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**सार्वजनिक सूचना संख्या 29/2018**

**PUBLIC NOTICE NO. 29/2018**

विषय/Sub : Transport of Containers by train from Visakhapatnam Port to Birgunj under Transhipment Procedure-Electronic Cargo Tracking System (ECTS) on pilot basis – **Reg.**

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Pursuant to a proposal received from the Government of Nepal to move towards a modality in Visakhapatnam Port whereby Nepal bound cargo can be allowed movement to Nepal without the need for Nepal traders to seek permission and file transit declaration, the Government of India has agreed to introduce the modality **ON PILOT BASIS** using the Electronic Cargo Tracking System (ECTS) for facilitating the movement of cargo. The modality would be introduced on the Vizag- Birgunj route by Rail via Raxaul LCS by following a procedure of transhipment under ECTS.

2. Under the Pilot project, the Managed Service Provider (MSP) selected by the Asian Development Bank, through a global tender, viz.M/s. Transecur Telematics Private Limited ("MSP") will provide ECTS services on payment of transaction-based fees.

3. In this connection, while commencing the Pilot Project, stakeholder consultation meetings have been held in the Custom House, Visakhapatnam on 16.03.2018, 18.06.2018 and 09.07.2018. Now, all importers of Nepal, Shipping Lines, Port Authorities, Steamer Agents are hereby informed that with effect from **01.08.2018**, traffic-in-transit destined to Birgunj by Rail from Visakhapatnam shall move as per transhipment procedure notified herein below:

- (i) To avail of transhipment facility, the Transhipment Agent shall directly procure ECTS seals at their own cost from the MSP.
- (ii) Shipping lines and/or carrier M/s. Container Corporation of India Limited (CONCOR) has to execute a transhipment Bond undertaking responsibility for the sealing and movement of goods from VCTPL till they reach their destination i.e. ICD Birgunj (Nepal).
- (iii) The Bond number has to be entered in the ICES System.
- (iv) The concerned Shipping Line has to declare the Nepal Bound transhipment cargo as TC destined to ICD, Birgunj (Nepal) at the time of filing of arrival manifest and the bond number has to be entered in the arrival manifest.
- (v) The Transhipment module process is automatically triggered by the Entry Inward process. An amount of Rs. 30,000/- for 20 feet container and Rs. 60,000/- for 40 feet containers will be debited from the continuity bond of the liner concerned/Agent. Also, an amount of Rs. 3,00,000/- for 20 feet container and Rs. 5,00,000/- for 40 feet container will be debited from the Transhipment Bond submitted by the carrier/Agent.

- (vi) Cargo Transshipment Approval Order with TP number and date will be generated in the ICES system similar to the Transshipment Permits issued to other ICDs, following a similar procedure as prescribed in Public Notice No 06/2013 dt.6.4.2013 issued by Custom House, Visakhapatnam.
- (vii) Transshipment permits generated by the system will be duly endorsed by the proper officer in ITP Cell in triplicate. One copy will be retained by ITP Cell, the second and third copies will be submitted to Gate officer at VCTPL/designated CFS.
- (viii) Upon receipt of the endorsed copies of transshipment approval, the Proper Officer at the VCTPL shall affix the ECTS Seal on the container at the time of Transshipment.
- (ix) The One-Time-Lock (OTL) being affixed by Customs currently shall be replaced by the ECTS seal.
- (x) The details of the containers, names of the Importer, IGM No and Bond No and the corresponding ECTS seal affixed to the container shall be entered in the web application made available by the MSP before the commencement of Transshipment.
- (xi) In case where the "shipper's seal" affixed on the container arrived at the seaport in India is found to be broken or defective, the Indian Customs authorities at VCTPL shall make due verification of the goods to check whether the same are in accordance with Bill of lading, if tallied they shall affix the ECTS seal before the Transshipment is allowed.
- (xii) The Proper Officer at VCTPL/designated CFS shall endorse the ECTS seal number on the two copies of the Transshipment Permit and hand over both the copies to the Carrier for being carried along with the goods. Out of these two copies, one copy shall be surrendered at Land Customs Station (LCS), Raxaul and the other copy shall be handed over to ICD, Birgunj, Customs.
- (xiii) The containers which are affixed with an ECTS e-seal shall be halted at Raxaul for unsealing, which shall be carried out by Customs Officers at Raxaul Railway Station. The Customs officer shall, before unsealing, check the status of the seals using web application via hand held device provided by the MSP. If no alert of unauthorized unsealing is found, the Customs Officer shall remove the ECTS e-seal. He shall make an endorsement of unsealing on both the copies of Transshipment permit. While one copy shall be retained by Customs at LCS, Raxaul, the other copy shall be handed over to the carrier for onward submission to Customs at ICD, Birgunj. He shall allow its onward journey to Nepal.
- (xiv) In case the ECTS indicates an alert about any unauthorized un-sealing, the Indian Customs authorities shall make due verification of the goods to check whether the goods are in accordance with Transshipment permit and undertake measures such as weighment or examination, as deemed necessary. Once the goods are tallying with description as per the documents/ Transshipment Permit, the Container will be allowed for Transshipment to Nepal.
- (xv) Delay in transport may lead to the battery of the E-seal being exhausted, making it difficult to verify the ECTS seal electronically. In such case, the Customs officers at Raxaul shall physically verify ECTS seal, which will leave marks, if tampered. Based upon visual examination of the seal and other risk

parameters, a decision can be taken to allow Transshipment without any further examination or in exceptional cases, undertake measures such as weighment or examination, as deemed necessary, to tally the goods with the declaration filed by the carrier.

(xvi) There shall be no need for physical copies of Transshipment Permits to be returned to the Customs House from the LCS of exit/Port of Import, for reconciliation/discharge of Bond. Instead, "trip-reports" will be generated by the ECTS system on unsealing of ECTS e-seal at Raxaul Railway Station, which will be available to Visakhapatnam Custom House and Raxaul LCS. Based on the trip report, automatic reconciliation of transshipment consignments will be done by the Visakhapatnam Custom House and the Bond submitted by the Shipping agents/carrier will be re-credited.

4. In the event of any diversion of transshipment cargo within India, the Commissioner of Customs, Visakhapatnam may initiate the necessary action against the carrier and make all possible efforts to ensure that the Customs duty, interest, fine and penalty due to the Government of India is recovered. This is without prejudice to any other action that may be taken by the Commissioner of Customs, Visakhapatnam against the carrier. The Commissioner of Customs, Visakhapatnam shall also inform Director (ICD), CBIC with details of such cases.

5. Any query regarding the above procedure may be directed to the Assistant/Deputy Commissioner of Customs, ITP Cell, Custom House, Visakhapatnam.

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2. The Chief Commissioner of Central Tax & Customs, Visakhapatnam Zone, GST Bhavan, Port Area, Visakhapatnam. – for information
3. All concerned.
4. EDI Section – for uploading in Custom House website.