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Subject: Procedure for a Pilot on Transshipment of Export Cargo from Bangladesh to third countries through Land Customs Stations (LCSs) to Nhava Sheva Port, in containers or closed bodied trucks – Reg.

Attention of the importers, exporters, custom brokers and all other stakeholders is invited to the Circular No. 42/2018-Customs, dated 02.11.2018 issued by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) and its subsequent amendments dated 29.11.2018 and 05.08.2019 on the subject mentioned above.

2. Various references have been received from trade and industry for permitting transit of export cargo from Petrapole to Kolkata and Nhava Sheva ports / Kolkata airport for better cargo evacuation and to improve logistics efficiency of the region.

3. The matter was examined. Section 54 of the Customs Act, 1962 allows transshipment of goods through India, for which the CBIC is empowered to prescribe a form - "Bill of Transshipment" and a procedure. Before prescribing the procedure by way of a regulation, it was decided that a pilot program will be initiated for a period of six months, to gain experience and obtain feedback from industry, so as to build a regulation which is facilitative and also to include safeguards against any cargo diversion. The pilot was further extended for 3 months till 05th August, 2019. Since the matter is under examination and to prevent disruption of operations under pilot, Board has decided to further extend it for another 6 months, i.e. till 05th February, 2020.

4. The facility is available from the following LCSs and ports/air cargo complexes w.e.f. 5th November 2018:

Sl. No	Name of LCSs	Name of Port/Air Cargo
1	LCS Petrapole	By road to Nhava Sheva port
2	LCS Petrapole	By rail to Nhava Sheva port
	LCS Gede/Ranaghat	

5. The following procedure has been prescribed for allowing the transshipment:

- (i) A bill of transshipment (**Annex-A**) in respect of goods (being transported by road in a close bodied truck or as containerized cargo) brought to the LCS intended to be transhipped to port for export to third countries, shall be filed at the LCS by the shipping line or their authorised representative, including a customs house;
- (ii) The import report filed by the transporter (for goods moving by road or rail) shall specify the port through which the cargo is meant to be transhipped and state the destination port of discharge. No cargo meant for discharge in India is permitted to be brought in the same truck/container/wagon, carrying the transshipment cargo;
- (iii) The bill of transshipment shall be presented in triplicate to the proper officer (Superintendent of Customs) for permitting transshipment;
- (iv) While presenting the bill of transshipment, the authorised representative of the shipping line or the airline shall produce an Electronic Cargo Tracking System (ECTS) seal for sealing the closed body in truck or container, as the case may be. The seal number shall be declared on the bill of transshipment;
- (v) The ECTS seal shall be procured by the shipping line or the authorised customs broker at their own cost. Presently, the ECTS services are being offered by M/s Transecur Telematics Private Limited (www.transecur.com) under ADB's pilot program for monitoring of traffic in transit of Nepal;
- (vi) The bill of transshipment shall be accompanied by a bond (**Annexure-B**) for an amount equivalent to twice the value of the goods, which may be specific to the consignment or a general bond. There shall be no need for the proper officer to obtain any security or surety.
- (vii) Upon the proper officer (Superintendent of Customs) permitting transshipment, the goods may be unloaded from the Bangladeshi vehicle and loaded on to an Indian truck under customs supervision. However, if the cargo is brought to the LCS by an Indian truck, then the same vehicle may be allowed to carry the cargo to the port. In case of movement by rail, the same shall be undertaken by CONCOR or any other rail operator who have been approved by the Indian Railways to operate container trains and who have been conferred the status of Authorized Economic Operator –LO by CBIC;
- (viii) The original copy of the bill of transshipment shall be retained by the LCS while the duplicate copy (transference copy) shall be carried with the cargo by the driver in a sealed envelope to the port. The triplicate copy shall be retained by the authorised representative of the shipping line.

(ix) Upon reaching the port of loading, the transference copy of bill of transshipment shall be submitted by the person-in-charge of the conveyance to the proper officer (Superintendent of Customs); who shall check the ECTS web application for seal integrity and if there is no alert regarding unauthorized unsealing, the ECTS seal shall be removed and returned to the person-in-charge of the conveyance.

(x) The proper officer (Superintendent of Customs) at the gateway port shall permit the goods to be loaded on board the vessel, by recording his order on the bill of transshipment;

(xi) The details of the sea manifest (export manifest) shall be recorded on the bill of transshipment as well as uploaded on the ECTS web application upon which a "Trip Report" will be generated at the port and LCS for record. The transshipment bond can then be duly credited or cancelled, as the case may be. There will be no need for a physical copy of the bill of transshipment to be sent to the LCS.

(xii) In case the trip report indicates any unauthorized un-sealing, the matter shall be brought to the notice of the Deputy/Assistant Commissioner/Superintendent of Customs of Preventive General/JNCH for action as appropriate.

6. The contents of this public notice shall operate as a standing order so far as officers and staff of Jawaharlal Nehru Custom House are concerned.

7. Difficulty, if any may also be brought to the notice of Deputy / Assistant Commissioner in charge of Appraising Main (Export) through email address: appraisingmain.jnch@gov.in and Phone No : 022-27244979.

Sd/-

(Sanjay Mahendru)
COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS
NS-II, JNCH

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1. The Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Zone- II.
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5. The DC/EDI for uploading on the JNCH website.
6. BCBA/FIEO for circulation among their members, trade and industry.

Annexure-A

BILL OF TRANSHIPMENT

Part A (to be filled by Shipping line/Airline or their Authorised representative)					
Name of shipping line/Airline filing the Bill of Transshipment					
Name and Address of exporter in Bangladesh					
Name, address & Country of Overseas Consignee					
Land Customs Station of entry into India					
³ Vehicle Number on which goods will enter India (if applicable)					
Customs Station of exit from India					
Vehicle Number on which goods will transit India (if applicable)					
Name and Mobile number of the driver (if applicable)					
Container Number, if applicable					
Details of goods					
Sl. No. Marks & serial Nos.	Description of Goods	H.S code	Quantity (in pcs) or weight, as relevant	Gross weight	CIF Value in INR
I / We declare that the goods entered herein are for transit through India and shall not be diverted en-route to India or retained in India. I/We undertake to bear the cost of electronic cargo tracking system for the above trip. I / We further declare that all the entries made herein above are true and correct to the best of my / our knowledge.					
Signature of Shipping line/Airline or their Authorised representative					
Part B (to be filled by the Customs officer at the LCS)					
Bill of Transshipment number					
ECTS seal No.					
I verify that the aforesaid container/Truck has been sealed with ECTS seal by me.					
Signature / name of officer / designation / stamp / date					
Part C (to be filled by the Customs officer at the port/ Airport)					
Manifest details:	I certify that the cargo has reached from _____LCS (India) to _____ port/air cargo, as per trip report of the ECTS without any alert of unauthorized un-sealing.				
Signature / name of officer / designation / stamp / date					

³ Inserted vide Board's approval dated 29.11.2018

Annexure-B

Bond (Single/General)

(To be executed for Transhipment of Export Cargo from Bangladesh to third countries)

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT WE M/s _____
having our office located at _____ hereinafter referred
to as the “obligor”, (which expression shall include our successors, heirs, executors, administrators
and legal representatives) hereby jointly and severally bind ourselves to the President of India
hereinafter referred to as the “President” (which expression shall include his successors and
assigns) in the sum of Rs. (Please fill amount in words _____
to be paid to the President, for which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our
successors, heirs, executors, administrators and legal representatives firmly by these presents.

Sealed with our seal(s) this _____ day of _____ 20_____.

WHERE As the obligors have been permitted by the proper officer to execute transhipment
operation of Export Cargo from Bangladesh to third countries through specified Customs stations.

AND WHEREAS the Assistant/ Deputy Commissioner of Customs have given permission to enter
into a Bond for the purpose Section 54 of the Customs Act 1962 (hereinafter referred to as the
“Act”), in respect of such transhipment.

NOW THE CONDITIONS of the above written bond is such that, if we:

- (1) comply with all the provisions of the Act, the rules and regulations made thereunder in respect
of such goods;
- (2) pay in the event of our failure to discharge our obligation, the full amount of duty chargeable
on account of such goods together with their interest, fine and penalties payable under the said
Act, in respect of such goods;
Then the above written bond shall be void and of no effect otherwise the same shall remain in
full force and virtue.

IN THE WITNESS WHEREOF, the obligor has herein, set and subscribed his hands and seals the
day, month and year first above written.

SIGNED AND DELIVERED by or on behalf of the obligor at _____ (place) in the
presence of:

Witness:

Name and Signature	Address	Occupation
1.		
2.		

Accepted by me this _____ day of _____ 20_____, for and on behalf of the
President of India.

(Assistant/Deputy Commissioner)

Signature and date

Name:

Schedule to the Bond
(In case of General Bond)

Bill of Transshipment No. and date	Value of the goods in INR	Debit (twice the value of goods)	Credit	Balance of bond value	Remarks	Signature of the officer along with full name and designation
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)