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RAJAJI SALAI, CUSTOM HOUSE, CHENNAI - 600001

F.No. S.Misc 103/2019-Docks Admin

Date: 15.04.2020

To
All CFS in Chennai Customs Zone

Sir/Madam,

Sub: Non Levy of penalties, demurrage charges and late fees during Lock down to contain corona virus pandemic – Reg.

Attention of all importers, exporters, Customs Brokers, Custodians, Port Terminal Operators, Shipping Lines/Shipping Agents, PGAs, members of the Trade and all persons concerned is invited to Ministry of Shipping Order No.PD-14300/4/2020-PD VII dated 31.03.2020 issued under section 111 of the Major Port Trust Act, 1963 which suggested non levy of penalties, demurrage, charges, fees, rentals for any delay due to nationwide lockdown.

2. This office is receiving complaints that CFSs are insisting for full payments of ground rent and other charges for delay in clearance of containers which could not be cleared due to reasons attributable to nationwide lockdown.

3. As laid down in GOI, CBIC Circular No.133/95-Cus dated 22.12.95, a CFS is taken to be an extended arm of the Port and it functions as the Docks. Hence, you are requested to consider the waiver of ground rent, penalties & demurrage charges during the lockdown period from 25.03.2020 till such extended period.

15/4/20

(SUDHA KOKA)
Commissioner of Customs
Chennai-IV

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1. The Principal Chief Commissioner of Customs, Chennai Customs Zone –
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3. The A.C (EDI), Chennai VIII for uploading on website.
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