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Sub: Permission to grant the "Allowed for Shipment" at CWC DPE premises along with "Let export order", for Export Containers i.e self sealed and factory stuffed export containers at Tuticorin Port on 24 x 7 basis-Reg.

Attention of Exporters, Importers, Customs Brokers, Custodians, Port Terminal Operators, Shipping Lines/ Shipping Agents, Container Freight Stations (CFSs) of Tuticorin Customs and other stake holders is invited to the Notification No. 01/2020 dated 10.07.2020 issued by the Commissioner of Customs, Custom House, Tuticorin wherein the M/s Central Warehousing Corporation, Tuticorin declared as Custodian for Direct Port Entry for export of Containerized Cargo.

2. Direct Port Entry (DPE) facility is a trade facilitation initiative to reduce the dwell time of export cargo from factory to onboard the vessel by directly allowing the entry of the export containers into the Tuticorin port and granting of LEO from CWC DPE facility.

3. CBEC, vide Circular F.No. 450/25/2009-Cus IV dated 07.09.2016 has extended the Direct Port Entry (DPE) facility to all factory stuffed / self sealed export containers into the port prior to granting LEO and the procedure for Export containers by self sealing the same with tamper proof electronic seal (e-seal) was elucidated vide Board's Circular No.26/2017 dated 01.07.2017.

4. Direct Port Entry (DPE) facility is a step towards Ease of Doing Business initiated by the Government of India to minimize the cost for Trade, reduce the dwell time and for proper monitoring of all e-sealed containers. The DPE facility has been notified exclusively for undertaking e-seal verification on 24x7 basis at Tuticorin Port, and other ancillary/regular CFS activities related to EXIM operations can't be performed in the premises unlike other CFSs. At present the Let Export Order (LEO) is only granted at DPE facility like the same procedure followed in all other CFSs, and the containers have to wait near the green gate/port terminal gates to get allowed for shipment, which will increase the dwell time of the e-seal containers cleared at DPE facility and the actual purpose of DPE facility is compromised.

5. As a part of DPE facility of the Tuticorin Port at CWC, the following Trade Facilitation measures are hereby prescribed:

5.1 The factory stuffed / self e-sealed export containers reporting at the CWC DPE Facility would be granted 'LEO' and 'Allowed for Shipment' by Customs at CWC DPE facility itself in order to reduce the waiting time at the Port Terminal Gates.

5.2 The E-seal verification of the above said containers would be done at CWC DPE Facility before granting of LEO and a hologram may be fixed in the shipping bill/gate passes by CWC DPE facility Tuticorin in order to clearly identify a DPE facilitated consignment to ensure seamless movement of containers across the port gates, however E-seal verification of all the containers will be done at the port green gate/ terminal Gates in order to check the tampering of seal and if any kind of tampering is noticed by the preventive officers same shall be informed to the AC/DC(Docks Preventive) immediately. All the trucks moving out of DPE facility shall have RFID tag. It is the responsibility of the CWC to ensure the RFID tagging on each vehicle.

5.3 Further, it is also agreed upon by the Port Terminals that once 'Allowed for Shipment' is provided by Customs at CWC DPE Facility, the EIR can be generated online by the Exporter / CHA and the containers can proceed to the concerned Port Terminal. Accordingly, Customs Officer in CWC DPE facility will endorse the terminals' EIR copy after permitting both LEO and 'allowed for shipment' of the consignment.

5.4 If Port Terminals notice any discrepancy with respect to container seal on arrival of the container at the Port Terminals, it may be brought to the notice of Preventive Officer of Customs at the Gate, who may divert such containers to the CWC DPE for open examination with the permission of AC/DC, Docks Preventive.

6. As CWC DPE facility has been designated as an extension of Tuticorin Port and considering the fact that "LEO" along with "Allowed for Shipment" are given by Customs for export at the said facility which is separated by a road stretch of 8Kms (approx.) from Green Gate of Tuticorin Port, it is the responsibility of CWC to establish necessary mechanisms to ensure that all the export containers which are given 'Allowed for Shipment' by Customs at CWC DPE Facility reach the concerned Port Terminals of Tuticorin Port safe and secure. In this connection the bond executed by M/s CWC DPE facility under Regulation 5(4) of the Cargo Handling Regulations, 2009 covers this aspect.

7. Reports:

7.1 CWC DPE in consultation with Port Terminals may devise an internal mechanism to ensure that the containers leaving CWC DPE Facility reach the Port Terminals within the stipulated time. The Containers which reach the Port Terminals beyond the prescribed time limit may be reported to AC/DC (Docks Preventive) and AC/DC (CFS) immediately without any delay. AC/DC (Docks Preventive / CFS) shall send the container for scanning. A daily report on list of containers given 'Allowed for Shipment' at the said DPE Facility along with the time and the time at which it reached the Port

Terminals may be furnished by the CWC DPE to the AC/DC (CFS) on the next day. The format of the report is set out in Annexure B. The AC/DC (CFS) shall bring it to the notice of the Commissioner, Custom House, Tuticorin the containers which have obtained 'Allowed for Shipment' by Customs at CWC DPE and not reported to the Port Terminals.

7.2 M/s CWC DPE, shall submit a monthly report of exporters availing DPE facility to the Deputy/Assistant Commissioner(CFS) giving details in the prescribed proforma set out as Annexure-C, D, E.

7.3 The Port Terminals shall submit a monthly report of exporters availing DPE facility to the Deputy/Assistant Commissioner(CFS) giving details in the prescribed proforma set out as Annexure-F.

8. This facility of granting 'Allowed for Shipment' along with the 'LEO' for clearances of Export containers under DPE facility shall come into force on trial basis with effect from 01.11.2022. Any difficulty apprehended/ experienced in implementation of this Facility Circular, may be brought to the notice of the undersigned.

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25/10/22

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ANNEXURE-B (Daily Report)

Daily Reports(Date:)					
Sl.No.	Container No.	Exporters Name	IEC Number	Date & Time	Date & Time of the Container reaching the Port Terminal

ANNEXURE-C(MONTHLY REPORT-EXPORTER)

S.No.	Name of the Exporter	No. of Export Container		Total No. of the Container in TEUS
		20ft.	40ft.	

ANNEXURE-D(MONTHLY E SEAL REPORT)

Month	No of DPE Export containers		Total No of DPE Export Containers
	With E-Seal	Without E-Seal	

ANNEXURE –E(DWELL TIME REPORT)

Month			
No of Export Containers Cleared			
	*<4 Hrs	*<4-8 Hrs	***>8 Hrs
AEO Clients			
Other than AEO Client			

(Time taken from the entry in to the DPE facility by the containers till the LEO is given for shipment by the Customs)

ANNEXURE-F(DPE REPORT)

Month	No of DPE Containers through CWC DPE facility(A)	Total factory stuffed/self sealed Export Containers(B)	Percentage of DPE Containers($C=A*100/B$)	Total self sealed Export TEUS	Total No. of Export Containers (Self Seal +CFS Stuffed)