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Attention of the Shipping Agents / Lines / Steamer Agents / Custom Brokers / Exporters and all concerned is invited to the Public Notice No.21/2018 dated 09.06.2016 regarding the issuance of CODEX gate pass by Custodians.

2. CODEX(Container Digital Exchange) is a digital platform being adopted by Tuticorin CFS association and VOC Port Trust to enable seamless movement of containers from CFSs/ICD to VOC port. This system works on the basis of online real time data getting uploaded on a digital platform which is made accessible to all approved viewers and the container movement can be tracked as well as authenticated at various points on its way to VOC Port by means of unique barcode attached to each container and corresponding shipping document. This would ensure faster and secured movement of export containers as clearance at various gates as well as the movement related data would be readily available in system and no manual entry would be required.

3. CODEX enabled gate pass is being generated whenever a container is gate out from the CFS after completion of export formalities like LEO, stuffing etc. The said

CODEX gate pass contains rotation number wise details of container number and corresponding shipping bill numbers.

4. The CODEX system is being utilized so far by Custodians to capture the movement of export containers from CFSs/ICD to Port. Now, the CODEX system has been installed at the green gate and also at the Terminal gates ( M/s DBGT & M/s PSA SICAL terminals) so as to capture the arrival of containers from CFSs/ICD at Port gate/Terminals.

5. When the bar code of the CODEX gate pass is scanned at the green gate and terminals, system captures all the relevant data pertaining to that gate pass such as Container number, Shipping Bill No, Seal No, rotation number etc. Such data captured by CODEX is stored in the green gate system, rotation number wise. In other words, all the details of container numbers, Shipping Bill number for a given voyage are available in the system kept in the Green Gate/terminals and can be retrieved and viewed any time.

6. In respect of containers arriving from other Customs stations/ICD such as ICD, Bengaluru, ICD, Coimbatore, ICD, Madurai etc, where no CODEX system have been implemented, the inspector on duty at Green Gate have to necessarily feed the details of those export containers/Shipping Bill in the CODEX system and generate CODEX Gate Pass instantly. Such instantly generated CODEX Pass is required to be scanned again in the Green gate so that the data regarding those exports are stored in the CODEX system, for retrieval and review later. The above procedure is applicable where export containers arrive without CODEX Gate Pass.

7. Therefore, upon submission of EGM by the Lines/Agents, the Superintendent of Customs (Docks) shall cause necessary verification of submitted EGM with the CODEX details available in the green gate system. After ensuring that the EGM filed is complete in all respect with regard to number of containers and shipping Bills, the Superintendent, additional berth shall issue order permitting departure of vessel under Section 42 of the Customs Act, 1962.

8. After gate in of a particular container, sometimes, due to shut out or due to some other reasons, the container may not be loaded in the vessel originally documented for that and it may be loaded in some other vessel. Hence, the rotation number pertaining to that container has to be amended with the new rotation number in the green gate CODEX system so as to avoid EGM error at a later date. Based on the request of the shipping liner regarding the change of vessel and change of rotation number, the terminal operator is issuing a revised EIR, which has to be brought to the notice of the inspector, Green gate for making necessary correction in the CODEX system against the said container. It is the duty and responsibility of the Custom Broker to provide the details of revised EIR to the Inspector at Green Gate and ensure that the rotation number is amended in the CODEX system in accordance with the revised EIR. This will facilitate EGM verification mechanism in an error free manner.

9. When manual system of verification was in practice, prior to the implementation of CODEX, verification of EIR and shipping bill was undertaken by the terminal operators outside the green gate, as a measure of additional checking mechanism. Due to the installation of CODEX system in their terminal gates, the verification of EIR/Shipping bill undertaken by the terminal operators out side the green gate is henceforth dispensed with. The terminal operators are required to verify the CODEX data with the corresponding CODEX gate pass to ensure that LEO given shipping Bill(s)/ container alone are permitted inside their premises for loading on to the vessel..

10. Difficulty, if any, may be brought to the notice of this Office immediately.



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