

JNPA facilitates measures to reduce Import Container Pendency at Terminals

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Due to a temporary shortage of trailer drivers being faced by Container Freight Stations (CFSs), the evacuation of import containers from terminals to CFSs has been adversely affected. While port operations remain unaffected, import inventory levels at terminal yards have increased, necessitating additional facilitation measures.

Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority has already undertaken several initiatives, including en-bloc movement to CFSs through pooled vehicles via green channels, enhanced rail evacuation, and extended support to trade stakeholders. These measures have helped stabilise the import inventory situation; however, further steps are required to restore normal pendency levels.

Accordingly, importers or their authorised agents who had opted for Container Freight Station delivery (DPD-CFS) and are now willing to directly clear their cargo from import yards may apply to the Customs Department for conversion of their Bill of Entry to Direct Port Delivery (DPD-DPD) status.

In this regard, the Customs Department has agreed to grant necessary approvals on priority. Terminals and Shipping Lines will also extend full cooperation for facilitating the conversion process and release of containers.

Importers or their representatives are advised to coordinate with the concerned Shipping Lines for amendment of the Delivery Order and arrange evacuation of containers directly from terminals using their own vehicles.

JNPA will facilitate smooth movement of all such converted containers from terminals. In case of any difficulty, stakeholders may contact Shri D.A. Gawade, Deputy Manager (Traffic) - 9819030492.

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