TRADE NOTICE

Sub: Customs notification on handling export containers by rail at VOCPT - reg.  

As a trade facilitation measure to increase container traffic through the Port and to promote movement of goods in alternate mode of transport as a new initiative, the Customs Dept. has notified the procedure for handling of export of container arriving by rail at the dock area of VOCPT. Copy of the Facility Intimation No.25/2018 of Tuticorin Customs House is enclosed.

2. Therefore, the trade and stakeholders are requested to make use of the facility of handling rail borne export containers now available in the Port.

Encl: Facility Intimation No.25/2018 dt.02.07.18.

To:
1. Tuticorin Ship Agents Association (TSAA)
2. Tuticorin Customs Brokers’ Association (TCBA)
3. Tuticorin Stevedores Association (TSA)
4. Tuticorin Container Freight Station Association (TCFSA)
5. Container Terminal Operators
6. All Industries and stakeholders
7. CONCOR
8. PPP operators

Copy to: PS to CPT; PA to Dy.CPT; FA & CAO; CME; CE; All officers of Traffic Dept.; (Sr.DD/EDP with a request to publish in website).
FACILITY INTIMATION NO.25/2018

Sub: Procedure for dealing with Export containers arriving by rail at Docks

Attention of all exporters/Custom Brokers/Terminal Operators, Trade and Public is invited to the following procedures prescribed for the movement of export containers arriving by rail inside the docks area. M/s VOC Port Trust, Tuticorin have proposed rail movement of e-sealed Export containers to Docks area and in this regard, the following procedures are prescribed for compliance.

2. Prior intimation regarding arrival of export containers by rail shall be furnished by the Port Trust / CONCOR/Exporter as the case may be, to the DC (Docks) and to Superintendent (Docks) at least 24 hours before the scheduled arrival in the Docks area.

3. The Export e-sealed containers, on arrival from the rail shall be kept separately in the area earmarked for the purpose. The Port Trust has earmarked an area behind T-Shed I & II, comprising berth I to IV near parapet wall for this purpose. All the containers that are arriving by rail shall be offloaded in the earmarked area and shall be stacked in such a way that the seals are within the readable range of the RFID seal reader. Upon production of Shipping Bills for export by the concerned exporter/CB, the officers of export examination following the regular export procedures, shall register the subject Shipping Bill, cause necessary verification of container no and e-seal no. The e-seals shall be verified with the RFID reader of the respective vendor. After complying with all mandatory verification requirements, LEO shall be given.

4. The VOC Port Trust has allotted a T-Shed II for the purpose of examination of system selected containers. In case of export container selected for examination by the RMS, then the RMS instruction shall be executed by the examining officers and
such containers shall be examined at the designated examination area within the Port premises. Thereafter, such examined containers shall be re-sealed by the Examination officer in the presence of CB. If the cargo is not found in order after examination, appropriate action shall be initiated.

5. The Containers selected for scanning shall be taken for scanning as per the existing procedures in force and if found ok during scanning, LEO shall be given. If the containers are found otherwise, then those containers shall be taken to the designated T.Shed for thorough examination and for appropriate action.

6. The Custodian M/s VOC Port Trust shall provide all facilities in the designated area for the verification of container No and seal by Customs Officer. If Shipping Bill is selected for open examination, based on the request from the customs, the custodian has to facilitate open examination of the said container. Whenever demanded, the Custodian shall provide all necessary infrastructure facilities required in this connection.

7. The above procedure is effective with immediate effect and difficulties if any, may be brought to the notice of this office.

C.No.VII/48/05/2016-Cus.Pol. 
Customs Policy Section, 
Custom House, Tuticorin. 
Date: 02.07.2018

To
Notice Board, 
EDI Section, Custom House, Tuticorin for uploading in the website

Copy submitted to: The Chief Commissioner of Customs(Prev.), Trichy

Copy to: M/s VOC Port Trust, Tuticorin & M/s CONCOR, Tuticorin