Office of the Principal Secretary/ Commissioner of Commercial Taxes, Ezhilagam, Chepauk, Chennai-5.

<u>Circular No.8/2010</u> (CC4/384/2010)

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Sub: TNVAT Act, 2006 – Movement of goods – Fast Track Clearance System at the checkposts – effective Implementation of the System – certain Instructions – issued.

At present, it is felt at all levels, that at the time of movement of goods from one State to another State through check-posts, verification of the documents consumes enormous time, resulting in unwanted complaints against the check-post officials and hidden costs to the dealers in the transport of goods from one State to another State and waste of time and fuel for carriers at the time of detention in the check-posts. Traffic snarl and traffic pile-up have become common features at all the check-posts, resulting in maximum inconvenience to the fast movement of goods. All these cumulatively affect the Inter-State trade and Commerce. To obviate all these negative aspects and to ensure fast movement of goods in the course of Inter-State trade and Commerce, the Fast Track Clearance System is at present functioning as a part of e-governance. But the system has not been made very popular among the mercantile public.

The very purpose of having introduced the Fast Track Clearance System (FTCS) is to facilitate the movement of goods through check-posts as fast as possible. However, the purpose has not been fully achieved. In order to make the system more successful and more popular, the following steps should be taken by all the Joint Commissioners (CT) in charge of the Division and Joint Commissioners (Enforcement) in charge of the check-posts in their jurisdiction.

- 1) To start with, all the 153 top dealers in the Fast Track Assessment Circles should be informed of the benefits of the Fast Track Clearance System. This apart, another 50 top dealers in each Division should also be informed of the benefits of the Fast Track Clearance System.
- 2) A separate display board should be kept at the counter intended for Fast Track Clearance System in the check-post, prominently.
- 3) The Fast Track Clearance System is simple and transparent System and eases check-post clearance. The consignor / consignee / transporter has the facility to declare the details of consignment in advance, while the goods

are loaded in the vehicle. Any one who transports the consignment can declare the consignment through e-consignment acknowledgement.

- Login in to the Website.
- > Make entries of Movement and details of bills and invoices.
- Get the Acknowledgement printed.
- ➤ Carry the Acknowledgement with bills / Invoices / Delivery challan along with the goods.
- Stop at the Check-post produce the Acknowledgement along with the bills / invoices/ Delivery Challan in a separate counter meant for it and get the check post seal affixed in the acknowledgement.
- ➤ Leave the Check-post within 2 minutes.
- 4) Once the vehicle reaches the check-post, the person in charge of the vehicle can produce the e-Consignment acknowledgement to check- post officials and they in turn verify the uploaded data with acknowledgement. E-Consignment acknowledgement ensures instant check-post clearance Green Channel Clearance.
- 5) The check-post officers should also be trained to use the Fast Track Clearance System module developed by NIC. The check-post officers should be in a position to guide the mercantile public effectively in the utilization of the module for Fast Track Clearance.
- 6) The Check-post Officers should perform the following duties scrupulously:
 - Get the e-consignment Acknowledgement along with the bills / Invoices / Delivery challan.
 - Verify the details of bills / invoices / Delivery Challan by giving the Acknowledgement No. in the Website.
 - > Collect the bills / Invoices / Delivery challan from the transporter and affix the seal in the Acknowledgement.
 - Clear the Vehicle
- 7) In this regard, guidelines have been prepared and enclosed. These guidelines should be informed by way of a letter to all the 153 top dealers in the Fast Track Assessment Circles and another 50 top dealers in each Division. The demonstration module is also available in the departmental website www.tnvat.gov.in.

- 8) After communicating the letter containing the guidelines with the dealers, it is the responsibility of the Joint Commissioners (Territorial) and (Enforcement) to see that the facility provided in the Fast Track Clearance System in the website mentioned above are fully utilized by 153 top dealers of the Fast Track Assessment Circles and also 50 top dealers in each Division.
- 9) This work should be constantly and vigilantly monitored by interacting with the top dealers and also supervising the Fast Track Clearance System counter existing in the check-post.
- 10) Feed-back should be obtained regularly from the dealers and transporters to make the Fast Track Clearance System more effective.
- 11) A constant upward increase in the utility of these facilities should be ensured immediately. Any decrease in the usage of Fast Track Clearance System will be viewed seriously.

Please, send your compliance report before 15.05.2010.

Sd/- V.K.JEYAKODI,
Principal Secretary/
Commissioner of Commercial Taxes.

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All Joint Commissioners (CT) and Enforcement.

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Additional Commissioner (VAT)

<u>Model Draft Letter containing the guidelines addressed to the dealers.</u>

Dear User,

This is a facility provided by the Commercial Taxes Department, Government of Tamil Nadu for declaring the details of consignment in trucks, well before it reaches the Tamil Nadu State Boundaries.

- 2. It is simple, transparent and eases check post clearance.
- 3. The consignor / consignee / transporter has the facility to declare the details of consignment in advance, while the goods are loaded in the vehicle.
- 4. Any one who transports the consignment can declare the consignment through e-consignment acknowledgement.
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 - Make entries of Movement and details of bills and invoices.
 - Get the Acknowledgement printed.
 - ➤ Carry the Acknowledgement with bills / Invoices / Delivery challan along with the goods.
 - ➤ Stop at the Check-post, produce the Acknowledgement along with the bills / invoices/ Delivery Challan in a separate counter meant for it and get the check post seal affixed in the acknowledgement.
 - Leave the Check-post within 2 minutes.
- 5. Once the vehicle reaches the check-post, the person in charge of the vehicle can produce the e-Consignment acknowledgement to the check-post officials and they in turn verify the uploaded data with consignment.
- 6. e-consignment acknowledgement ensures instant check post clearance Green Channel Clearance.

- 7. The name of the commodities are listed in the module. Option is provided to select commodity groups in the display list.
- 8. Once TIN of Tamil Nadu dealer is entered, the name and address of the business place will be automatically generated by the system.

BENEFITS:

Department Perspective

- Data entry at Check-posts is avoided.
- Reliability & authenticity of data is ensured
- Reducing congestion at check-posts is possible.

Transporter Perspective:

- Manual declaration is avoided
- Time saving is possible
- Faster verification and Fast clearance ensured
- Corruption free atmosphere is created.

For further queries, please, send your valuable feed back through the e-mail address. (Respective Joint Commissioner(CT) Territorial's e-mail address).

Sd/- V.K.JEYAKODI, Principal Secretary/ Commissioner of Commercial Taxes.

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Additional Commissioner (VAT)