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# Public Notice No. 05/2025 - CCP Cochin

**Subject: Appointment of M/s Adani Vizhinjam Port Pvt Ltd as Custodian of imported and export goods at Vizhinjam International Seaport - reg.**

In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 45(1) and Section 141 of the Customs Act, 1962 read with Regulation 10 of the Handing of Cargo in Customs Areas Regulations, 2009, I, Dr. T. Tiju, Commissioner of Customs, (Preventive), Cochin hereby appoint M/s. Adani Vizhinjam Port Private Limited, to be the custodian of the imported and export goods at Vizhinjam International Seaport as notified under Section 8(a) of the Customs Act, 1962 vide Notification No. 02/2024-CCP Cochin dated 28.12.2024 for unloading of imported goods and loading of export goods brought at Vizhinjam International Seaport until these are cleared for home consumption or exported, or are warehoused, or are transhipped in accordance with the provisions of the Customs Act, subject to the following conditions :

(1) Custodian of the goods meant for import and export is required to comply with the provisions of Section 45(2) of the Customs Act, 1962 and Regulation 5 & 6 of the Handing of Cargo in Custom Areas Regulations, 2009 as well as other Rules & Regulations and instructions issued from time to time in this regard.

(2) The Custodian shall be responsible for proper receipt, handling, storage, and shall be accountable for the loss of imported goods after landing and before clearance as well as the goods meant for export/ transhipment. They shall also maintain proper record of all such goods including the record of goods which are cleared with the permission of the Customs Department, or disposed off under Section 48 or otherwise.

(3) If any imported/export/transhipment goods are pilfered or lost after unloading in the Customs area while in the custody of the custodian,

then, in terms of provisions of Section 45(3) of Customs Act, 1962, they shall be liable to pay duty on such pilfered goods.

(4) The imported/export/ transhipment goods, which are not cleared for home consumption, or warehoused, or exported/transhipped within 30 days of unloading thereof or within such further time period as the proper officer may allow; or the imported goods, to which the importer relinquishes his title as provided in Section 23(2) of the Customs Act, 1962, such goods shall not be sold under the provisions of Section 48 of the Customs Act, 1962, by the custodian without obtaining permission from the proper officer of Customs.

(5) The custodian shall provide safe, secure and spacious place for loading/ unloading/storage of the cargo,

(6) The custodian shall provide sufficient modern equipments in operational condition for handling the cargo in the Customs notified area.

(7) No alteration of the plan in the Port and Customs area shall be made without the concurrence of the Commissioner of Customs (Preventive), Cochin.

(8) Insurance of all goods held on Port and Customs area shall be made by the custodian.

(9) The custodian shall abide by all the Rules and Regulations under the Customs Act, 1962.

(10) For proper discharge of duties, the Custodian shall execute a Bond in the proper form, either by one of the Directors or Managing Director of the Board, or any officer authorised by the Managing Director to sign the Bond on his behalf by way of a Power of Attorney equal to the value of goods likely to be stored in the premises for a period of thirty days. As and when the volume of work handled increases, the Custodian will itself furnish Bond equal to the increase in value. The Custodian shall also furnish the required Bank Guarantee or cash deposit equivalent to ten *per cent* of the value of Bond.

(11) Security of the said Port and Customs area shall be the responsibility of the custodian subject to the prior approval from the Principal Commissioner/ Commissioner of Customs (Prev.), Cochin, of the arrangements. The cost of the security has to be borne by the custodian.

(12) The custodian shall provide free furnished office space for the Customs Department at place of clearance.

13) The custodian shall bear the establishment charges of the Customs staff posted for the said Port. The Principal Commissioner/Commissioner of Customs (Prev.), Cochin shall decide the number of staff which is required to be posted considering the work load.

(14) Residential accommodation for the Customs staff posted in the area shall also be provided for by the custodian, wherever requisitioned by the Principal Commissioner/Commissioner of Customs (Preventive), Cochin.

(15) Free suitable transport from the nearest railway head or suitable point shall be provided for the Customs staff by the custodian.

(16) The custodian shall make adequate arrangements for sanitary facilities, water supply and other allied facilities, including canteen facility, for the officers working in the area.

(17) Custodian shall not charge any rent/demurrage on the goods detained by the Customs Department under the Customs Act or any other Act for the time being in force.

(18) In case the Custodian wants to sublet any of the functions inside the Customs area or connected with the Customs area, the same should be done with prior approval of the Principal Commissioner/Commissioner of Customs (Prev.), Cochin and the custodian shall remain responsible for the omissions and commissions of the said agency,

(19) Duration of appointment shall initially remain valid up to 2 years from the date of issue this public notice and subject to the satisfaction of the Principal Commissioner/Commissioner of Customs (Prev.), Cochin. Principal Commissioner/Commissioner of Customs (Prev.), Cochin shall have right to terminate the appointment at any time after assigning specific reasons for the custodian to explain his case.

(20) The custodian shall provide suitable office premises at proper place for Customs Check Post with adequate equipments of communications and office furniture.

(21) The custodian shall be liable to pay Cost Recovery Charges to Customs till the facility gets exemption from payment of Cost Recovery

Charges as per the conditions laid down vide Circular No.02/2021-Customs dated 19.01.2021.

(22) The Custodian shall construct compound wall with barbed wire fencing covering the whole part of the Customs area.

(23) The computerized processing of Customs documents under the Indian Customs EDI (Electronic Data Interchange) System, (ICES 1.5) will commence w.e.f. 02.09.2025 at Vizhinjam International Seaport (INTRV1).

29/08/2025

**Dr. T. Tiju**
**Commissioner of Customs**
**Customs (Preventive), Cochin**

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