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FACILITY CIRCULAR NO. 16/2018

Sub: Procedure in respect of 24x7 DPD/DPE facility at M/s Container Corporation of India Ltd. situated at Sathankadu Village, Saidapet Taluk, Tondiarpet, Chennai - 600019 - Reg.

Attention of Exporters, Importers, Customs Brokers, Custodians, Trade, ports, Terminal Operators, Shipping Lines/ Shipping Agents and other stake holders is invited to the above subject.

2. CBEC, vide Circular in F. No. 450/25/2009-Cus IV dated 07.09.2016 has extended the Direct Port Entry (DPE) facility to all factory stuffed self sealed export containers into the port prior to granting Let Export Order (LEO).
3. Direct Port Entry (DPE) facility is a trade facilitation initiation to reduce dwell time of export cargo from factory to onboard the vessel by directly allowing the entry of the export containers into the ports and processing the export clearance in the port itself.
4. Direct Port Delivery (DPD) facility is a trade facilitation initiative to provide importers prompt and timely delivery of import containers, to help in reducing inventory cost, saving of transportation charges, saving of handling and storage charges, saving of container detention charges and 24x7 clearance at port terminals.
5. However, as there is lack of suitable and adequate space inside the Chennai Port, the Chennai Port Trust and M/s Container Corporation of India Ltd. (CONCOR) have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding on 05.05.2017 for setting up an Extended Gate Common-user Facility at CONCOR premises at Tondiarpet for decongesting the roads by improving the Rail co-efficient of the Ports cargo and thereby reducing the time taken for movement of containers into and out of Chennai port terminals.
6. M/s Container Corporation of India Ltd. (CONCOR) will be acting as a service provider in handling of Containers and supply of rakes for carriage of containers with the objective of evacuating containers en-mass by rail and facilitating trade with reduced transit time at economical tariff. Chennai Port will also coordinate with terminal operators inside Port in effectively utilizing the Extended Gate Common-user Facility.

7. With a view to speed up the delivery of containers to the port and vice versa and also to reduce the congestion inside the port, a portion of M/s CONCOR yard at Tondiarpet is declared for operating the facility of Direct Port Entry (DPE) and Direct Port Delivery (DPD).
8. In this regard a Public Notice No.04/2018 dated 25.01.2018 has been issued by the Commissioner of Customs, Chennai VIII, notifying an area measuring 40468 SQM (approx.) from the above said ICD for providing facility of Direct Port Entry (DPE) and Direct Port Delivery (DPD).
9. This facility will be available to provide DPE to export containers of all AEO clients, Manufacturing Exporters and to all factories/warehouse stuffed self sealed export containers which are exported through Chennai Port. This facility will go a long way in reducing export dwell time and ease of doing business.
10. Procedure to be followed for entry of Export Containers into M/s CONCOR 24x7 DPD/DPE facility:
- 10.1 All export goods laden containers shall enter the M/s CONCOR DPE facility at Tondiarpet premises along with the Check List of the Shipping Bill details filed through ICEGATE and Annexure-"C", as applicable, as mandated vide Facility Circular No: 10/2013 dated 04.10.2013.
- 10.2 The Gate-In Preventive Officer shall verify Shipping Bill Check List, container number, seal number and integrity of seal using RFID scanner before permitting the entry of the container into the M/s CONCOR DPE Facility at Tondiarpet. In case, the officer finds that the container/seal has been tampered with, the mandatory examination would be carried out by the Customs officers posted at Direct Port Entry (DPE) facility.
- 10.3 On the basis of the Gate In permission given by the designated Preventive Officer, the Examining Officer shall verify the documents and register the Shipping Bill in ICES at Direct Port Entry (DPE) facility. If there is more than one container in a Shipping Bill, then registration shall be done after "Gate In" of all containers.
- 10.4 If an export container is selected for inspection / examination by the Risk Management System, then RMS instructions shall be executed by the Examination Officers and such container shall be inspected / examined at the designated examination area within the Direct Port Entry (DPE) facility. Thereafter such inspected / examined containers shall be re sealed by the designated Preventive Officer using traditional bottle seal (OTL) immediately in the presence of Examination Officers and Exporter/CHA.



10.5 On completion of inspection or examination, as the case may be, the Appraiser/ Superintendent of Customs (Preventive) shall give Let Export Order (LEO) in the system. Once LEO is granted, three copies of the Shipping Bill (Exporters copy; Exchange control copy and Customs copy) will be generated. The LEO granted container(s) shall move to the port by rail/road with the exporter's copy of the Shipping Bill as well as the gate pass, issued by M/s CONCOR yard.

10.6 The designated Preventive Officer at Chennai port shall give "Allowed for Shipment" on the hard copy of the Shipping Bill as per the usual procedure after verification of Let Export Order (LEO).

11. Procedure to be followed for availing DPD of import containers through M/s CONCOR 24x7 DPD/DPE Facility.

11.1 The said M/s CONCOR DPD facility may be treated as "designated CFS" for DPD Containers in addition to M/s. Balmer & Lawrie CFS, as already notified in the Facility Circular 22/2017 dated 01.11.2017.

11.2 DPD importers who wish to take delivery of their DPD containers through M/s. CONCOR DPD facility shall give advance intimation to shipping lines for filing destination code against DPD containers in IGM as Blank and in the IAL the destination code may be filed as DPD CON1.

11.3 A separate area should be earmarked for storage of the DPD containers by the M/s CONCOR.

11.4 Procedure laid down in the Facility Circular 22/2017 Dtd. 01.11.2017 and Facility Circular No. 02/2018 dated 16.01.2018 are to be followed for availing DPD Facility.

12. Responsibility of M/s CONCOR in handling DPD/DPE containers:

12.1 The custodian of the notified Direct Port Entry (DPE) facility will be M/s Container Corporation of India Ltd., Chennai – 600019, in short M/s CONCOR.

12.2 M/s CONCOR may issue advisory for Exporters/Trade prescribing timeline / cut-off time meant for export containers for connecting the vessels.

12.3 Transportation of DPE and DPD containers from Chennai Port to M/s CONCOR DPD/DPE Facility and vice versa by rail/road will be the responsibility of M/s CONCOR.

12.4 Designated area for providing the facility of Direct Port Entry (DPE) and Direct Port Delivery (DPD), out of the total permitted 40468 SQM area needs to be specified.

12.5 M/s CONCOR shall provide facilities in newly notified DPD/DPE facility area for verification of container number and seal by Customs Officers and facilitate proper on-wheel inspection of DPE containers by Customs at the entry gate. If Shipping Bill is selected by RMS as open and examination, based on the request from the Customs, M/s CONCOR have to facilitate open examination of the said container.

- 12.6 A separate area should be earmarked for storage of the DPE containers by the M/s CONCOR.
- 12.7 The DPE container can be permitted to exit by rail under a Train Summary/Excel Sheet indicating the container no., seal no., and the time of exit will be produced to Customs before departure of Train to Chennai Port.
- 12.8 M/s CONCOR shall facilitate expedited transport of the export containers by deploying adequate number of surveyors.
- 12.9 M/s CONCOR should organize the entry and exit gates in such a manner that there is a smooth movement of the trailers within the yard.
- 12.10 The service centre shall be made operational on 24x7 basis in order to generate the Shipping Bills after granting LEO by M/s. CONCOR.
- 12.11 M/s CONCOR shall intimate the tariff for export containers. Further, they shall adhere and publish the same as per the latest guidelines.
- 12.12 It is the responsibility of M/s CONCOR to ensure that once any container has entered the yard within the prescribed time limit, the export containers is transferred / connected to the destined terminal within time subject to compliance of Customs Act or any other law. In case of delay by M/s CONCOR all the charges charged by Terminals for entry of export container into Terminals beyond prescribed time should be borne by M/s CONCOR, without passing on to the Exporters/Trade.
- 12.13 M/s CONCOR will handover Exporter's copy of the S/B to the designated DPE officer (Preventive Officer) at the port terminal of M/s CONCOR. The DPE officer would verify the condition of the container & seal and allow the container to enter the Container Terminal.
- 12.14 They should comply with the provisions of the cargo handling regulation, 2009.

13. No extra charges to be levied:

DPE & DPD facilitation aim at reducing the dwell time and cost of the import/export. Hence, levying any extra charges will defeat the said purpose.


- 13.1 Steamer Agents/ Shipping Lines should not insist/ pressurize any extra condition on the Exporter for Deposits/ documents/extra charges etc. to avail DPE and DPD facility through M/s CONCOR.
- 13.2 Permission from Participatory Government Agencies (PGAs) for DPE containers are to be given on priority basis.

14. Monthly Report on DPE and DPD:

- 14.1 M/s CONCOR yard shall submit a monthly report of exporters availing DPE facility to Deputy/Asst. Commissioner in charge of DPE facility giving details in the prescribed proforma set out as Annexure A.
- 14.2 Terminal operators shall submit a monthly report of DPE to Deputy. /Asst. Commissioner in charge of DPE facility giving details as prescribed in Annexure B.

15. Effective Date:

- a. This Facility Circular shall come into force with immediate effect. In case of any difficulty in implementation, the specific issue may be brought to the notice of Deputy. /Asst. Commissioner in charge of DPE/DPD facility for remedial action.


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Encl.: As above

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To:

1. The Chief Commissioner of Customs, Chennai Customs Zone - For kind information.
2. The Principal Commissioner / Commissioner of Chennai Customs Zone -
3. All Additional Commissioners/ Joint Commissioners/Deputy Commissioners/ Assistant Commissioners, - Chennai Customs Zone -
4. The AC (EDI) Chennai Customs House - For uploading on website,
5. FIEO (Federation of Indian Export Organizations)
6. All Container Freight Stations / ICD's.
7. Customs Brokers Association - for circulation among members,
8. NACFS - for circulation among members,
9. Notice Board