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Sub: Option to avail Section 49 facility during the COVID-19 crisis period-reg

Attention of the Importers, Exporters, Custom Brokers, General Trade, Shipping Lines/Shipping Agents, CFSs and all other stakeholders is invited to provisions of Section 49 of Customs Act, 962 wherein it is provided as follows:

Where,—

(a) in the case of any imported goods, whether dutiable or not, entered for home consumption, the Assistant Commissioner of Customs or Deputy Commissioner of Customs is satisfied on the application of the importer that the goods cannot be cleared within a reasonable time:

(b) in the case of any imported dutiable goods, entered for warehousing, the Assistant Commissioner of Customs or Deputy Commissioner of Customs is satisfied on the application of the importer that the goods cannot be removed for deposit in a warehouse within a reasonable time:

the goods may pending clearance or removal, as the case may be, be permitted to be stored in a public warehouse for a period not exceeding thirty days:

2. In the present period of crisis, if any importers who have filed the Bill of Entry but not in a position to clear the cargo may avail this option to avoid container demurrage and custodian charges and move the cargo temporarily to a CONCOR Public Warehouse which reportedly has enough space for an initial period of 30 days which may be extended by another 30 days.
3. All the Trade/Importers are advised to make use of this option. You may send an email to Shri. Vinay G.M. Deputy Commissioner on his email vinay.gm@gov.in to avail this option. CONCOR have also been suitably advised to extend the facility of warehousing under Section 49 for all importers on first-come-first-serve basis till the space is available.

4. Action to be taken in terms of decisions taken in this Public Notice will be considered as Standing Order for the purpose of officers/staff.

5. In case of any difficulty, the specific issue may be brought to the notice of Mr. Naresh G. Joint Commissioner. ICD at mobile no. 8879402489/ email naresh.irs61@gov.in.

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COMMISSIONER

To  
All Concerned (as per mailing list)  
Copy to : The Chief Commissioner, Customs. Bengaluru Zone.