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Government of India
Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways
(Ports Wing)

Transport Bhawan,
1, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001.
Dated 30th March, 2022

To,

Chairpersons,
All Major Ports.

Sub: Advisory on shipping of Dangerous Goods.

Sir(s),

I am directed to forward herewith Advisory on shipping of Dangerous Goods for information and necessary action.

2. This issues with the approval of Secretary (PSW).

Yours faithfully,



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ADVISORY

Sub: Guidelines for transport of Dangerous Goods for the purpose of Import and Export - Reg.

In view of the involvement of various authorities in the transportation of Dangerous Goods from the Ports, under the respective laws, the following guidelines may be kept in view to facilitate the processes of clearances at notified Ports as per extant law.

A. GUIDELINES FOR EXPORTER/IMPORTER

1. Shipping of DG i.e. Explosives (Commercial/ Industrial) UN Class 1 and Ammonium Nitrate are permissible from ports in India that have been notified by Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Govt. of India on the recommendations of PESO. The Karanja (Mumbai), Tuticorin, Cochin, Chennai, Visakhapatnam, Diamond Harbour (Kolkata) ports are notified for **Import/Export of Explosives**.
2. Section 72 of the Major Port Authorities Act, 2021, empowers the Ports to make regulations for handling DG, with the prior import/export authorisation of the concerned Ministry/Department in the Central Government. Regulations notified by the concerned Ports for handling DG are available in public domain on their websites. The exporter/importer may consult the concerned Ports websites.
3. Importers and Exporters who have supply orders in hand for supply of DG, must identify the notified Port which is compliant to handle authorised class of DG, before seeking Import/ Export Authorisation to ensure smooth shipping of the goods.
4. After receipt of Authorisation for Export/Import from DDP/DGFT or PESO, as the case may be, the importers/ exporters shall approach the Shipping Lines on their own, that follow the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code(IMDG) for the purpose of packaging, safety etc.

5. Stuffing of containers for export shall be done in presence of custom officials and once ready in all aspects, shall be inside the ports for Shipment. Storage and stuffing inside the port shall not be allowed the inside of Port.
6. Before transporting the DG through road the importer/ exporter shall obtain prior of the local administration having jurisdiction of transport route
7. The Consignments packed with raw or solid wood packaging material, it should meet the Phytosanitary requirement ISPM - 15 (International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures No.15).
8. Importer/Exporter of the explosives shall transport the material with adequate number of armed (Not less than 2) guards/escorts from vessel till destination and vice versa.
9. Importer/Exporter of the explosives shall make arrangement of additional Tractor Trailers at ratio 1.5 (minimum 2 nos. TTs) from CFS to Port.
10. Importer/Exporter of the explosives shall ensure that vehicles carrying DG comply with Central Motor Vehicle Rules, 1989 and submit following documents to the Port Authority:
 - a. Fitness certificate of the vehicle
 - b. Insurance certificate
 - c. PUC
 - d. RC Book
11. Importer/Exporter of the explosives shall ensure that drivers must have undergone training for handling of transporting explosives as per CMV Rules, 1989 and accordingly Driver's license shall have endorsement by RTO for handling of dangerous goods.
12. The Driver shall
 - a. Observe all the precautions necessary for preventing fire, explosion or escape of explosives.

- b. Ensure display of red flag during day light and red light during night hours
 - c. TREM-Transport Emergency card to be conspicuously exhibited on the wind screen of the tractor-trailer.
13. For the requirements to be met for shipping of DG, SOPs notified by the respective Ports shall be followed.

B. RESPONSIBILITIES OF SHIPPING LINES

1. Ship Agent should submit the following documents to the Port Authority/ICEGATE in advance:
- i. Authorization for manufacturing Explosives from PESO
 - ii. Authorisation for export of Explosives/DG from PESO/MoD/DGFT
 - iii. Consent to accept the Cargo by the Master of the Vessel and importer/exporter
 - iv. DG Manifest/Declaration
 - v. Material Safety Data Sheet(MSDS)
 - vi. Packaging certificate
 - vii. Shipping bill/bill of lading
 - viii. Customs clearance of the explosives to be handled.

2. Vessel Incharge/Shipping Agent will file Departure Manifest with Customs as soon as the ship leaves the port.

C. RESPONSIBILITIES OF PORT AUTHORITIES AT TRANSIT PORTS

The authorities in the Transit Port shall check the documents submitted for Shipment at the port of origin/loading Port, unless there is justified suspicion of mishandling.

D. GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL

Every notified port for export/import will have a Grievance Redressal Body involving members from Port Authority and Customs, to address the grievances in a time-bound manner.
