TRADE NOTICE NO. 06/2020

Sub: Suspension of CFS Personal Baggage Operations – reg.

It has been reported that a private worker engaged by a Customs Broker at the Container Freight Station (CFS) of Cochin Port Trust (CPT) has tested COVID-19 positive on 31.07.2020. Consequently, as a matter of precaution and in order to contain the further spread of this pandemic, it has been decided to suspend the clearance of personal/unaccompanied baggage with effect from 03.08.2020 till 09.08.2020.

However, the General Cargo Section of CFS will operate normally with strict compliance of medical protocols in vogue.

Workers who had primary contact with the said worker who tested positive, shall go on 14 day quarantine and staff and other workers of Port and Private Agencies, who are secondary contacts shall remain vigilant and report if they notice any symptoms or fall sick.

All the members of the Trade are advised to rationalize the posting of their staff and workers at the Port’s operational areas and reduce it to bare minimum in order to contain a possible outbreak/spread of the disease. As a matter of abundant precaution, members of Trade are also advised to preferably depute workers residing within containment zone only after ensuring that they are not sick or showing any symptoms.

Members of the Trade shall provide personal safety gears such as face mask/shields and gloves to all the workers and staff being deployed to the Port’s operational area. Kindly advise the Supervisor on duty to ensure that the workers perform the work maintaining proper social distancing and following the medical protocol.

The CFS operation shall resume w.e.f first shift of 10th August 2020.

This order is enforced in the larger interest of safety and well-being of the workers and staff engaged in the port operations and also to provide uninterrupted service to the Cochin Port Trade fraternity.

Kindly advise all the Stakeholders and business associates.

To

- Cochin Customs Brokers’ Association, Cochin
- Cochin Steamer Agents Association, Cochin
- India Gateway Terminal Private Limited, Cochin

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Commissioner of Customs, Customs House, Willingdon Island, Cochin-9