

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS

CUSTOM HOUSE: PORT AREA: VISAKHAPATNAM: 530 035

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Sub:- Examination / inspection of goods under import without Delivery Order - reg.

The trade has submitted representations in the PTFC and CCFC meetings held on 13.10.2017 in Custom House; Visakhapatnam, stating that Commissionerates of Bangalore, Kolkata, Mumbai and Mundra have issued Public Notices wherein examination of import goods has been allowed without insisting for the Delivery Order of the Shipping Line and this has helped in expeditious import clearance thereby saving importers from payment of huge detention charges in foreign currency to Shipping Lines.

The issue has been carefully examined and as a measure of trade facilitation aimed at reducing the transaction cost and dwell time for clearance of import cargo, it is decided to allow examination of import cargo by the Customs Officers without insisting for the Delivery Order of the Shipping Line.

The importer / Customs Broker shall make the payment of customs duty and submit the Bill of Entry for registration along with a self-attested copy of the Bill of Lading. As soon as the goods are registered for examination, the Custodian/CFS shall verify the self-attested copy of the Bill of Lading and present the goods for examination/inspection by officers of Customs without insisting for the Delivery Order of the Shipping Line. However, the Custodian/CFS shall allow delivery of import cargo to the importer/Customs Broker only after production of the Delivery Order of the Shipping Line and grant of *Out of* Charge by Customs.

Any difficulties faced in the above regard may be brought to the notice of the undersigned.

(Dr. D.K. Srinivas) Commissioner of Customs

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