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THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE ACT (Cap. 472)

CONDITIONS FOR CONSOLIDATION OF CARGO IN TRANSIT SHEDS

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by Section 9 (2) of the Customs and Excise Act, the Commissioner of Customs and Excise prescribes the conditions set out in the Schedule as the minimum requirements for the consolidation of cargo in a transit shed:

SCHEDULE

- Any operator wishing to undertake consolidation of unentered cargo shall seek prior written permission from the Commissioner.
- An application shall be accompanied by physical plans of the premises setting out the separate and distinct areas where the consolidation shall be carried out within the transit shed;
- 3. In the case of export cargo-
 - (a) goods destined for export shall be brought to the transit shed for consolidation and containerization;
 - (b) the cargo shall be containerized under customs supervision and the container shall have a customs seal affixed thereon;
 - (c) in the case of sea freight, the container and seal numbers shall be endorsed on the customs entries;
 - (d) the cargo shall be exported through the authorized exit point or the port;
 - (e) the goods shall be manifested separately.
- 4. In the case of transit outwards-
 - (a) goods for transit outwards may be consolidated in one container at an authorized place within the transit shed;
 - (b) on arrival at the authorized place, all transit goods shall be tallied and reported to the proper officer;
 - (c) goods destined to different consignees at a foreign port of destination may be consolidated in one container provided that each consignment is entered separately;

- (d) no container shall bear a seal affixed by the customs unless the proper officer is satisfied that the goods declared to be stacked in the container are actually stacked therein;
- (e) no goods shall be deemed to have been exported by virtue of their having been deposited for consolidation in a transit shed;
- (f) the goods shall be manifested separately;
- (g) no goods shall be entered for transit outwards unless previously manifested as such.
- 5. In the case of transit inwards---
 - (a) goods for inland transit may be consolidated in one or more containers, in an authorized place within the transit shed;
 - (b) on arrival from a foreign port, the goods shall be tallied and recorded in an inward rotation register;
 - (c) the landing contractor shall hand a copy of the port release documents to the proper officer;
 - (d) the details of the rotation register and the port release document shall tally with the details of the house manifest;
 - (e) goods destined to different consignees in the foreign country of destination may be grouped and stacked in one container provided that each consignment is entered separately;
 - (f) no goods shall be entered for transit inwards unless previously manifested as such; and
 - (g) goods for transit shall be containerized and conveyed in vehicles licensed for that purpose and fitted with an approved electronic tracking device.
- 6. An operator of a transit shed who has been authorized to carry out consolidation of cargo in an authorized area shall submit a monthly return showing the goods received in and delivered from the transit shed.

Made on the 10th June 2004

F. M. THURANIRA, Commissioner of Customs & Excise.