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2. Several instances have come to notice of the Board regarding pendency in the disposal of such goods including some that are of hazardous and explosive nature. As is well known, the expeditious disposal of such goods that are ripe for disposal is required not only to safeguard revenue at the earliest but also to prevent loss of revenue due to any untoward incident such as theft or pilferage. Expeditious disposal of goods that are of hazardous or explosive nature is especially necessary to prevent any damage to life and property that may arise. Needless to state, till the un-claimed/un-cleared/seized/confiscated goods are disposed as per law, they need to be kept securely and safely in accordance with all extant instructions.

3. Board has reiterated that disposal of all such un-cleared/un-claimed cargo may be expedited as per the timelines stated in Circular No. 49/2018-Customs, dated 03.12.2018. Further, in terms of section 48 of the Customs Act, 1962 hazardous un-cleared/un-claimed goods may be disposed at any time. With respect to seized/confiscated goods, the procedure and timelines for disposal are as mentioned in Chapter 2 of the Disposal Manual, 2019.

4. Taking note of the importance of timely and expeditious disposal of un-claimed/un-cleared/seized/confiscated goods, Board, vide Instruction No. 17/2020 – Customs dated 10.08.2020, has decided to start a Special Drive with immediate effect i.e. from 11.08.2020 and ending on 15.09.2020 for complete disposal of all un-claimed/un-cleared/seized/confiscated goods due for disposal by 01.08.2020 as per prescribed guidelines. Special care would be taken to also confirm that till their disposal all such goods as well as other goods that may become ripe for disposal later, are kept safely and securely (including safe from fire) and do not present any danger to life or property. It must be positively ensured that no such goods ripe for disposal are held up in any Customs station beyond the prescribed timelines. Disposal section shall ensure aforesaid compliance.

5. Further, safety audit in co-ordination with Pollution Control Board/Fire Safety Department or any other competent authority shall be undertaken and cause custodian to
undertake all the sufficient measures to ensure safe storage and handling of the hazardous and explosive materials in a Customs area. Disposal section of this Commissionerate shall ensure compliance of said requirement. Additional/ Joint Commissioner (Disposal) shall keep weekly monitoring of said proceedings.

6. It must be ensured that all the details of the goods referred in paras 2 and 3 are entered in the UCC module of ICES. This would help in real-time monitoring of the disposal. DG Systems shall provide a detailed Advisory on this system’s functionality separately.

7. A report shall be sent on 22.08.2020 and 13.09.2020 to the Chief Commissioner Office till the completion of this Special Drive.

8. All the officers and staff posted in ACC (Import) Commissionerate are requested to take note of this standing order.

9. Difficulties, if any, may be brought to the notice of Additional Commissioner of Customs (Technical), ACC Import, New Customs House, New Delhi, through e-mail on email ID: accimpdel-technical@gov.in.

   This issues with the approval of the Principal Commissioner of Customs, ACC (Import).

Encl: As above

(Debjit Banerjee)
Joint Commissioner of Customs (Technical)
ACC (Import)

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