



GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS
(AIRPORT & AIR CARGO),
NEW CUSTOM HOUSE, MEENAMBAKKAM, CHENNAI – 600 027

PUBLIC NOTICE No. 08 /2016

Dated: 06.10.2016


In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 8 read with Section 45(1) of the Customs Act, 1962, I Ranjan Kumar Routray, Principal Commissioner of Customs (Commissionerate-1), Meenambakkam, Chennai 600027, hereby approve a portion of import and export shed as per detailed sketch and diagram submitted to Customs, situated at Air Cargo Complex, Meenambakkam as Common Express Courier Terminal and “AIRPORT AUTHORITY OF INDIA” the Custodian in respect of the courier consignments of Authorized Courier Companies who are registered with Customs Department, that are imported or exported or transhipped through the import shed and export shed situated at Air Cargo Complex, Meenambakkam, Chennai, until they are cleared for home consumption or for export or for transshipment, in accordance with the provisions of the said Act, this Public Notice will be in effect from 07/10/2016 subject to the fulfilment of the following conditions:

1. The area of handling import consignment will be restricted to an extent of 12,000 sq. ft. as detailed in the Annexure-I. The import area is surrounded in the North by General Import Cargo pre-delivery passage and South by ASRS Import storage area, East by Truck Dock for Import Cargo from city side/Courier vehicle parking area, West by Air side covered corridor of Import Cargo.
2. The area of handling the export consignment will be restricted to an extent of 4500 sq. ft. area surrounded in the North by General Import Cargo processing area and South by Domestic Cargo Terminal Vehicle movement area, East by Export/Courier Truck Dock open area, West by Common User Domestic Cargo processing area.
3. The earmarked import and export area for handling the courier consignment will be clearly demarcated by barricades from all sides and should not be mixed with the operations of cargo consignments.
4. The Custodian would be required to comply with the provisions of Section 45(2) of the Customs Act, 1962 and the provisions of Handling of Cargo in Customs Area Regulations, 2009 as amended, as well as Rules, Regulations and instructions issued from time to time in this regard.


5. The Custodian shall be responsible for proper receipt, handling, storage and shall be accountable for the loss of imported goods after landing and before clearance as well as the goods meant for export/ transshipment. They shall also maintain proper record of all such goods including the record of goods, which are cleared with the permission of Customs department.
6. The custodian should provide safe, secure and spacious premises for loading/ unloading / storing of the cargo. The infrastructure for loading / unloading and storage operations should be designed to handle the projected traffic of the port or Air cargo Complex. The premises should be so designed that there should be provision for expansion of storage space, office accommodation, handling space, etc. for a period of 10 years.
7. The custodian shall submit the list of sufficient modern handling equipment in operational condition for handling the courier bags and consignments in the designated area.
8. No alteration of the plan (as per Annexure-I) in the accommodation, boundary wall and building, etc. shall be made without the concurrence of the jurisdictional Commissioner of Customs (Commissionerate-1), Meenambakkam, Chennai 600027.
9. Security of the premises including Customs Area shall be the responsibility of the custodian subject to the prior approval of the Commissioner of Customs of the arrangements. The cost for the security has to be borne by the custodian.
10. The Custodian shall take insurance of all goods stored in the courier import and export shed for an amount equal to the average value of goods likely to be stored in the customs area based on the projected capacity for a period of 10 days, and for an amount of Rs. 25, 00,000/- (Rupees Twenty five lakhs only) towards insurance within 7 days thereof.
11. For the proper discharge of duties the custodian shall execute a bond (equal to the average amount of duty involved on the imported goods and ten percent of value of export goods likely to be stored in customs area during a period of 10 days) with the A.C. Courier Cell, Meenambakkam, Chennai – 600 027.
12. The custodian shall execute a separate bond for an amount equal to ten percent of value of export goods with a bank guarantee for an amount equal to ten percent of the value of the bond, towards the export goods transported from the customs area to any other customs area for export or transshipment, as the case may be.

13. The custodian shall undertake to indemnify the Commissioner of Customs from any liability arising on account of damages caused or loss suffered on imported or export goods, due to accident, damage, deterioration, destruction or any other unnatural cause during their receipt, storage, delivery, dispatch or otherwise.
- The custodian shall bear the duty and for other penalties leviable for goods lost or pilfered from the Courier Terminal or during transshipment from the said customs area to a gateway port/ other port.
14. Undertake to comply with the provisions and abide by all the provisions of the Customs Act and the rules, regulations, notifications and orders issued there under.
15. The Custodian shall bear the establishment charges like rent, electricity charges and any other charges, annual maintenance charges for computer, printer, air conditioner and other equipments and stationery. The Custodian shall also bear salaries and other charges of the Customs staff posted for the said Courier Terminal. The Commissioner of Customs will decide the staff, which is required to be posted, considering the workload at the Courier Terminal;
16. The scanning machine installed in the Import area will be replaced by a new scanning machine similar to that installed in the Export area within a period of three months. The mutually agreed upon infrastructure facility which has not been completed till date, will be completed within a period of one month.
17. The custodian shall provide free of cost or rent fully furnished office accommodation for Customs, Customs Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Service Centre, with required amenities and facilities and residential accommodation for customs staff posted in the area, wherever requisitioned by the Commissioner of Customs.
18. Free suitable transport provided to the customs officers at the present Courier Terminal from 23/09/2016 by AAI should be continued in new premises also or an alternate arrangement to be submitted in writing to the Customs Department by the Custodian/Users.
- The noise generated by the movement of trolleys in the import shed general import cargo pre-delivery passage shall have to be controlled by use of alternative ground surface.

19. In the Courier Terminal, the custodian shall make adequate arrangements for sanitary facilities, water supply and other allied facilities, including canteen facility, for the officers working in the specified area or suitable arrangement for food will be arranged by the custodian/users.
20. The custodian shall not charge any rent/demurrage on the goods detained by Customs Department under the Customs Act or any other Act for the time being in force.
21. In case the custodian wants to sublet any of the functions in the customs area or area linked with the customs to any agency, the same should be done with the prior approval of the Commissioner of Customs and the custodian shall remain responsible for any of the omissions and commissions of the said agency.
22. The permission for commencement of operations is granted w.e.f. 07.10.2016 subject to the fulfillment of all the conditions stipulated. Evidence may be furnished within 7 days from the receipt of this PN.
23. All the courier parcel lying at the present courier terminal shall be forwarded to the new declared site under Customs Preventive escort. A copy to be delivered to Assistant Commissioner Courier Terminal.
24. The appointment of Custodian of AAI at the new courier terminal shall take effect commencing from the date of fulfilment of the facilities elaborated in the above paragraphs from 07/10/2016. The validity of this conferment is for 2 years from the date of commencement of operations and subject to the satisfaction of the Principal Commissioner/Commissioner of Customs as the case may be. The undersigned authority shall have the right to terminate the appointment at any time, as per Law & Procedure in the matter.


(RANJAN KUMAR ROUTRAY)
PRINCIPAL COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS
CHENNAI-I COMMISSIONERATE

Copy to:

1. The Chief Commissioner of Customs,
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2. The Principal Commissioner of Customs,
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