RISK OF DELAY

to Vessels at Chittagong Port due to Customs Authority requiring Chemical Testing of Indian White Sugar.





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- 1. If the commodity is refined white sugar
- 2. If it is not refined white sugar than what commodity it is
- 3. If the commodity contains hydrose or hydrogen per oxide and the level of concentration if any.
- 4. If the commodity is fit for human consumption

Cargo samples drawn from the vessel are sent to Dhaka by the messenger of Chittagong Customs House for necessary testing. The whole process may take four days to one week time. The cost of the test is to be borne by the importer.

Members while fixing their vessel for Chittagong to carry a cargo of Indian White Sugar should take into consideration possible delay to their vessel that may be caused due to the new test requirement and they may also consider taking necessary precautions against any complication and delay that may be caused if the cargo sample does not pass the test by IFST.

A translated sample copy of an order by the customs authority has been attached to this message.

Government of the Peoples Republic of Bangladesh Customs House (Import), Chittagong

Ref No: 1128/AP/Section-1/07-08

Date: 13/04/2008

Sender: Commissioner of Customs Custom House (Import)

Receiver: Director (IFST) BCSIR Laboratories Dr.Qudrat E Khuda Road (Mirpur Road) Dhanmondi, Dhaka 1205

- SUB: National Board of Revenue Order Dated 19/11/07 Reference No: 3(2) SUSI B/2005/526 Relating to Chemical Testing of Sample of Imported CRF Certified India White Sugar
- 1. Request your kind attention on the above matter.
- 2. One (1) bottle of sealed representative sample of the captioned product is being sent with this letter which may be kindly analyzed chemically and the report may be quickly returned. The commodity is to be tested for the following:
 - 1. If the commodity is refined white sugar
 - 2. If it is not refined white sugar than what commodity it is
 - 3. If the commodity contains hydrose or hydrogen per oxide and the level of concentration if any.
 - 4. If the commodity is fit for human consumption
- 3. The bearer MLSS of this office Mr. Abdul Kadir is taking the sample to you. The sample of India White Sugar imported from India may be chemically analyzed and the level of Hydrose and Hydrogen Per Oxide may be determined in the sample and your opinion as to whether the sample is harmful for human body may be stated in your report which is to be given on urgent basis. All expenses relating to the test may be borne by the importer.

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Principal Appraiser Section 1 On behalf of Commissioner of Customs Customs House (Import) Chittagong