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Subject: Transport of Containers by Rail from Kolkata/Haldia Docks to
to Birgunj, Nepal via Raxaul LCS and from Kolkata/ Haldia
Docks to Biratnagar, Nepal via Bathnaha, R.S & Jogbani LCS
under Transhipment Procedure-Electronic Cargo
Tracking System (ECTS) on Pilot basis.

Pursuant to a proposal received from the Government of Nepal to move towards a modality whereby Nepal bound cargo can be allowed movement to Nepal without the need for Nepal traders to seek permission and file transit declaration, the Government of India has agreed to introduce a system on Pilot basis using the Electronic Cargo Tracking System (ECTS) for facilitating the movement of Nepal Transit cargo. The system would be introduced on the Kolkata / Haldia- Birgunj (Nepal) route by Rail via Raxaul LCS and on the Kolkata/Haldia- Jogbani LCS /Bathnaha route by Rail upto Bathnaha Railway Station and then onwards by road to Biratnagar in Nepal.

2. Under the Pilot project the Managed Service Provider (MSP) selected by the Asian Development Bank, through a global tender, i.e. M/s. Transecur Telematics Private Limited ("MSP") will provide ECTS services on payment of transaction-based fees.

3. Now, all importers of Nepal, Shipping Lines, Port Authorities, Steamer Agents are hereby informed that with effect from **15th February 2019**, traffic-in-transit destined to Birgunj by Rail or Biratnagar by Rail & Road from Kolkata / Haldia shall move as per transshipment procedure notified herein below:

To avail of transshipment facility, the Transshipment Agent shall give a one time intimation to Commissioner of Customs (Port), Kolkata. Thereafter they will directly procure ECTS seals at their own cost from the MSP.


- (ii) Shipping Lines acting as Transshipment Agent or Carrier M/s. Container Corporation of India Limited (CONCOR) has to execute a Transshipment Bond, undertaking responsibility for the sealing and movement of goods from Kolkata / Haldia till they reach their destination i.e. ICD Birgunj, Nepal or Biratnagar, Nepal.
- (iii) The Bond number has to be entered in the ICES System.
- (iv) The concerned Shipping Line acting as Transshipment Agent has to declare the Nepal Bound transshipment cargo as TC destined to ICD, Birgunj or Biratnagar (Nepal) at the time of filing of arrival manifest and the bond number has to be entered in the arrival manifest.
- (v) An amount of Rs. 30,000/- for 20 feet container and Rs. 60,000/- for 40 feet container will be debited from the Continuity Bond of the Liner concerned/Agent. Also, an amount of Rs. 3,00,000/- for 20 feet container and Rs. 5,00,000/- for 40 feet container will be debited from the Transshipment Bond submitted by the carrier/Agent.
- (vi) Cargo Transshipment Approval Order with TP number and date will be generated in the ICES system similar to the Transshipment Permits issued to other ICDs. However if the same is not feasible in the ICES system, same shall be done manually. The shipping line shall submit copy of the commercial invoice pertaining to the cargo under movement to the Customs Authorities at the time of seeking transshipment approval.
- (vii) Transshipment permits will be duly endorsed by the proper officer in Nepal Unit at NS Docks / Haldia in triplicate. One copy will be retained by Nepal Unit, the second and third copies will be submitted to Gate Officer at Kolkata/Haldia Docks /designated CFS.
- (viii) Upon receipt of the endorsed copies of transshipment approval, the Proper Officer (Nepal Unit) at the Kolkata / Haldia Dock shall affix the ECTS Seal on the container at the time of Transshipment.
- (ix) The One-Time-Lock (OTL) being affixed by Customs currently shall be replaced by the ECTS seal.
- (x) The details of the Containers, names of the Importer, IGM No. and Bond No. and the corresponding ECTS seal affixed to the container shall be entered by the Transshipment Agent in the web application (www.transecur.com) made available by the MSP before the commencement of Transshipment.

- (xi) In case where the "shipper's seal" affixed on the container arrived at the seaport in India is found to be broken or defective, the Indian Customs authorities at Kolkata / Haldia Docks shall make due verification of the goods to check whether the same are in accordance with Bill of Lading. If tallied, they shall affix the ECTS seal before the Transshipment is allowed.
- (xii) The Proper Officer (Nepal Unit) at Kolkata / Haldia Docks / designated CFS shall endorse the ECTS seal number on the two copies of the Transshipment Permit and hand over both the copies to CONCOR for being carried along with the goods. Out of these two copies, one copy is to be surrendered at Land Customs Station (LCS) Raxaul / Land Customs Station (LCS), Jogbani and the other copy shall be handed over to ICD, Birgunj, Customs/ Biratnagar Customs as the case may be.
- (xiii) The containers which are affixed with an ECTS seal shall be halted at Raxaul / Jogbani for unsealing, which shall be carried out by Customs Officers at Raxaul / Jogbani LCS. The Customs officer shall, before unsealing, check the status of the seals using the web application via hand held device provided by the MSP. If no alert of unauthorized unsealing is found, the Customs Officer shall remove the ECTS seal. He shall make an endorsement of unsealing on both the copies of Transshipment Permit. One copy shall be retained by Customs at LCS, Raxaul / Jogbani, the other copy shall be handed over to CONCOR for onward submission to Customs at ICD, Birgunj or Customs at Biratnagar LCS.
- (xiv) In case the ECTS indicates an alert about any unauthorized un-sealing, the Indian Customs authorities shall make due verification of the goods to check whether the goods are in accordance with Transshipment Permit and undertake measures such as weighment or examination, as deemed necessary. Once the goods are tallying with description as per the documents/ Transshipment Permit, the Container will be allowed for Transshipment to Nepal.
- (xv) Delay in transport may lead to the battery of the E-seal being exhausted, making it difficult to verify the ECTS seal electronically. In such case, the Customs officers at Raxaul/Jogbani shall physically verify ECTS seal, which will leave marks, if tampered. Based upon visual examination of the seal and other risk parameters, a decision can be taken to allow Transshipment without any further examination or in exceptional cases, undertake measures such as weighment or examination, as deemed necessary, to tally the goods with the transshipment declaration.
- (xvi) There shall be no need for physical copies of Transshipment Permits to be returned to the Custom House from the LCS of exit / Port of Import, for reconciliation/discharge of Bond. Instead, "trip-reports" will be generated by the ECTS system on unsealing of

ECTS seal at Raxaul / Jogbani LCS, which will be available to Custom House Kolkata and Raxaul / Jogbani LCS. Based on the trip report, automatic reconciliation of transshipment consignments will be done by Custom House Kolkata and the Bond submitted by the Shipping agents / carrier will be re-credited.

4. In the event of any diversion of transshipment cargo within India, the Commissioner of Customs Port, Kolkata may initiate the necessary action against the Carrier and make all possible efforts to ensure that the Customs duty, interest, fine and penalty due to the Government of India is recovered. This is without prejudice to any other action that may be taken by the Commissioner of Customs, Port, Kolkata against the Carrier. The Commissioner of Customs, Port, Kolkata shall also inform Director (ICD), CBIC with details of such cases.

5. Any query regarding the above procedure may be directed to the Assistant/Deputy Commissioner of Customs, Nepal Unit, Custom House, Kolkata. (Dr. S.K.Mohapatra, e-mail- nepalunit-kolcusport@gov.in, Tel- 033-22317224)

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To

1. The Chief Commissioner of Customs, Kolkata Zone, Custom house, 15/1 Strand Road, Kolkata-700001. – for information.
2. The Chief Commissioner of Customs (Preventive), Patna Zone, Central Revenue Building, B.C. Patel Path, Patna – 800 001 – for information.
3. Consul General of Nepal, Kolkata – for information.
4. All concerned.
5. EDI Section – for uploading in Custom House website.