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Attention of all the Shipping Lines, members of the Trade & CHAs is invited to the incident of fire on the third floor of Port Users Building (PUB) which occurred on 2.4.2006. Many shipping lines / surveyors are having their offices in the PUB building and various documents pertaining to export consignments lying in the building are reported to have been destroyed.

On 3.4.2006 the representatives of Shipping Lines / Agents expressed difficulties faced by them in loading the export containers lying in the Port due to corresponding shipping bills having got destroyed in the fire and requested to allow the export containers already in the port to be loaded on board the vessels.

The problem was discussed on 3.4.2006 with the representative of the shipping lines and CHAs. The problems raised by the shipping lines pertain to:

(i) Problem in filing of EGMs of the export containers already exported during the last fortnight as exporters copies of shipping bills have been destroyed in the fire

(ii) There are number of containers lying in the port area for which the corresponding shipping bills have been destroyed in the fire and in the absence of the shipping bill, export containers cannot be loaded on the vessels. The representatives of the shipping lines requested for allowing the export containers lying in the port to be loaded on the vessels.

The immediate problem arising due to fire is that there are number of containers lying in the port without corresponding shipping bills. After discussions with the representatives of the shipping lines as well as the representative of the CHAs it has been decided to accept the request to allow all the containers lying in the port as on 3.4.2006 to be loaded on vessels provisionally.

With regard to filing of EGMs in respect of export consignments of which the corresponding Exporters copy of the shipping bills have been destroyed in the fire incident on 2.4.2006, it has been decided that in respect of all such consignments, the concerned CHAs would provide to the respective Shipping Lines, as agreed by them during the above meeting, the Exchange Control copies of the shipping bills to enable the Shipping Lines to file the EGMs. While submitting the hard copy of the EGM to the MCD, the shipping lines may file attested copy of the Exchange Control copy of the Shipping Bills procured from the CHAs if the original Exporters copy of the shipping bill is not available on account of having been destroyed in the fire. In such cases, the concerned Shipping Lines /Agents would also file a declaration affirming that the Exporters copy of the shipping bills, of which the attested Exchange Control copy are being filed, have been destroyed in the fire incident at PUB on 2.4.2006.

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