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**Sub:- Press release for Public Notice 39/2018-19 dated 26.11.2018- reg**  
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Please find enclosed the press release for Public Notice 39/2018-19 dated 26.11.2018 , issued by the Commissioner of Customs Shri Sumit Kumar, IRS.

This will facilitate the verification of declarations made by the party by scanning the containers and help in curbing the smuggling and commercial frauds. By cutting down the dwell time it improves the ease of doing business for Kerala in particular and South India in General.

**(ANEISH P RAJAN IRS)**  
**Joint Commissioner of Customs**

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## PRESS RELEASE

Consequent to the installation of Drive Through Container Scanner at ICTT, Vallarpadam, Customs Commissioner Shri Sumit Kumar, IRS

issued a Public Notice 39/2018-19 dated 26.11.2018. This will facilitate the verification of declarations made by the party by scanning the containers and help in curbing the smuggling and commercial frauds. By cutting down the dwell time it improves the ease of doing business for Kerala in



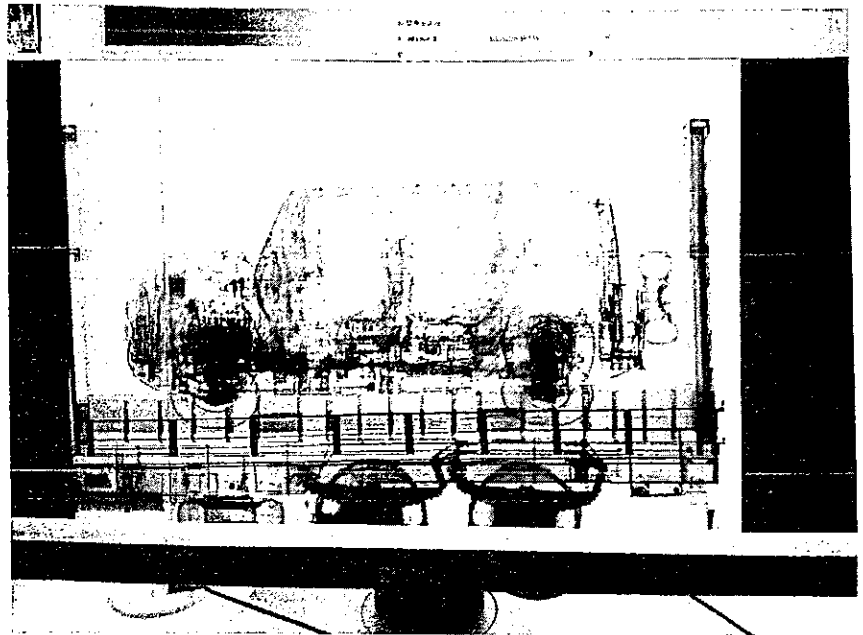
particular and South India in General.

The Container scanner has started the operations since 15.10.2018. Thereafter issue of impact of radiation was raised by the drivers. Then the Department conducted two awareness programmes for all the stakeholders and drivers. First awareness programme was conducted by the Department at Bolgatty Palace Hotel on 22.10.2018 in which Chief Medical Physicist of Aster Medicity Shri Gopinath Menon, delivered the awareness speech and Shri Alok Pandey, Senior scientist, AERB clear the doubts related to radiation aspects and told that the Container scanner is safe.

The Second awareness programme was conducted by the department on 15.11.2018. The resource person included Chief Medical Physicist of Aster

Medicity Shri Gopinath Menon, delivered the awareness speech and replied to queries of all present. Representative of Rapiscan Systems also explained detailed operating mechanism of the scanner and safety aspects of the system and also distributed brochure on safety features in regional languages .

The Rapiscan model Eagle P60 is a Drive Through Container Scanner , which is imported from USA and adheres to the guidelines issued by



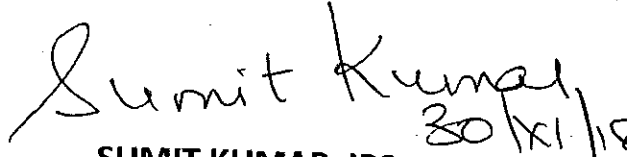
Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB), Government of India and takes approximately 13 seconds to scan a container. Scanning starts only when Driven cabin crosses and there is gap of 50 cm between Driver's cabin and the container. There are no radioactive materials in the machine. Driver who take 1000 trips per year will get 0.12 mSv/year, as against average natural background radiation of 2.36 mSv/year for the world and 10 mSv/year for Kerala.

The Eagle P60 is 6 MeV x Ray imaging system that enables inspection of dense cargo, verification of manifest and identification of contraband such as weapons ,explosives, narcotics etc. The similar conatiner scanner model Eagle P60 is successfully working in Mundra, JNPT, Mumbai and Krishnapattam in India and in many other countries around the world.

This is bring to the kind notice to all stakeholders that this facility is a part of Logistic chain which involves importers, Exporters, General Trade, Port Terminal Operators, Shipping Lines, Shipping Agents, Container Freight Stations and Customs Brokers. Customs is responsible for ensuring prompt and effective scanning of containers which takes just 13 seconds to scan a container. The container scanner is certified by Atomic Energy Regulatory Board, Govt of India and is fully safe and complied with all safety requirements.

Therefore it is requested that any kind of misinformation which will have negative effect on the economy and trade of Kerala is extremely regrettable. So far even a single Custom formation in the country where such similar Container scanners are working has not reported any incident which is adverse to the health of operators, Custom Officer, Drivers , Port staff etc. Therefore all such apprehensions lack any foundation.

The Container Scanner will help Kerala trade to save on time, costs and improve competitiveness and productivity. New job opportunities will be created in skilled and unskilled sector in the region. The Custom House plans to have more such programs to ensure that all questions/ queries are transparently answered by third party health experts.

  
SUMIT KUMAR, IRS  
COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS  
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