

PLOT-1, MAUVE AREA, G-10/4  
ISLAMABAD

C. No. 9(101)DGCI/Cus/07/2453

Dated: 29.4.2010

To:

The Chairman,  
Federal Board of Revenue,  
Islamabad.

SUBJECT: SEIZURE OF LIQUOR FROM CONTAINER UNDER AFGHAN  
TRANSIT TRADE

Please refer to this Directorate General's letter No 9(101)DGCI/Cus/07/2344 dated 26.04.2010 on the subject cited above.


2. The Directorate General had already informed the Board that FIR had been lodged in the subject case on 08.04.2010 after the detection of the missing container from Ring Road, Peshawar. The transporter and the clearing agent involved in the subject case had also been arrested from Karachi. Subsequently, upon further investigations from the culprits another container was detected lying at PICT, Karachi. Upon examination, the container was found to contain various assorted brands of liquor. The consignment has been seized and investigations are still in progress. Detailed scrutiny of import data has revealed that the importer has already cleared 43 consignments for ISA<sup>2</sup> purposes. The Directorate General is currently coordinating with ISAF authorities in Kabul to verify the authenticity of these consignments.

3. It has been learnt that Model Customs Collectorate, Peshawar has lodged an FIR in the case of the same container on 21.04.2010 in which the Directorate General has already lodged FIR on 08.04.2010. Such an action by the MCC, Peshawar might derail the investigations as two FIRs cannot be lodged for the same case. In view of the above, Board is requested to direct MCC, Peshawar to either withdraw their FIR No 42/2010 lodged on 21.04.2010 or Board may transfer the investigation of FIR No 42/2010 to the Directorate General. It is further requested that Collector MCC, Appraisement, Karachi and Collector MCC, Peshawar may be directed to extend full cooperation and assistance to the Directorate General in investigation of this case.

4. During initial investigations, it has been observed that cross border record of more than 900 containers of ISAF is not available in the system. This indicates that a large number of

containers are still unaccounted for. In view of the above the Directorate  
conduct proper investigations in order to unearth this mega scam. It is to be pointed out that till  
date 43 consignments of M/s Lunar Products imported under the garb of ISAF have been  
confirmed to be fake. In view of the nature of the case, proper and cool minded investigations  
need to be carried out. The Directorate General would therefore like to propose the following:

- a) The proposal mentioned in para 3 regarding withdrawal of FIR lodged by the  
MCC, Peshawar or transfer of investigations to the Directorate General may  
kindly be approved
- b) One PRAL staff member may kindly be deputed at Directorate General  
Intelligence and Investigation - FBR, Regional Office, Peshawar and one at  
Headquarters Office at Islamabad for conducting exercise of data reconciliation of  
consignments imported for ISAF.

  
(Lutfullah Virk)  
Director General