Sub: Taking over of custodianship of cargo in Tuticorin Port Trust with effect from 18-10-2004. - regarding.

Tuticorin Port Trust would take over the custodianship of cargo landed in break bulk form (import only) in the Port with effect from 18-10-2004.

The following are procedures:

1. Port will take custody of import break bulk and General cargo on the request of the importer or their authorised agent.
2. Port will not take custody of liquid bulk, dry bulk, overside delivery cargo and container cargo.
3. Steamer Agents have to submit a copy of the IGM duly countersigned by the Customs to this office three days in advance before berthing of the vessel.
4. Cargo which needs Port's custody and storage inside the Port's security wall will be taken into account of Port tally sheet for recording the landing details.
5. Tally sheet must be signed by the Steamer Agent's representative at the end of each shift as a token of agreeing on the conditions and number of the packages landed.
6. Cargo taken under custody by the Port will be delivered during any time between 8 AM to 5 PM and may be extended if required upto 2200 hrs..
7. The watch and ward for open storage will be arranged by the concerned Steamer Agent.
8. The responsibility on the cargo taken into Port custody for shortage, loss or damage will be restricted to 7 clear working days from the date of completion of landing from the vessel. Beyond that period the Port is not responsible for any loss or damage to the cargo. If the cargo is not cleared and Port charges are not paid within 30 days, the cargo will be liable for auction as per the MPT Act and in
those cases the Port will initiate action as per Sec.61 and 62 of the MPT Act, 1963.

9. Port will furnish an out turn statement in the prescribed format for the unitised cargo landed in the Port to the Steamer Agent with a copy to Customs Department within 21 days after sailing of vessel.

MERCHANT OVER TIME : (MOT)

The merchant over time charges payable to customs for engagement of customs officials beyond office hours and holidays for examination of cargo in the Port within the security wall will be paid by the Port for the block period as per written requisition of the consignee/shippers.

a) All the importers / exporters and their CHAs required to avail the services of the Customs Officials in the Port area beyond office hours and holidays through Port should register with Port and Customs.

b) They should have EDI account with Port for payment of MOT.

c) They should submit the requisition form at CDC within stipulated time (before 3 PM everyday) for availing the services of the Customs Officials so as to enable the Port to forward their requisition to the Customs Office.

d) The MOT charges have to be paid to the Port in advance as per Customs tariff in by the respective importers / exporters directly or through their CHA.

The payment details of the MOT charges will be recorded in a Register maintained at CDC. The balance amount after deducting the actual amount payable to Customs for the block period will be adjusted / refunded to the consignee / Shippers in their account according to the proportion of services rendered.

TRAFFIC MANAGER