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Notification: Import of Goods

Going by import trends, it is noticed that some government agencies and private traders are importing goods destined for central and eastern Bhutan through Phuentsholing incurring extra logistic and transportation costs.

Further, the consignments get stranded for days in Jaigoan owing to limited handling capacity at MDP/truck parking and Covid-19 safety protocol requirements. Therefore, in order to ease the pressure on MDP and to ensure faster clearance, the SC19TF would like to inform the general public the following;

- (i) Import from Phuentsholing and Allay land customs shall be facilitated only for those goods destined for western region.
- (ii) Those goods destined for central region and eastern region, including hydro power imports, must be routed directly from Gelephu, Lhamoizingkha, Samdrupjongkhar and Nanglam respectively.
- (iii) Bulk imports such as medical supplies, school textbooks, agricultural seeds and fertilizers, etc. which are supplied from Phuentsholing currently to central and eastern dzongkhags must be routed from the respective entry points as mentioned above. All concerned agencies are requested to advise their importers accordingly.
- (iv) All traders/importers from central and eastern region are urged to source their goods both essential and non-essentials directly from nearest supply points in India.
- (v) Movement of goods from Phuentsholing through Indian national highways will be facilitated only in respect of those products manufactured domestically by local industries based in Phuentsholing, Gomtu, Samtse.

All government/corporate/private agencies, private sectors, individual importers are requested to plan accordingly and make necessary logistic arrangements. This notification shall come into effect from 1 Sept 2021.

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