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Subject: Drawal of one composite sample for one Vessel in respect of consignments of Edible Oils-reg.

Attention of the Importers, Exporters, Custom Brokers, Steamer Agents and all other stakeholders is invited to aforesaid subject.

2. The importers of Edible oils (hereinafter referred to as "Trade"), during the open house meeting held on 29.12.2021 in conference hall, Custom House, Kakinadahave raised the grievances with regard to the current practice of drawing samples from each and every tank of a vessel and requested for composite sampling procedure (i.e. drawing samples from all the ship's tanks and mixing them into one composite one) to avoid costs and delays.
3. The Principal Commissioner of Customs, Commissionerate of Customs (Preventive), Vijayawada during the said open house meeting, inter alia, has assured the Trade that the matter will be examined to address the grievances by issuing necessary orders in this regard.
4. The issue has been examined and a sample data of test results (drawn tank-wise) for the period October 2021 to December 2021 have been analysed in this regard. It is observed that there is no variation as such noticed in the case of same supplier, same port of loading, and of same description and grade It is also seen that there is a delay in getting the test report from the Customs House Lab/CRCL, Visakhapatnam. Additionally, there is a challenge to dispatch samples all the way from Kakinada Port to Customs House Lab, Visakhapatnam and for making transport arrangement to dispatch samples on regular basis by covering a distance of 200 kilometres (on one side). The dispatch of sample to Customs House Lab, Visakhapatnam is not only incurring costs but also has negative impact on dwell time.
5. As per earlier practice, the testing of samples of edible oils are used to be done only from JNTU, Kakinada and there was no such testing of edible oils by the CRCL, Visakhapatnam. As and when the CRCL, Visakhapatnam started samples of edible oils, on oral request made the Trade, samples are sent for Test. However, it is seen that CRCL, Visakhapatnam did not test the "edibility criteria". Whereas the Lab of JNTU Kakinada, which is FSSAI approved Lab and being a reputed academic institute, verifies description as well as

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provides clear opinion about the edibility/fitness of the product (edible oil) for human consumption. Since the results of testing of sample by JNTU, Kakinada are being received at much faster/ short-time without much delay and without any transport or dispatch difficulty, then there will be considerable reduction in the overall dwell time.

6. The practice being followed at major custom houses ascertained. The Public Notice No.155/2016 dated 25.11.2016 issued by JNCH, Nhava Sheva with regard to procedure in respect of discharge and clearance of Liquid Cargo in Bulk has been considered for guidance in general, and particularly, with regard to sampling procedure, para (17) of the said Public Notice dated 25.11.2016.

7. It is therefore decided as a trade facilitation measure that, in the case of edible oils, the goods of same description and grade brought by a particular vessel from the same overseas supplier and from the same source port, be extended the facility of composite sampling and samples will be forwarded to JNTU, Kakinada by the officers (Docks), Kakinada along with the Test Memo.

8. However, in case of any credible intelligence/information or any investigation is being done by the Custom House, Kakinada or any other agencies, then samples will be drawn from all the Tanks of a Vessel.

9. This procedure of composite sampling is valid for an initial period of three months from the date of issue of this notice, the working and desirability of this new procedure will be reviewed as to whether to be continue or otherwise.

10. Action to be taken in terms of decisions taken in this Public Notice should be considered as standing order for the purpose of officers & staff.

11. Difficulties, if any, faced in implementation of this Public Notice may be brought to the notice of the undersigned.

12. This issues with the approval of the Principal Commissioner of Customs, Commissionerate of Customs (Preventive), Vijayawada.


(SOWMYA NUTHALPATI)
JOINT COMMISSIONER

To
All Importers, Exporters, Custom Brokers, Steamer Agents and other stake holders
// through the jurisdictional field formations//.

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1. The Pr./Chief Commissioner of Customs and Central Tax, Visakhapatnam Zone
2. The Principal Commissioner of Customs, Customs Commissionerate (Preventive), Vijayawada

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