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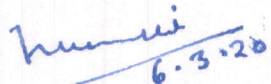
Subject: Terminal Handling Charges(THC) levied by Terminal Operators-reg.

Attention of all the Exporters/Importers, Custodians, Shipping Lines/Agents, Terminal Operators, Customs Brokers, General Trade coming under the jurisdiction of Customs Commissionerate, Indore and all other stakeholders is invited on the above captioned subject.

2. 'Terminal Handling Charges'(THC) are levied by Port Terminals to the Shipping Lines and Shipping Lines in turn collect these charges from the exporters/importers. Many exporters/ importers have represented to the department that Shipping Lines are collecting 'Terminal Handling Charges' which are at variance with what the shipping lines have paid as THC to the port terminals. This results in lack of transparency in these charges.

3. In order to bring transparency, augment 'Ease of doing Business' and to reduce the logistics costs, it has been decided that the Exporters/Importers having AEO status and those who are availing DPD facility for containerized cargo may be allowed the facility of paying Terminal Handling Charges (THC) directly to the Terminal Operators instead of paying through Shipping Lines. Therefore, all such eligible exporters who have already opened P.D. Account with the Terminal Operators may pay terminal handling charges directly to the respective Terminals. The eligible exporters/importers who do not have P.D. Accounts may open P.D. Accounts with the concerned Ports/Terminals and pay terminal handling charges directly to the concerned Ports/Terminals. Ports/Terminals are also requested to raise invoices for THC directly to the eligible and willing exporters/importers.

4. Difficulties faced, if any, shall be brought immediately to the notice of the undersigned.


(Neerav Kumar Mallick)
Commissioner

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As per mailing list.