

**31. Procedure for transshipment of non commercial cargo in transit to Afghanistan.—**

For movement of military and humanitarian relief: subsistence cargo for international forces and diplomatic mission for transit to Afghanistan, the following procedure is prescribed:

- (i) The consulate/embassy of the respective country or their authorized representative shall apply to the Collector of Customs in whose jurisdiction the transshipment goods arrive for removal of such goods containing non-commercial, government/military subsistence/cargo for Afghanistan, on the prescribed Transshipment Permit in quadruplicate.
- (ii) The embassy/consulate or their authorized representative shall furnish an undertaking to the Collector of Customs concerned duly endorsed by the consulate/embassy that the goods will not be consumed in Pakistan.
- (iii) The transshipment goods shall, be transferred to the areas/airports earmarked for the purposes of stacking and storage of such goods.
- (iv) The shipping line/airline which has issued the through bill of lading, shall obtain a serial numbered sticker and seals which will affix the same on each transit package/container. Customs staff shall endorse confirmation to this effect of Transshipment Permit filed by consulate/embassy or their representative in this regard.
- (v) The embassy/consulate or their representative shall apply to the officer of Customs for Removal of such Package/container at least 24hrs before removal of such package/container.
- (vi) After verifying the shipping/air line's seal, *vis-a-vis* goods/container and the reflective sticker affixed on such goods/containers, the Customs staff supervising the transshipment, shall allow loading and transshipment of such containers. The original copy of the permit would be retained by Customs, at the port of origin. The rest of the copies would be handed over to the concerned embassy/consulate or their authorized representative.
- (vii) Such transshipment shall be allowed without levying any transshipment fee and without payment of duties and taxes.
- (viii) Transportation will be made by Pakistan Railways, N. L.C., by air or by any other mode of transport specifically authorized by the Central Board of Revenue.
- (ix) The Customs staff at the port/airport of exit shall verify the shipping/air line seal, Customs' bullet seal and endorse the same on duplicate and quadruplicate copies of the

Transshipment Permit. They shall retain the quadruplicate copy for their own record and hand over the Duplicate Copy to the transporter for resubmission by the representative of the Consulate/shipping, air line agent at the port of origin.

- (x) The Consulate/embassy or their representative shall resubmit the duplicate copy at the port/airport of origin within 15 days of crossing borders by the goods.
- (xi) In case the transshipment goods/container is damaged or the shipping/air line seal or Customs Bullet Seal affixed on such container is found broken or tampered with, the goods/container will not be allowed to enter Afghanistan unless the cargo contained therein is examined by the Customs staff in the presence of Consulates representative at port of exit and permission/approval of the Assistant Collector (Torkham or Chamman) as the case may be. is obtained for the entry of such goods/container into Afghanistan. Expenses, if any incurred on examination and re-sealing of such goods/containers shall be borne by consulate or their representative.
- (xii) If the embassy/consulate or their representative request for the return of the empty containers from Afghanistan the request may be acceded to subject to the condition that the procedure may be followed for movement of inland containers as laid down.
- (xiii) In case any wrong doing is detected in the cargo in transit in Pakistan, the consulate/embassy, their representative/ Pakistan Railways/ NLC shall be liable to pay the leviable taxes in addition to any other proceedings as envisaged in the Customs Act. 1969.