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Subject: Reduction of Time Gap Between Berthing of Vessel and Entry Inwards at Paradip Port-Reg.

Attention of the Members of Trade and Industry, Shipping lines, Port Terminal Operators and all other stakeholders is invited to Section 30 (delivery of Import Manifest) and Section 31 (Imported goods not to be unloaded from vessel until entry inwards granted) of the Customs Act, 1962.

2. As per the sections 30 and 31 of Customs Act, 1962, the vessel can start unloading the goods only after an order of "Entry Inwards" is granted by the Customs following submission of import manifest by the Master or Shipping Agent.

3. The Customs Act provides for filing of IGM in advance of vessel's arrival (Advance IGM). 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 etc. is completed well in advance so that the clearance of goods can be expedited. It has been represented that there is a time gap between the berthing of vessel and commencement of vessel operation (unloading of cargo), as the Entry Inwards is granted only after completion of Boarding formalities by the Boarding Officer. As per the extant procedure, the Entry Inwards is granted by the Boarding Officer after completion of boarding formalities.

4. In order to expedite the grant of Entry Inward, it has been decided to delink Entry Inwards with the physical act of boarding of the vessel.

5. Once the Pilot has boarded the vessel at Pilot Station, Pilot on boarding forms the Port Traffic Control Room, The Port Traffic Control Room of Paradip Port records the same in their Official Records. This message shall then be transmitted through electronic message or e-mail by the Port Traffic Control Room of Paradip Port to the Office of the Assistant



Commissioner of Customs at Paradip Port informing about the arrival/reporting of the vessel.

The details of telephone numbers/e-mail ids for communication may be exchanged between Customs and Paradip Port.

6. The vessel Agents/Steamer Agents should inform the Customs about the arrival of the vessel along with relevant documents. This would enable the Customs Officers to grant Entry Inwards when the vessel reports at "Pilot Station/ Boarding of Pilot". This will enable discharging of Cargo immediately after the berthing of the vessel.

7. The Boarding Officer shall complete the Boarding formalities (i.e. verify relevant documents and carry out necessary checks) immediately after berthing and will take necessary action for any variation/shortcomings/mis-declaration, if any, irrespective of the fact that Entry Inward has already been granted in the system.

8. Any difficulty experienced in this regard may be brought to the notice of Deputy/Assistant Commissioner of Customs (Technical Section) of Customs (Preventive) Commissionerate, Bhubaneswar, who shall refer the matter to the Commissioner of Customs.



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(Aseem Kumar)

Commissioner,

Customs (Preventive) Commissionerate,
Bhubaneswar

Copy to:

1. Chief Commissioner, CGST, C. Ex. and Customs, Bhubaneswar Zone for kind information please.
2. Assistant Commissioner, Paradeep Customs Division for wide circulation of the Public Notice and implementation thereof.
3. Assistant Commissioner (Technical), O/o the Commissioner, Customs (Preventive) Commissionerate, Bhubaneswar.
4. KASA (Kalinga Steamer Agents Association).
5. OCBA (Odisha Customs Brokers Association).
6. Chairman, Paradip Port Authority for necessary cooperation for implementation of the Public Notice in your respective port.
7. ✓ Superintendent (System), O/o the Commissioner, Customs (Preventive) Commissionerate, Bhubaneswar zone for uploading on Bhubaneswar Customs website.