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Sub: Implementation of Risk-Based Selective Boarding of Vessels under the jurisdiction of the Customs (Preventive) Commissionerate, Bhubaneswar-reg.

Attention of the members of Trade and Industry, Shipping Lines/ Agents, Steamer Agents, Port Terminal Operators, Port Authorities, and all other stakeholders is invited to the provisions of Section 37 of the Customs Act, 1962, and the Imported Stores (Retention on Board) Regulations, 1963 and CBIC letter in F No 520/03/2026-Cus.VI dated 13.08.2026 to implement the risk based selective boarding of vessels in compliance with the CBIC Circular No. 26/2026-Customs dated 15.05.2026 regarding the standardization of procedures relating to the grant of Entry Inward and Vessel sail out clearance.

2. Consequently, in pursuance to the CBIC Circular No. 26/2026-Customs dated 15.05.2026, it has been decided that the physical boarding of vessels by Customs officers at Paradeep, Dhamra and Gopalpur ports under the jurisdiction of the Customs (Preventive) Commissionerate, Bhubaneswar shall be carried out based on advance risk profiling. This targeted assessment, which utilizes a suitable risk-based parameter mechanism, will minimize physical boarding of arriving vessels. The assessment shall be based on the past compliance records, operational behavior, nature of the voyage, last ports of call, vessel's current itinerary, and the nature of the cargo being transported. Additionally, declarations made by shipping lines or the Master of the Vessel, such as crew effects, ship stores, and vessel satellite devices will also be taken into consideration to identify potential discrepancies, unusual quantities, unauthorized equipment or any other parameters relevant to national security, Customs enforcement, and cargo safety.

3. The respective port operators shall email a tentative list of vessels scheduled to berth during the forthcoming week to the Boarding Section of the Customs Divisions every Monday. The respective Superintendent (Preventive), Boarding Section, shall compile the vessel list and initiate the risk assessment process based on the documents / declarations received from Shipping Lines / Agents and the vessel history available in the Port records.

4. The Superintendent (Preventive), Boarding section will submit a weekly report to the Deputy/Assistant Commissioner in charge of the port, every Monday, detailing: (i) the total number of vessels berthed during the previous week; (ii) the number of vessels physically boarded; and (iii) the specific risk-based justifications recorded for each physical inspection carried out.

5. For vessels that are not selected for physical boarding under the risk-based screening mechanism, it shall be the legal and operational responsibility of the Master of the Vessel and the appointed Shipping Agent to ensure absolute compliance with Section 37 of the Customs Act, 1962 and the Imported Stores (Retention on Board) Regulations, 1963. Since administrative clearances like Entry Inward are granted based purely on advance electronic data, the Master and Agent bear full liability for the absolute accuracy, completeness, and truthfulness of all submitted declarations, including detailed inventories of ship stores, crew effects, and vessel satellite communication devices.

6. Further, the Master remains strictly accountable for safeguarding all declared onboard stores, ensuring that no restricted, high-duty or un-manifested goods are illegally unladen or consumed while the vessel resides within Indian territorial waters.

7. The Agent shall also ensure that any logistical updates, itinerary changes or documentation amendments are communicated immediately to the Boarding Officer and the concerned Superintendent (Preventive).

8. It is reiterated that the cargo discharge shall proceed unhindered immediately upon the grant of Entry Inward and the sailing operations will be as per the advance Port Clearance order.

9. Any difficulties faced in the implementation of this comprehensive procedure may be brought directly to the notice of the Assistant/Deputy Commissioner (Technical), Customs (Preventive) Commissionerate, Bhubaneswar.

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Copy to:

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