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PUNJAB STATE CONTAINER & WAREHOUSING CORPN. LTD. (A GOVT OF PUNJAB UNDERTAKING)

Manual No.1 The particulars of its organization, functions and duties.

BACKGROUND

The State Government of Punjab incorporated Punjab State Container & Warehousing Corporation Ltd. (CONWARE) during 1995-96 as a wholly owned company under the Companies Act' 1956 which acquired the interests of Punjab State Warehousing Corporation (PSWC) in setting up the Container Freight Station (CFS at Navi Mumbai.

A) CONWARE CFS – NAVI MUMBAI (PLOT-2)

The first venture undertaken by CONWARE was the establishment of a CFS at Dronagiri Node, Navi Mumbai on a piece of land admeasuring 27.5 acres leased out by City Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. (CIDCO). The facility developed by the Corporation is unique since besides having the biggest covered storage capacity with an area of 52,500 sq. mtrs., it is India's first facility where loaded containers go up to the first floor. The CFS which is strategically located provides the container warehousing backup facility to Jawaharlal Nehru Port. It has been made fully operational since August'1999 with issuing of Customs Notification for handling imports and exports.

Following services/operations are provided / carried out at CONWARE CFS.

1. Exports:

Exportable Cargo is brought in Trucks to CFS and stored in sheds/open yard wherein Exporter/Customs House Agent/Consolidator gives requisition for moving empty container, which is moved by CONWARE through Handling and Transportation Contractor to CFS from Shipping Lines' Yard. Cargo is examined and stuffed in designated container under the supervision of Customs. Loaded container is moved by road on trailers to Port Yard from CONWARE CFS by HTC and placed at designated place earmarked for containers of a particular vessel/ship set to berth and sail on a predetermined time and date.

2. <u>Imports</u>:

Shipping Lines/Importers give a request to CFS for movement of containers from Port to CFS. CONWARE issues a job order to HTC who in turn takes the delivery of container from Port and brings the containers to CFS. Import container is off loaded by reach stackers and stacked at a designated place by HTC/ CONWARE staff. Importers file a request for delivery, container is examined by Customs and duty assessed is paid by importer with Customs and handling/storage charges are paid to CONWARE for taking delivery of the container. Some importers take the examined container as such for factory de-stuffing and others bring empty trucks inside the CFS and the Cargo after de-stuffing from the container is loaded into the trucks from the container. Shipping Lines give request to CONWARE for movement of import empty container to their designated yard or for allotting the empty container to an exporter for stuffing in CFS which is duly done.

3. Custom Bonded Warehouse:

This facility is availed by those importers who want to take part deliveries of their import consignments as per their requirement. Request is filed by importer after examination of Cargo by Customs with the CFS for storage of the import examined goods. The Cargo is stored inside the Custom Bonded Warehouse from where the importer as per their requirement pays duty to the Customs and charges to CFS for part delivery of the goods to be taken.

Operation & Management (O&M) of CFS

The CFS facility has been offered for its Operation & Management to an Operator M/s Gateway Distriparks Ltd. *w.e.f.* 01.02.2007 after due approval of the State Govt. for a period of 15 years to carry the following permitted activities:

- 1. Handling the import and export of cargo including delivery of containers.
- 2. Operation and maintenance of a buffer yard.
- 3. Operate and maintain a container yard for handling of empty containers and carrying out repair facilities including refurbishing containers.
- 4. Carry out pre-trip constructions of reefer containers and storage of reefer containers.
- 5. Provide warehousing facilities.
- 6. Provide third party logistics.
- 7. Provide bonded warehouse facilities.
- 8. Survey and inspection of containers.
- 9. Repair yard for equipments and other related equipment.
- 10. Any other container handling and transport service.

Such arrangement grants the Operator to carry the above permitted activities under the supervision of CONWARE.

Apart from above facility, the CONWARE is also exploring commercially viable projects both in the State & at Navi Mumbai for which it (CONWARE) is deliberating the proposals/schemes with various Authorities.