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STANDING ORDER No. 5 /2018

SUB: Provisions of the Customs Act, 1962 relating to coastal goods and vessels carrying coastal goods - Regarding.

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Attention is invited to Notification No 56/2016(NT) dated 27.04.2016. The said notification exempts vessels carrying **exclusively coastal goods** from the provisions of Section 92, 93, 94, 95, 97 and 98(1) of the Customs Act, 1962.

2. The said exemption virtually exempts vessels carrying exclusively coastal goods from filing bills of coastal goods (import/export), obtaining port clearance, filing of shipping bills for supply of ship stores, etc.

3. Board's circular no 14/2016-Cus dated 27.04.2016 clarified in para 4(a) that all vessels carrying exclusively coastal goods and **operating from coastal or EXIM berths** shall be exempted from the provisions of Section 92, 93, 94, 95, 97 and 98(1) of the Customs Act, 1962.

4. However, notification no 57/2017(NT) dated 27.04.2016 read with para 4(b) of circular no 14/2016-Cus dated 27.04.2016 specify that the provisions of Sections 30 & 41 shall apply to vessels carrying exclusively coastal goods operating from berths used by vessels carrying imported goods or export goods.

5. Thus, vessels carrying exclusively coastal goods arriving to Visakhapatnam & Gangavaram ports need to file arrival cargo manifest under Section 30 and departure cargo manifest under Section 41 of the Customs Act, 1962, but exempted from filing bills of coastal goods (import/export), obtaining port clearance and filing of shipping bills for supply of ship stores, etc.

6. Further, with the exemption of exclusively coastal goods carrying vessels from Section 98(1) of the Customs Act, 1962, collection of MOT charges shall be done away.

7. The Preventive Officers posted in field formations with the prior approval of Additional Commissioner/ Joint Commissioner may from time to time carry out random checks so as to ensure that no export goods or imported goods are inadvertently or by intention loaded onto such coastal vessels as per para 9 of Board's circular no 14/2016-Cus dated 27.04.2016.

8. The above position which came into force with the issuance notifications and circular cited in preceding paragraphs is reiterated for compliance and officers while dealing with issues relating to exclusively coastal goods carrying vessels are directed to adhere to them scrupulously.

This issues with the approval of the Commissioner.


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All concerned