

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS (PORT)
CUSTOM HOUSE, 15/1 STRAND ROAD, KOLKATA- 700001**

STANDING ORDER. : 15 /2018

Subject: Procedure for Transhipment of Export Cargo from Bangladesh to third countries through Land Customs Stations (LCSs) to Kolkata Port, in containers or closed bodied trucks

Attention of all concerned is invited to the Public Notice No. 105/2018 dated 05.11.2018 on the above mentioned subject.

2. Board (CBIC) has allowed the facility of transhipment of goods from LCS Petrapole through Kolkata Port under Section 54 of the Customs Act, 1962 on pilot basis for a period of six months.

3. The facility shall be available from the following LCSs and Ports/ Air Cargo complexes with immediate effect:

Sl. No.	Name of LCSs	Name of Port/ Air cargo
1.	LCS Petrapole	i. Kolkata Port ii. Air Cargo complex, Kolkata
2.	i. LCS Petrapole ii. LCS Gede/Ranaghat	By rail to Nhavasheva port

4. The following procedure is being prescribed for allowing the transhipment:

(i) A Bill of Transhipment (Annexure-A) in respect of goods (being transported by road in a close bodied truck or as containerized cargo) brought to the LCS intended to be transhipped to Port/Air Cargo for export to third countries, shall be filed at the LCS by the Shipping Line or Airline or their authorised representative;

(ii) The Bill of Transhipment in respect of goods (being transported by rail in a closed wagon or as containerized cargo) brought to the LCS and intended to be transhipped to the Port/Air cargo for export to third countries, shall be filed by the Shipping Line or Airline or their authorised representative at the LCS;

(iii) The Shipping Line or Airline intending to carry the cargo to be transhipped will be at liberty to authorize a Customs Broker for filing the Bill of Transhipment;

- (iv) The Import Report filed by the transporter (for goods moving by road or rail) shall specify the Port/Air Cargo through which the cargo is meant to be transshipped and state the destination Port/Airport of discharge. No cargo meant for discharge in India is permitted to be brought in the same truck/container/wagon, carrying the transshipment cargo;
- (v) The Bill of Transshipment shall be presented in triplicate to the proper officer (Superintendent of Customs) for permission;
- (vi) While presenting the Bill of Transshipment, the authorised representative of the Shipping Line or Airline shall produce an Electronic Cargo Tracking System (ECTS) seal for sealing the closed body truck or container, as the case may be. The seal number shall be declared on the Bill of Transshipment;
- (vii) The ECTS seal shall be procured by the Shipping Line or Airline or the authorised Customs Broker at their own cost. Presently, the ECTS services are being offered by M/s Transecur Telematics Private Limited (<https://www.transecur.com>) under ADB's Pilot Program for monitoring of traffic in transit of Nepal;
- (viii) The Bill of Transshipment shall be accompanied by a Bond (Annexure-B) for an amount equivalent to twice the value of the goods, which may be specific to the consignment or a general bond; there shall be no need for the proper officer to obtain any security or surety;
- (ix) Upon the proper officer (Superintendent) permitting Transshipment, the goods will be unloaded from the Bangladeshi vehicle and loaded on to an Indian Truck under Customs supervision. However, if the cargo is brought to the LCS by an Indian truck, then the same vehicle may be allowed to carry the cargo to the Port or Airport. In case of movement by rail, the same shall be undertaken by CONCOR.
- (x) The original of the Bill of Transshipment shall be retained by the LCS while the duplicate copy (Transference copy) shall be carried with the cargo by the driver in a sealed envelope to the Kolkata Port/ Airport. The triplicate copy shall be retained by the authorised representative of the Shipping Line or Airline.
- (xi) Customs Officer at LCS permitting transshipment of cargo will track the movement using their access privilege to the ECTS Web application. The officers of CCP, West Bengal stationed at Custom House, Kolkata can also track the movement of cargo at ECTS Control Room set up in Custom House in co-ordination with Nepal Section of Port Commissionerate.
- (xii) This facility of Transshipment will be available only at NSD, Kolkata. Once the cargo arrives at the Port, the Transference copy of the Bill of Transshipment shall be submitted by the person-in-charge of the conveyance to the proper officer of Customs i.e. Superintendent at the Docks. The proper officer shall check the status of the seal integrity using the web application using handheld reader/device provided by M/s Transecur. If there is no alert regarding

unauthorised unsealing, the ECTS seal shall be removed and returned to the person- in-charge of the conveyance. Proper officer shall make endorsement on Bill of Transshipment if any consolidation is required into a container, the same may be permitted by AC/DC Docks. This consolidation of cargo will be under Customs supervision and in the area earmarked for this purpose in the Docks itself. In case of doubts, proper officer at Docks can report to AC/DC Docks and the concerned Officers at Nepal Section of Custom House may be directed to analyze the movement details at ECTS Control Room in Custom House and report.

(xiii) Once the ECTS seal checking and consolidation of cargo if any is completed, the proper officer shall permit the goods to be loaded on board the vessel by recording his order on the Bill of Transshipment. Copy of the Bill of Transshipment will be handed over by the Customs Superintendent to the Preventive Officer. Preventive Officer on the basis of order on Bill of Transshipment will ensure loading of cargo under his supervision.

(xiv) The details of the Sea Manifest shall be recorded on the Bill of Transshipment as well as uploaded on the ECTS web application upon which a "Trip Report" will be generated at the Port and LCS for record. The Transshipment Bond can then be duly credited or cancelled, as the case may be. There will be no need for a physical copy of the Bill of Transshipment to be sent to the LCS. All the hard copies of documents related to Transshipment will be safely and securely maintained by Preventive Officer working under supervision of Customs Superintendent.

(xv) In case the trip report indicates any unauthorized un-sealing, the matter shall be brought to the notice of the Deputy/Assistant Commissioner/Superintendent of Customs, NSD, Kolkata (Telephone No. 033 - 24391233; email ID - nsd-port-cuskol@gov.in) for taking appropriate action.

5. ECTS Control Room in Custom House under Nepal Section can be used by CCP, West Bengal Officers to monitor the movement of transshipment cargo. The officers of Nepal Section will be responsible for access to web application and availability of handheld devices/ readers in NSD.

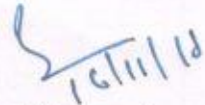


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