shall bear the cost of the customs officers posted by the commissioner of customs on cost recovery basis and shall make payments at such rates and in the manner specified by the Government of India in the Ministry of Finance unless specifically exempted by an order of the said Ministry;

shall observe the Central Government holidays as followed by the jurisdictional Customs formations and in case of any variation in the working days, intimate the same to Commissioner of Customs and the trade, at least seven days in advance, and

abide by all the provisions of the Act and the rules, regulations, notifications and orders issued hereunder;

shall not permit import of sensitive items and baggage items;

provide sufficient modern handling equipment in operational condition for handling the cargo in the notified area;

insure for an amount equal to the average value of the goods likely to be stored in the customs area based on projected capacity;

be responsible for the security of the customs area subject to the prior approval from the Commissioner of Customs. The cost of security has to be borne by the custodian;

provide free furnished and air-conditioned office space for the Customs Department at places of clearance;

provide free and suitable transport facility for the customs staff from the nearest railway head quarters or suitable point;

2. Duration of the appointment shall initially remain for 5 years from the date of issue of this Notification and subject to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Customs. Commissioner of Customs shall have the right to terminate the appointment at any time after assigning specific reasons and giving an opportunity for the custodian to explain his case. The appointment shall be reviewed after 5 years thereafter.

3. The Customs Cargo Service provider approved for custody of imported or export Goods and for handling of such goods shall not lease, gift, sell or sublet or in any other manner transfer any of the premises in a customs area; or sub contract or outsource functions permitted or required to be carried out by him in terms of these regulations to any other person, without the written permission of the Commissioner of Customs.

4. The Customs Cargo Service provider shall also required undertaking site preparation including civil works, electrical works, electrical fittings, air conditioning etc. They would also provide D.G. Set for power backup and link to the EDI Server. The networking, communication equipments, uninterrupt power supply system, computers/personal computers, thin clients servers, printers and other computer peripherals as may be specified by the Directorate General of systems/Commissioner of customs.

5. The Customs Cargo Service provider shall publish and display the schedule of charges for the various services provided by him in relation to the imported goods or export goods in the customs area.

Dr. K. N. Raghavan,
Commissioner.

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