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Subject:- Regular operations of Mobile X-ray Container Scanner (MXCS) at Kamarajar Port Limited, Ennore reg:-

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All the Importers, Exporters, General Trade, Port Terminal Operators, Shipping Lines / Shipping Agents, Container Freight Stations coming under the jurisdiction of Chennai Custom House, Vessel operators/ Non Vessel Operating Common Carriers/ Inland Container Depots and all other stake holders concerned are hereby informed that operation of Mobile X-ray Container Scanning Facility for scanning of selected import containers along with Radiation Portal Monitor is to be commenced at Kamarajar Port Limited, Ennore. The effective date of commencement of container scanning facility is 30.06.2021.

2. **CONTAINER SCANNING DIVISION:** For the purpose of administration, Container Scanning Division (CSD) headed by Deputy/Assistant Commissioner of Customs (CSD) is functional from Chennai Custom House.
3. **LOCATION OF CONTAINER SCANNER FACILITY:** The Mobile X-ray Container Scanner is situated at Kamarajar Port Limited premises, Vallur Post, District Tiruvallur, Tamilnadu-600 120. The public in general is cautioned that entry to this area is strictly prohibited and no one should enter the premises without valid authority or permission from Customs.
4. **MOVEMENT OF CONTAINERS SELECTED FOR SCANNING:-**
  - i. The containers which are to be scanned will be selected by the Container Scanning Module (CSM) of the Risk Management Centre of Customs (RMCC), Mumbai. The intimation of selection will be communicated automatically to the Terminal Operators, Liners, Custodians of CFS, DC/AC of CFSs, Port Out Gate Preventive Officer and the Container Scanner Division by Email. The DC/AC of CFSs/ICDs shall forward the selected container lists to the Gate Preventive Officer and Docks Examination Officers posted at CFSs/ICDs.
  - ii. The Terminal Operator shall be responsible to ensure that Equipment Interchange Receipt (EIR) copies of the containers selected for scanning shall be endorsed "**Selected for scanning**" -in **RED COLOUR** as per the responsibility cast upon them as Customs Cargo Service Providers under the Handling of Cargo in Customs Area Regulations, 2009. If the EIR copy of any such selected container reporting at Port Out Gate is not marked as detailed above, then the Terminal Operators will be liable for penal action under the provisions of Customs Act, 1962, read with Handling of Cargo in Customs Area Regulations, 2009.
  - iii. Thereafter, the selected containers shall be transported from the Container Terminals to the Container Scanning facility for the purpose of scanning by the Custodians where the respective containers are to be moved as per the Public Notice Register (PNR) as per the responsibility cast upon them as Customs Cargo Service Providers under the Handling of Cargo in Customs Area Regulations, 2009.
  - iv. The Custodians of CFSs/ICDs shall ensure that containers selected for scanning does not reach CFSs/ICDs before scanning at the Container Scanning facility. If any such selected container report at the CFSs/ICDs before scanning, then the custodian of the CFSs/ICDs

will be liable for penal action under the provisions of Customs Act, 1962 read with handling of Cargo in Customs Area Regulations, 2009.

**5. PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED IN CONTAINER SCANNER DIVISION:-**

5.1. On receipt of the selected container at the CONTAINER SCANNING FACILITY, the Preventive Officer shall physically verify the container number and Seal number printed on the EIR document with the number on the container and seal affixed on the container. If the same are found to be tallying, the container shall be checked in for scanning; otherwise the same shall be reported to DC/AC (CSD) for further action.

5.2. Therefore, the Preventive Officer manning the check-in Station will instruct the CSD marshal to:

- Guide the driver of the vehicle to weighment bridge.
- Guide the driver of the vehicle carrying the container to park the vehicle into the designated container scanning area.
- The driver needs to alight from the vehicle before scanning and shall go out of the radiation zone and go to safe room (driver's room) while the scanning operation is in process.
- After completion of scanning, the driver has to come to check-in cabin to get endorsement of the result of the scanning on the reverse of the EIR/Pick up ticket.
- Then, driver has to move the vehicle from the scanning area through exit gate.

5.3. On completion of scanning, the scanned image will be analyzed by the preventive officer at the image analysis station and the following procedure shall be adopted.

- The scanned image of the container will automatically be available in image analysis system.
- The Preventive Officer will report the scanned image as "CLEAN" if the image of the scanned container is found to be matching with the description OR "MISMATCH" if the image of the scanned container is not found to be matching with the description and forward the said report to Superintendent of Customs (CSD).
- On receipt of the image analysis report from the Preventive Officer, the Superintendent (CSD) will further analyze the scanned image with the help of tools provided in the image analysis Station.
- If the image of the scanned container is found to be "CLEAN", then the superintendent (CSD) will forward the said report to the Customs Check out Officer who will affix "SCANNED CLEAN" stamp in BLUE INK on the reverse of the EIR document and allow the movement of the container from the CSD.
- If the image of the scanned container is reported as "MISMATCH", then the superintendent will forward the report to the DC/AC(CSD) for further analysis viz. To recheck/review the scanned image. If the DC/AC(CSD) is of the opinion that :
  - The image is clean, and then said report will be forwarded to the Preventive Officer on duty at the Check-out station.
  - The image is mismatch, then the DC/AC (CSD) shall give NOC for examination as per usual procedure or mark such containers for 100% examination by Examination Officer at the CFS/ICD in presence of DC/AC (CFS/ICD).
  - Thereafter, the Preventive Officer manning the check out station shall affix the stamp "SCANNED-CLEANED"(IN BLUE INK) or "SCANNED-MISMATCH"(IN RED INK), as the case may be, on the reverse of EIR copy and allow movement of the container from CSD.
  - If one container from a Bill of Lading (B/L) is selected for scanning and marked as "MISMATCH", then all the containers in the Bill of Entry pertaining to the said Bill of Lading shall also be subjected to 100% examination by the Docks Examination Officers at the CFS/ICD in the presence of AC/DC (CFS/ICD).
  - In case of Over Dimensional Containers (ODC)/ Empty and Coastal containers and overweight containers, the numbers of such containers will be entered in the system and thereafter "NOT SCANNED DUE TO ODC/OVERWEIGHT/EMPTY/COASTAL CONTAINERS" stamp in bold letters will

be affixed on the EIR document. Such containers shall be examined 100% at the CFS/ICD in the presence of DC/AC (CFS).

- Scanned images of "MISMATCH" containers shall be uploaded in the Chennai CSD portal as prescribed in Standing Order No: 03/2018 vide F.No. S.Misc.90/2018-Docks Admn dated 08.05.2018. Such containers will be examined as per usual procedures on the basis of "NOC" given by DC/AC (CSD) or will be examined 100% at CFS in the presence of DC/AC (CSD/ICD) as the case may be.

Reefer (refrigerated) containers shall be scanned on priority basis as per procedures mentioned above.

5.4. In case the containers selected for scanning could not be scanned due to non-functioning of the scanner or for any other reasons, the Superintendent CSD, shall inform the same to DC/AC (CSD). The DC/AC (CSD) in turn will decide whether to release the containers without scanning but for regular examination procedure or to hold the said containers.

5.5 If the DC/AC (CSD) orders for release of such containers, then the Preventive Officer (CSD) shall physically verify each container number with the respective EIR copy and then feed each container number in the system. Thereafter, the EIR document of each container shall be endorsed with stamp "NOT SCANNED DUE TO ....." on the reverse. Such containers will be examined 100% in presence of DC/AC of the CFSs/ICDs.

5.6. After completion of scanning of selected containers at the Container Scanning Facility, the said containers shall be moved to the respective CFS by the custodians of the said CFS.

5.7. The Out Gate Preventive Officer at Ennore Port shall verify EIR copy and list of selected containers forwarded to him by mail and ensure that no container which is selected for scanning report the Out Gate / leave the Port premises without scanning. If such selected containers report at Out Gate without scanning, then such containers shall be diverted to the Container Scanning Division by making suitable endorsement (attempted to evade scanning) in the EIR copy and Gate Register by Out Gate Preventive Officer so as to distinguish such cases. Further the Out Gate Preventive Officer will intimate the Superintendent (Ennore Port) and Superintendent (CSD) immediately over phone and by E-mail regarding the details of the container diverted to CSD from port Out Gate.

5.8. No container shall be examined/detained at the Container Scanning Facility.

**6. DPD AND RMS FACILITATED CONTAINERS SELECTED FOR SCANNING:-** DPD and RMS facilitated containers selected for scanning will be cleared as per the procedure laid out in Facility Circular 48/2018 vide F.No. S.Misc.11/2018-DPD dated 15.10.2018.

**7. PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED POST SCANNING:-**

7.1 The custodians of CFS shall provide the copy of EIR document duly marked by the container scanning facility officers for each container to the respective CFS Docks Examination Officers and reflect the same in Seal Cutting Document raised by them.

7.2. The following examination norms shall be adopted for scanned containers at the respective CFS:

(a) Containers with stamp "SCANNED CLEAN" on EIR: The Docks Examination Officers shall clear these containers as per normal Customs clearance / examination procedures.

(b) Containers with stamp "SCANNED MISMATCH" on EIR: The Docks Examination Officers will examine such containers 100%. The results of examination of these containers shall be communicated by DC/AC (Container Scanning Division).

(c) Container with stamp "NOT SCANNED" on EIR: Such containers shall be 100% examined by the Docks Examination Officers. The results of examination of these containers shall be communicated by DC/AC (Container Scanning Division).

(d) If the container marked as "SCANNED MISMATCH" on examination found to contain any discrepancy, the rest of the container in the BOE shall be subjected to further examination and the results of examination of these containers shall be communicated by DC/AC (Docks Examination) to the DC/AC (Container Scanning Division).

8. The roles of Custodians of CFS/ICD, DC/AC (CFS/ICD), In Gate Preventive Officer at CFS/ICD, Examination Officer are summarized as follow:

a) Custodian of CFS/ICD: The Custodian of CFS/ICD will ensure that:

- The containers which are selected for scanning are scanned at the container scanning facility before they are transported to the respective CFS/ICD from the Kamarajar port premises.
- The scanning remarks ("SCANNED CLEAN/MISMATCH/NOT SCANNED DUE TO ODC/OVERWEIGHT/OVERWEIGHT/EMPTY/COASTAL CONTAINERS/NOT SCANNED DUE TO.....") made in the EIR document by the Container Scanning Facility officers for each containers is provided to the In Gate Preventive Officer and respective Docks Examination Officers by reflecting the same in the seal Cutting Document (Open Chit Document) raised by the custodians of CFS/ICD.
- If a container selected for scanning is received at the CFS without scanning, then the custodian of the CFS/ICD shall immediately bring it to the notice of DC/AC of such CFS/ICD and DC/AC (CSD) before presenting the seal cutting document (Open Chit Document) to the Customs Officers i.e. before the said container is opened.

b). CFS/ICD INGATE PREVENTIVE OFFICER: CFS/ICD Ingate Preventive Officer will ensure that:

- At the time of Gate in of the import containers during normal office working hours, the containers selected for scanning are scanned at the CSD by verifying the EIR copy and selected containers list forwarded by email by DC/AC of CFS/ICD.
- If the containers are gated in after normal working hours and on holidays, before giving permission to cut the container seal it shall be ensured on next immediate working day that the containers selected for scanning are scanned by verifying the EIR copy and selected containers list forwarded by mail by DC/AC of CFS/ICD.
- If it is noticed that any selected container has reached the CFS/ICD without scanning, then the same shall be brought to the notice of DC/AC (CFS/ICD) and DC/AC (CSD) immediately for further action.

c). CFS/ICD EXAMINATION OFFICER: CFS/ICD Examination Officer will ensure that:

- Containers marked as "SCANNED-CLEAN" on EIR copy are cleared as per normal Customs clearance/examination procedures.
- Containers marked as "MISMATCH /SEND TO DC/AC(CSD)" on EIR copy are examined either as per the usual procedures or examine 100% as per the instructions of DC/AC (CSD). If the goods are to be examined 100% as per the instructions of DC/AC (CSD), then the examination shall be done under the supervision of DC/AC (CFS/ICD). The results of the examination of these containers are to be communicated by DC/AC(CFS/ICD) to DC/AC(CSD).

d). DC/AC (CFS/ICD): DC/AC (CFS/ICD) shall ensure that:

- The selected container list is forwarded to the CFS/ICD in gate Preventive Officer and the CFS/ICD Examination Officers.
- If any container selected for scanning has reached the CFS/ICD without scanning, DC/AC (CFS/ICD) shall decide whether to send such containers back to CSD under escort for

scanning or to examine or to examine 100% at the CFS/ICD in his /her presence under intimation to DC/AC (CSD).

9. (i) The Superintendent of Customs (P) (Admin), Drive Through Container Scanner Division shall closely monitor the list of selected container IGM wise on a daily basis and ensure that all the containers selected in a IGM are scanned at the Container Scanner Site within 5 days from the date of vessel Inward entry. If it is noticed that a selected container has not reported for scanner within the above said stipulated time, then the same shall be brought to the notice of DC/AC (CSD) and DC/AC (CFS/ICD) immediately and DC/AC (CFS) shall be asked to detain such containers at CFS even if OOC is granted as per usual Customs procedure. Further verification shall be made to ascertain whether the said selected container is still at the Terminal or reached CFS or otherwise. If it is ascertained that the said container has left Port and reached CFS or otherwise, then DC/AC (CSD) shall bring the same to the notice of Commissioner competent to initiate action under regulations 11 and 12 of Handling of Cargo in Customs Area Regulations, 2009, against the Terminal operator.

(ii) If any container selected for scanning reach the Terminal out gate without "Selected for Scanning" endorsement in EIR Copy or reach Port Out gate of CFS/ICD without Scanning and is diverted from the Port Out Gate or CFS/ICD, as the case may be for the purpose of scanning then details of such container shall be brought to the notice of DC/AC (CFS/ICD) by Supdt (Admin) for initiating action under Regulations 11 and 12 of handling of Cargo in Customs Area Regulations, 2009, against the Terminals Operator or Custodian of CFS/ICD or both, as the case may be.

(iii) Weekly statement showing details regarding number of containers selected for scanning/scanned/ not-scanned, number of containers marked as "MISMATCH"-IGM wise-during the previous week shall be submitted to DC/AC (CSD) by Supdt (Admin) on every Monday in the format appended below at I and II. Containers which were selected for scanning but not reported for scanning within 5 days from the date of Vessel Inward Entry sate shall be shown separately in the said statement with IGM details in the format appended below at III.

**1. STATEMENT SHOWING DETAILS OF CONTAINERS SCANNED FOR THE WEEK**

S.No.	IGM No and Date	No. of containers selected for scanning	No. of containers scanned.	No. of containers not scanned due to dimension, weight etc.	No. of containers marked as "MISMATCH"	Out of Mismatch Containers, no. of containers ordered for 100% examination	No. of containers yet to be scanned
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

**2. STATEMENT SHOWING DETAILS OF CONTAINERS MARKED AS "MISMATCH" AND ORDERED FOR 100% EXAMINATION FOR THE WEEK ENDING.....**

Sl.No.	Date of Scanning	IGM No. and Date	Container No.	Description of Goods	Name of CFS	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

**3. STATEMENT SHOWING CONTAINERS WHICH HAVE NOT REPORTED AT SCANNER SITE WITHIN 5 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF VESSEL INWARD ENTRY FOR THE WEEK ENDING .....**

Sl. No.	IGM No. and Date	Vessel Inward Entry Date	Container No.	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5

4. WEEKLY REPORT ON OUTCOME OF 100% EXAMINATION FOR THE WEEK ENDING.....

Sl. No.	IGM No. and Date	Container No.	Date of Scanning	Name of CFS	Result of 100% Examination
1	2	3	4	5	6

iv) A Separate weekly statement showing details of containers received/diverted from Port Out Gate and CFS/ICD for the purpose of scanning i.e. (container which attempted to leave the port/ left port and reached CFS/ICD without scanning respectively) and details of containers which reached and details of containers which reached port Out Gate without "Selected for Scanning" endorsement in EIR copy shall be submitted by the Supdt. (Admin) on every Monday.

v) At the end of each shift, Superintendent of Customs (CSD) shall ensure that the list of containers scanned during the shift shall be uploaded in the Chennai CSD portal.

10. If a container is not selected in the first scanning list for a particular IGM but gets selected after reaching the concerned CFS on the basis of any amendment subsequently filed for that particular IGM, then such container shall be brought back for scanning to the Container Scanning Facility prior to giving Out of Charge with the seal intact. Alternatively, DC/AC (Docks) subject to his satisfaction may grant NOC from scanning but shall order for 100% examination at the respective CFS.

11. The DC/AC (CFS/ICD) shall verify the list of containers uploaded in the Chennai CSD Portal during each shift and ensure whether all containers received at the CFS/ICD with scanned report of CSD are uploaded in the Chennai CSD Portal. If it is noticed that a container having a scanned report is not uploaded Chennai CSD Portal, then the same shall be brought to notice of the DC/AC (CSD) and the container may, in case of difficulty in updation in CSD Portal, DC/AC (CFS/ICD) subject to his satisfaction may order for 100% examination or the percentage as be deem fit in the presence of DC/AC (CFS/ICD) and the same shall be intimated to DC/AC (CSD).

12. Difficulty faced, if any, may be brought to the notice of the undersigned.

  
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To

1. Custodians of all CFSs/ICDs in Chennai Customs Zone
2. All shipping Lines/CHA Associations

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