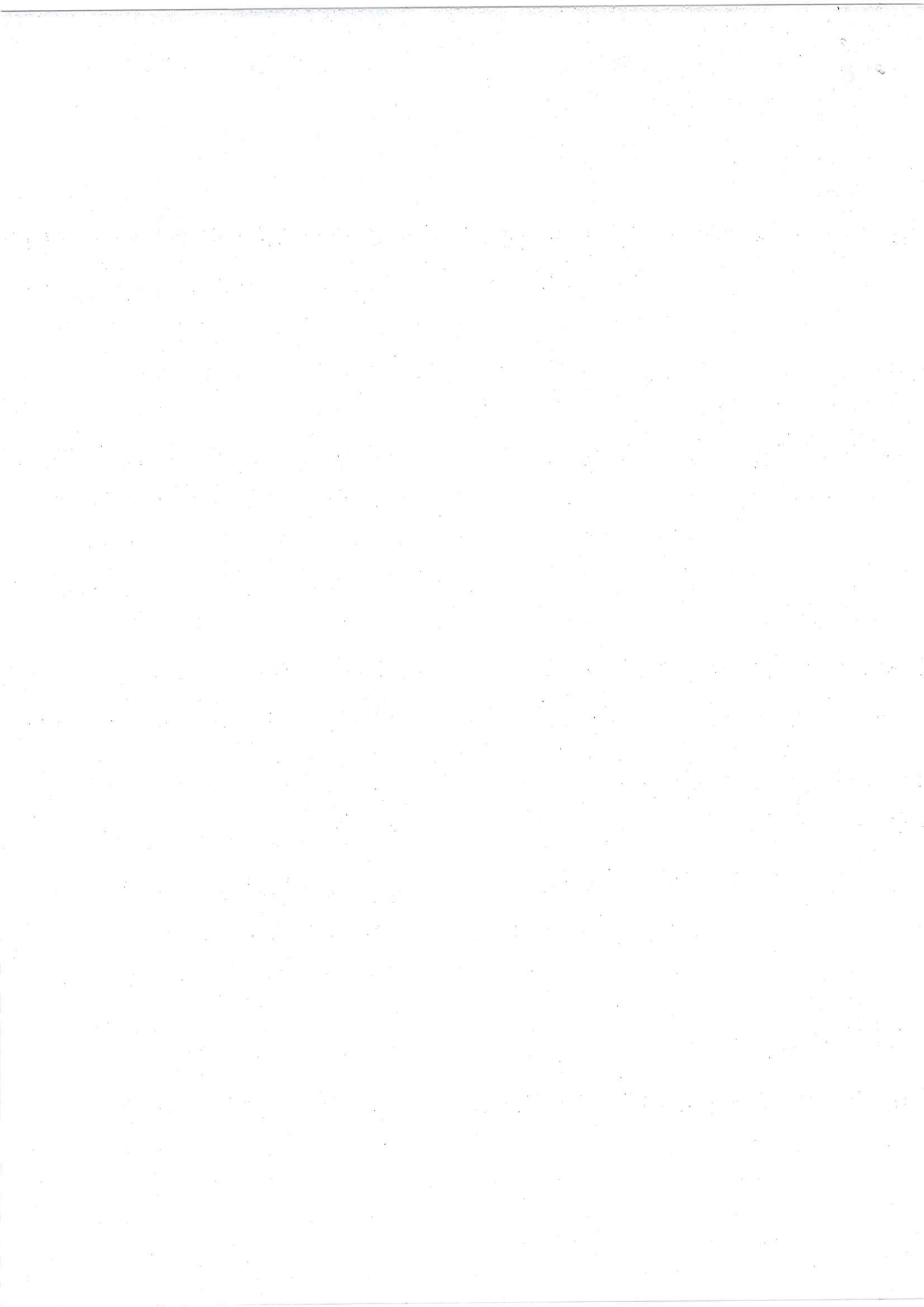
FACILITY CIRCULAR NO. 21 / 2018

Sub: Clearance of RMS facilitated Bills of Entry from the Docks Office (RMS Facilitation Unit) Procedures - reg.

Attention of Importers, Exporters, Customs Brokers, Custodians, Port Terminal Operators, Shipping Lines/ Shipping Agents, Container Freight Stations (CFSs) of Chennai Customs Zone and other stake holders is invited to the Facility Circular No. 04/2015 dated 18.05.2015 on the above subject wherein procedure for the clearance of RMS facilitated Bills of Entry from the Docks office has been prescribed in respect of the CFSs which were falling under the then Chennai – IV Commissionerate.

2. Consequent to re-organization of the Customs formations under the Chennai Customs Zone, all CFSs of this zone have now come under the jurisdiction of this Commissionerate as per the Public Notice No. 21/2018 dated 29.03.2018. It has now been decided to facilitate clearance of RMS Bills of Entry in respect of consignments/containers arrived at all the CFSs at the RMS facilitation Unit, Ground Floor, Annexure Building, Custom House, Chennai – 600 001 (earlier EP copy section), with immediate effect and until further orders except in the following cases where examination is required to be done:

- a) If the OTL bottle seal(s) of a container is found missing or tampered with at the Terminal gate and resealed by the Customs officers as indicated on the EIR copy as per Public Notice No. 95/2007, such container is to be examined 100% at the respective CFS.
- b) The container which is marked as scanned mismatch by the Container Scanning Division on the EIR copies are subject to 100% examination as per Public Notice No. 111/2014 dated 28.07.2014, 153/2016 dated 04.07.2016 and 157/2016 dated 11.07.2016. Hence, such containers are to be examined accordingly at the respective CFS.



- c) If inspection/examination of the consignment is warranted by the Compulsory Compliance Requirements (CCR) instructions as per Standing Order No. 23/2006 dated 25.06.2006.
- d) If representative samples are required to be drawn by the Participating Governing Agencies (PGA) in compliance with the Allied Acts.
- e) The RMS facilitated Bill of Entry which is selected for intervention by the concerned officer of RMS Facilitation Unit as per guidelines laid down by CBEC vide letter No: F.No.465/01/2013-Cus V dated 28.01.2014 shall be examined 100% at the respective CFS.
- f) In cases where there are strong reasons to believe that the importer has mis-declared the tariff classification, value, description, weight of consignment warranting physical examination of goods.

4. The following procedure is prescribed for clearance of RMS facilitated Bills of Entry:-

- a) The EO/PO of the RMS facilitation Unit shall verify from the e-mail containing IGM wise list of containers selected for scanning by RMD, Mumbai, as to whether the Consignment/Container of the RMS Bill of Entry has been selected for scanning. If the Consignment/Container is not selected for scanning, then the EO/PO shall register the Bill of Entry as per existing procedures.
- b) If the Consignment/Container has been selected for scanning, then the EO/PO shall ask the Customs Broker (CHA)/ Importer/ Representative of the Importer to produce the EIR clearly indicating the outcome of scanning. If the result of the scanning is marked "Clean" on the EIR copy, then the Bill of Entry shall be registered by the EO/PO of the RMS Facilitation Unit.
- c) The Out of Charge Officer at the RMS Facilitation Unit shall scrutinize the import related documents accompanying the registered Bill of Entry and accord Out of Charge (OOC),-except in respect of the cases referred above at Para 3 supra, if the documents are in order.
- d) On the hard copy of the Out of Charge order, the OOC officer shall make an endorsement that the Gate Preventive Officer at the respective CFS shall verify the marks & numbers for LCL consignments and container number, seal number & weight for FCL consignments before permitting the packages/containers to leave the CFS.
- e) The Gate Preventive Officer at the CFS shall verify the applicability of PN no. 95/2007 dated 03.08.2007 i.e, whether the OTL seals are intact and not missing, verify the container and seal number for FCL consignments and marks & numbers for LCL consignments before making "passed out" endorsement on the OOC. If the OTL seal


is found to be missing or tampered with or if any discrepancies in container number or weight of the FCL consignments are observed, the Gate Preventive Officer should bring the same to the notice of respective DC/AC (CFS), who shall decide whether to subject such containers to 100% examination, on case to case basis.

5. The subject facility of clearance of RMS Bills of Entry can be availed at the RMS facilitation Unit only within 24 hours of realization of duty payment.

6. This facility is currently extended to RMS Bills of Entry wherein the consignments/containers are moved to CFSs, irrespective of their status. However, shortly, the subject facility shall be made available wherein respective Consignment/ Containers are moved to CFSs having AEO client status only. Hence, the CFSs are urged to acquire the AEO client status within a month from the date of issue of this Facility Circular.

7. In respect of the cases referred to at Para 3 supra, such Bill of Entry shall be submitted to the concerned Supdt./AO, CFS and clearance shall be given to such Bills of Entry at the concerned CFS following the existing procedures.

8. This Facility Circular shall come into force with effect from 20.04.2018. Any difficulty, experienced in the implementation, may be brought to the notice of the Deputy Commissioner of Customs (Docks – Administration).


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CHENNAI – IV

F.No. S.Misc. 74/2018 – Docks Admin.
Dated: 19.04.2018

To:

1. Superintendents/Appraisers of Customs, All CFSs.
2. EO, PO of all CFSs.
3. All Container Freight Stations.
4. The Customs Brokers Association, Chennai.
5. NACFS – for circulation among members.
6. Chennai Steamer Agencies Association (ChenSAA).

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1. The Chief Commissioner of Customs, Chennai Customs Zone – For kind information.
2. The Principal Commissioner / Commissioner of Chennai Customs Zone – I/II/III/IV/VII/VIII.
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4. The DC/AC, EDI – For uploading in the Chennai Customs Website.
5. Notice Board.