

**25. Procedure for Forward Mounting Base (FMB) at Karachi of the International Security Assistance Force for Afghanistan USAF) and similar relief operations conducted by the united nations.-**

(A) In line with the provisions of the Custom Act, 1969 (IV of 1969) read with Ministry of Defence (I..S. Wing U.O.No.7/1/D-2002 dated 15.1.20(12, Central Board of Revenue is pleased to simplify the procedure for smooth operation of the Forward Mounting Base (FMB). International Security Assistance Force USAF) for Afghanistan and similar relief operations by the United Nations.

(i) The Officer commanding of the said Base or the U.N. bodies shall designate an officer/authorized agent to interact with the Pakistan Customs Authorized and to sign documents/declarations in this behalf. Specimen Signature of the authorized representative shall be circulated.

(ii) Office of the Additional Collector of Customs (Preventive). Quaid-e-Azam International Air Port would serve as Customs focal point to maintain Liaison with ISAF/U.N bodies through respective agents if any.

(iii) The Civil Aviation Authority too, shall designate an officer to coordinate with Customs regarding the movement and expeditious port clearance of the departing ISAF aircraft and those cleared air craft carrying U.N. relief goods.

(iv) Soon after Landing/arrival of the UN Vessel/ Aircraft the F.M.B/ U.N. authorized representative shall file with the customs a duly signed Cargo manifest separately detailing the following information

Detail of goods entered into Pakistan or local consumption at the Karachi.

Detail of -goods to be transshipped to another port, Airport or land custom station within Pakistan for the onward transportation to Afghanistan.

Detail of goods to be transshipped to Afghanistan directly from the port/Airport of initial landing/arrival.

(v) The Customs Authorities shall retain the original cargo manifest and hand over the duplicate to the F.M.B/U.N. bodies representative with the advice/ permission regarding further requisite action then and thereon. Special IGM Clearance. Cells shall be created at the Port as well Air Freight Unit, Karachi Airport to handle these operations.

(vi) In case of goods to be moved into Pakistan for home consumption the F.M.B/ U.N.. would file a separate customs declarations i.e. Bill of Entry. This declarations shall be processed/assessed to duty and taxes as per Law and the laid -

down procedure unless specifically exempted by the Federal Government or the Board.

- (vii) In case of goods involving transits movement within Pakistan prior to entry into Afghanistan the Customs Administration of the initial place of landing/arrival shall provide customs escort, and handle requisite documentation/formalities. However, Movement from one Port to another port within the same station shall be covered by simple internet documentation and that front Port/Airport to a border based customs station shall be against a proper customs declaration *i.e.* Bill of Entry.
- (viii) In case of goods to be transhipped directly to Afghanistan from the initial station of landing/ arrival the movement of goods/ store from one Air Craft to another shall be under prior intimation to the customs. Such a transshipment would be allowed without levying any transshipment fee and without payment of duty and taxes.
- (ix) Against every departing vessel/ Air Craft the F.M.B/U.N. bodies shall file an Export Manifest separately detailing the following information;
- Goods which are being transhipped.
  - Goods which have been locally procured in Pakistan.
- (x) The F.M.B/U.N bodies shall advise the supplies of locally procured goods to enter the goods to the Port/Airport bonded area along with the customs declaration *i.e.* Bill of Export. The Pakistan based supplier/exporter of such goods duly covered by the bill of export shall be entitled to payment of duty draw back as per the notified rates. Such an entitlement would NOT be available if the F.M.B/ U.N, bodies themselves file a bill of Export on self clearance basis. If, however, goods have been locally procured by the F.M.B/U.N. bodies against a payment in local currency such goods shall be allowed entry by the customs against a written request in this regard by the F.M.B/U.N bodies.
- (xi) The personal effects. Baggage of the Karachi based ISAF personnel or those arriving for an extended stay shall be cleared by customs under chapter 111 of Pakistan Customs Baggage Rules, 2001 catering for the privileged persons. Following customs concessions, in brief, shall be available.
- (a) Duty and tax free import of personal and household effects (including a car) for a period of six months.

(b) Duty and taxes free import of foods stuff etc. (liquor tobacco) up to the C&F value of US\$ 200 on first arrival and then against prescribed monthly quota.

- (B) Officer Commanding, F.M.B, I.S.A.F, Karachi shall furnish and certify the list of locally stationed I.S.A.F, Personal qualified) receive customs concession as privileged persons. I.S.A.F, personnel too arriving for a brief stay over shall be expeditiously cleared by customs on the basis of written/ verbal accompanied baggage declarations.
- (C) Banned/ restricted items of import/export will not be covered except in terms of provisions of Export Policy & Procedure Order and Import Policy & Procedure Order. This issues with the concurrence of Ministry of Commerce.