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Sub:-Reduction of Time Gap between Berthing Of Vessel and Entry Inwards- reg

Attention of the Members of Trade and Industry, Shipping lines, Shipping Agents, Port Terminal Operators and all other stakeholders is invited to Section 30 (Delivery of arrival manifest or import manifest or import report), Section 30A (Passenger and Crew arrival manifest and passenger name record information), Section 31 (Imported goods not to be unloaded from vessel until entry inwards granted) of the Customs Act, 1962. For the sake of reference, Sections 30, 30A and 31 of the Customs Act, 1962 are reproduced below:-

SECTION 30. Delivery of arrival manifest or import manifest or import report.-

(1) The person-in-charge of -

- (i) a vessel; or
- (ii) an aircraft; or
- (iii) a vehicle,

carrying imported goods or export goods or any other person as may be specified by the Central Government, by notification in the Official Gazette, in this behalf shall, in the case of a vessel or an aircraft, deliver to the proper officer [an arrival manifest or import manifest by presenting electronically prior to the arrival] of the vessel or the aircraft, as the case may be, and in the case of a vehicle, an import report within twelve hours after its arrival in the customs station, in such form and manner as may be prescribed and if the arrival manifest or import manifest or the import report or any part thereof, is not delivered to the proper officer within the time specified in this sub-section and if the proper officer is satisfied that there was no sufficient cause for such delay, the person-in-charge or any other person referred to in this sub-section, who caused such delay, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding fifty thousand rupees.

[Provided that the [Principal Commissioner of Customs or Commissioner of Customs] may, in cases where it is not feasible to deliver arrival manifest or import manifest by presenting electronically, allow the same to be delivered in any other manner.]

(2) The person delivering the arrival manifest or import manifest or import report shall at the foot thereof make and subscribe to a declaration as to the truth of its contents.

(3) If the proper officer is satisfied that the arrival manifest or import manifest or import report is in any way incorrect or incomplete, and that there was no fraudulent intention, he may permit it to be amended or supplemented.

SECTION 30A. Passenger and Crew arrival manifest and passenger name record information-

(1) The person-in-charge of a conveyance that enters India from any place outside India or any other person as may be specified by the Central Government by notification in the Official Gazette, shall deliver to the proper officer—

- (i) the passenger and crew arrival manifest before arrival in the case of an aircraft or a vessel and upon arrival in the case of a vehicle; and
- (ii) the passenger name record information of arriving passengers, in such form, containing such particulars, in such manner and within such time, as may be prescribed.

(2) Where the passenger and crew arrival manifest or the passenger name record information or any part thereof is not delivered to the proper officer within the prescribed time and if the proper officer is satisfied that there was no sufficient cause for such delay, the person-in-charge or the other person referred to in sub-section (1) shall be liable to such penalty, not exceeding fifty thousand rupees, as may be prescribed.”

SECTION 31. Imported goods not to be unloaded from vessel until entry inwards granted -

(1) The master of a vessel shall not permit the unloading of any imported goods until an order has been given by the proper officer granting entry inwards to such vessel.

(2) No order under sub-section (1) shall be given until an arrival manifest or import manifest has been delivered or the proper officer is satisfied that there was sufficient cause for not delivering it.

(3) Nothing in this section shall apply to the unloading of baggage accompanying a passenger or a member of the crew, mail bags, animals, perishable goods and hazardous goods.

2. Thus, on a co-joint reading of Sections 30, 30A and 31 of the Customs Act, 1962, it is clear that the vessel can start unloading cargo only after an order/permission/permit led 'Entry Inwards' is granted by the Proper Officer of Customs following submission of the arrival manifest or import manifest by the Master or Shipping Agent, containing details of the cargo on board the vessel.

3. The Customs Act provides for filing of Import General Manifest (IGM) in advance of vessel's arrival. It also provides for filing of a Bill of Entry prior to arrival/import of goods. These measures are aimed at ensuring that the documentation is completed well in advance so that the clearance of goods can be expedited. It has been represented by Mormugao Port Trust (MPT) that the time consumed for clearance, loading and unloading is much higher at Mormugao Port and the procedure needs to be aligned for competitive environment to ensure expedited clearances. Presently, there is a time gap between the berthing of vessel and commencement of vessel operations (unloading of cargo) since as per the extant procedures, Entry Inwards is granted only after completion of boarding formalities by the Boarding Officer.

4. In order to expedite the grant of 'Entry Inwards', it has been decided to delink 'Entry Inwards' with the physical act of Boarding Officer boarding the vessel and then granting 'Entry Inwards' in the System. Therefore, on receipt of the message regarding the reporting of the vessel at the 'Signal Station' upon its arrival from the Master of the vessel and recording the same in MPT's log books, there should be an automatic message flow / exchange or an e-mail by the 'Port Signal Station' to the Customs Boarding Office informing the arrival/reporting of the vessel, giving the relevant details of the vessel required for grant of Entry Inwards. Further, when the Shipping Line/Shipping Agent informs the port authorities of the arrival of the vessel, they should also simultaneously inform the Customs Boarding Office with relevant details. This would enable the Customs Officers to grant 'Entry Inwards' when the vessel reports at the 'Signal Station'.

5. Port Authorities/Shipping Agents are required to inform the Boarding Officer about the arrival of the vessel at the Signal Station along with the requisite details and submit an application for grant of 'Entry Inwards'. This would enable the Customs Boarding Officer to grant 'Entry Inwards' at the time of reporting of the vessel at the 'Signal Station' of the Port.

6. As per the above procedure, the event of 'Entry Inwards' will be advanced/preponed to the point of reporting of the vessel at the 'Signal Station' thereby enabling the vessel discharge/unload cargo immediately upon berthing. Consequently, the overall time taken for clearance of import cargo is likely to be preponed by few hours.

7. The Boarding Officer shall complete the Boarding formalities (i.e. verify the relevant documents and carry out necessary checks) immediately after arrival of vessel and will take necessary action for any variation / shortcomings / mis-declaration, if any, irrespective of the fact that 'Entry Inwards' has already been granted in the system.
8. Any difficulties experienced in this regard may be brought to the notice of undersigned immediately.
9. This issues with the approval of the Chief Commissioner, Pune Zone.

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