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Sub:- Declaration of Gangavaram Port in Visakhapatnam District of Andhra Pradesh as Customs Area under section 8 of the Customs Act, 1962 for unloading of imported goods and the loading of export goods or any class of such goods – procedures to be followed - reg.

In pursuance of Notification No. 1/2008, dated 16.10.2008 declaring Gangavaram Port as Customs Area for unloading of imported goods and loading of export goods or any class of such goods, the detailed procedures to be followed for filing of manifest, Bill of Entry, Shipping Bill, examination and clearance of cargo, etc. are stipulated as follows: This procedure will be followed till the introduction of EDI assessment in respect of Gangavaram Port.

1. FILING OF IGM : The Steamer Agents who intend moving of their vessel to Gangavaram Port for discharge of cargo have to file a separate IGM (manual) with Visakhapatnam Custom House Import Department, furnishing all the particulars of the cargo to be discharged at that port and a separate serial number shall be assigned for that IGM. The Import Department of Visakhapatnam Custom House, shall maintain separate registers for assigning IGM Number for Gangavaram Port's transactions.

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2. FILING OF EGM: The Steamer Agents have to file manual EGMs along with the exporter's copy of the shipping bills in the Export Department before the departure of the vessel or within 7 days from the date of sailing of the vessel. The manual EGMs need to be entered in the register maintained in the Export Department and the agents may obtain acknowledgements indicating the date and time at which the EGMs were received by the Export Department. The Export Department shall maintain separate registers for assigning EGM Number for Gangavaram Port's transactions.

3. FILING OF B.E. & S.B. : The Bills of Entry for clearance of the import cargo are to be filed manually at Visakhapatnam Custom House Import Department, indicating the goods to be cleared at GANGAVARAM PORT. The Bills of Entry filed for clearance from Gangavaram Port will be given separate serial numbers and a separate seal viz. "**GANGAVARAM PORT**" will be affixed on them for easy identification. The prescribed procedure will be adopted for assessment of duty (manual).

Similarly, the Shipping Bills filed for export cargo are also to be filed manually assigning a separate EGM No. and indicating the Port of shipment as "**GANGAVARAM PORT**" in the Export Department. The assessment will be done as per the usual procedure in vogue.

4. PAYMENT OF DUTY / CESS : The payment of duties, cess and other dues, if any, should be remitted by way of Bank Demand Drafts in the name of "Commissioner of Customs (Gangavaram Port), Visakhapatnam. The remittance should be made in Visakhapatnam Custom House Treasury/Cash Department. The Treasury/Cash Department will maintain separate registers/records for "Gangavaram Port" transactions.

5. DUTY FREE GOODS : The Appraising Main Section of Visakhapatnam Custom House will assign Import Foreign Free Number (IFF No.) after making necessary entries in the Register kept separately for "Gangavaram Port" and will attend to this as per the usual procedure prescribed in this regard from time to time.

6. LICENCE SECTION: The licence section will endorse the Bills of Entry filed for clearance at "Gangavaram Port" after making necessary entries of the licence particulars in a separate register maintained for Gangavaram Port and will attend to this as per the usual procedure prescribed in this regard from time to time.

The trade is therefore informed that they can bring their TRAs issued with the Visakhapatnam Port Code and the same can be used for manual Bills of Entry filed at Gangavaram Port for making the necessary debits in the system against the TRAs.

7. EXAMINATION & CLEARANCE OF CARGO : The physical examination and clearance of Import & Export cargo will be done by the Customs officers posted at Gangavaram Port as per the instructions issued from time to time in this regard. No customs formalities should be carried out at Gangavaram Port without the presence of Customs Officers.


8. SAMPLES : All samples collected from Gangavaram Port will be sent to Visakhapatnam Custom House Laboratory for chemical testing and analysis.

9. INTERNAL AUDIT & MANIFEST CLEARANCE DEPARTMENTS : The Internal Audit Department of Visakhapatnam Custom House will attend to the regular work of auditing of BEs, SBs, IGMs, EGMs, etc. pertaining to Gangavaram Port. The Internal Audit Department will maintain separate registers / files for Gangavaram Port transactions.

Similarly, the Manifest Clearance Department of Visakhapatnam Custom House will attend to the regular work of closure of IGMs/EGMs, action for shortlanding of goods under section 116 of the Customs Act, 1962, etc. The Manifest Clearance Department will maintain separate registers / files for Gangavaram Port transactions

10. All other Customs formalities/work such as bonds / bank guarantees pertaining to Gangavaram Port, Import / Export, etc. shall also be attended by the concerned sections of Visakhapatnam Custom House ***Mutatis Mutandis*** and by maintaining separate files/registers, as applicable.

11. Any difficulties experienced by the trade, CHAs and Steamer Agents, may please be brought to the notice of Assistant / Deputy Commissioner (Imports/Exports) for necessary guidance.


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