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Advisory No.01/2020-Customs

Subject: Advisory for non-charging of container detention charges and Ground Rent Charges during the Lockdown period - Reg.

Attention of all Importers, Exporters, Customs Brokers, Shipping Lines/Agents, Custodians/Customs Cargo Service Providers, Port Terminal Operators, General Trade / Trade Associations / Chamber of Commerce and all other stakeholders & the Public, coming under the jurisdiction of Commissionerate of Customs (Preventive), Vijayawada, is invited to the subject above.

2. In the context of the national effort to battle with COVID-19, the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India has issued Order No.40-3/2020 -1(A) dt.24.03.2020 and further amendments to extending the lockdown in India till 3rd May 2020. In terms of clause, 18(i), the Customs is to function without any restriction apart from several other departments.

3. However, the complete lockdown in the country is found to have put the trade particularly importers, under a very difficult situation, drive to prohibitory orders, relating to transport of goods along with movement of importers/ Customs Brokers and their staff and thus making it 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 also become very difficult.

4. Delay if any in securing release of goods from the ICD/CFS may result into containers detention charges levied by shipping lines and container ground charges levied by ICD/CFSS, may cause additional burden to the importers in this testing times.

5. In view of extra ordinary current scenario and nation's effort to contain the spread of COVID-19, Shipping Lines and Custodians of ICD / CFSs are hereby advised to adopt a sympathetic and humanitarian approach and may not charge any container detention charges / ground rent charges on import cargo during the lockdown period, if any consignment is delayed its clearance from ICD/CFS over and above the free time arrangement.

6. In this regard, attention is invited to Ministry of shipping Guidelines vide F.No. PD-14300/4/2020-PD.VII, dated 31.03.2020 addressed to all the Major Ports. This is purely an advisory issued in public interest.

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30/4/2020
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To

(1) M/s Gateway Distriparks Ltd., CFS, Thatipartipalem Village, Venkatachalam Mandal, Nellore Dist., the Custodian / Custom Cargo Service Provider of CFS

(2) M/s Seabird Distriparks (Krishnapatnam)Pvt., Ltd., CFS, Krishnapatnam Port Area, Near Loco Shed, Muthukur Mandal, Nellore Dist.

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(3) M/s. Leap International Private Limited, the Custodian / Custom Cargo Service Provider of ICD, MARRIPALEM, GUNTUR

(4) All the Importers/Exporters / Steamer Agencies / Customs Brokers Licensees / Customs Brokers Association/Steamer Agencies Association under the jurisdiction of Customs Commissionerate (Preventive), Vijayawada.

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The Chief Commissioner of Customs & Central Tax, Visakhapatnam Zone, GST Bhavan, Port Area, Visakhapatnam – 530 035... for information.

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1. The Additional Commissioner of Customs, Krishnapatnam Custom House, KAPS Building, CVR Complex, Krishnapatnam Port Area, Gopalapuram, Muthukur, S. P. S.R. Nellore District - for information.
2. The Additional Commissioner of Customs, Kakinada Custom House, Port Road, Kakinada - for information.
3. The Assistant Commissioner of Customs, ICD, MARRIPALEM, GUNTUR District - for information.
4. The Assistant Commissioner of Customs, ICD, Reddypalem, Guntur District - for information.
5. Notice Board.