

**OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS**  
**CUSTOM HOUSE: COCHIN - 682 009**

**TRADE FACILITY No.1/2005**

Subject: Procedure for de-stuffing and examination of imported metal scrap and raw cashewnuts at CONCOR yard in Willingdon Island - reg.

The Importers of metal scrap were experiencing difficulties in examination of imported cargo, since the de-stuffing of metal scrap containers were not being allowed within Cochin Port premises. Considering their difficulties, a method of de-stuffing and examination was evolved vide Public Notice No.42/2001 dated 28.02.2001. The said Public Notice had to be modified, vide Public Notice No.80/2004 dated 29.10.2004 in the light of instructions issued by Central Board of Excise & Customs vide Circular No.56/2004-Cus dated 18.10.2004, consequent to explosions noticed in imported metal scrap.

Considering the difficulties explained by metal scrap importers, particularly traders, and in view of the proposal received from Container Corporation of India, a Central Public Sector Undertaking, agreeing to provide facilities for de-stuffing and examination within their premises which is in Willingdon Island, Cochin, and hardly around one kilometer from the Port premises, the following procedure is outlined for movement of containers for examination to the premises of Container Corporation of India at Willingdon Island.

CONCOR yard at Willingdon Island, Cochin, has been notified vide notification No. 1/2005 dated 27.01.2005 for keeping imported metal scrap and raw cashewnuts before clearance, under section 8 of the Customs Act, 1962. Till M/s. CONCOR is appointed as a custodian under Section 45 of the Customs Act, the goods shall be under direct control of Customs until out-of-charge is given. However, CONCOR shall ensure proper storage and delivery after Customs clearance. The importer/CHA shall make an application for removal of the imported containers or those containers selected for examination to Asst./Dy. Commissioner (Docks) after payment of duty. Upon receipt of the permission, the container cell shall seal the container and the containers will be moved under Preventive escort to the CONCOR yard. The container cell as well as AO (Docks) shall maintain a register for movement of such containers. The importer shall avail the service of Appraiser and Examiner on over-time basis to supervise de-stuffing and examination. On arrival at yard, the container will be handed over to the AO/EO and the goods will be de-stuffed in their presence and examined as a continuous process. If the goods are in order, the out-of-charge will be given immediately from Wharf and the delivery taken by the importer. If the de-stuffing/examination could not be completed on the same day, or any discrepancy noticed, the goods shall be kept under Customs guard for which necessary overtime payment will be made by the importer. In any case, the goods shall be under Customs guarding until the out-of-charge is given.

The above procedure will be reviewed later, if necessary.

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