

**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
COMMERCE & INDUSTRIES DEPARTMENT**

No. IND.125/2007/Pt/296

Dated 04th June 2020

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE FOR BORDER TRADE

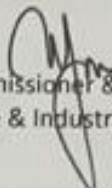
Whereas, the Government of Meghalaya vide order No POL.75/2020/Pt/44 dated 03RD June 2020 has permitted as under:

“Border Trade with Bangladesh through Land Customs Stations subject to strict compliance of the SOP being issued by the State Government.”

Now, therefore, the following Standard Operating Procedure is prescribed for strict compliance.

1. Every exporter shall submit the list of vehicles he/she intends to use for export of goods to Bangladesh to the respective Deputy Commissioners/Sub – Divisional Officers (Civil) in advance. This shall include: -
 - a) The Registration Number of the vehicles.
 - b) The name and mobile number of the Drivers.
2. The Deputy Commissioners/Sub – Divisional Officers (Civil) shall convene a meeting with all the exporters within their respective jurisdictions and limit the number of vehicles allowed to ply on any given day so as to avoid any traffic congestion at the Land Customs Stations.
3. There shall be only one Driver for each vehicle.
4. The driver shall mandatorily wear a mask and practice hand hygiene & respiratory etiquette at all times.
5. During loading of products, the exporter shall ensure that all protocols prescribed by the Health and Welfare Department on Covid19 are strictly adhered to. This will include, among others, wearing of masks, social distancing, hand hygiene and cough etiquette.
6. Each loaded vehicle shall affix a label on the windshield of the vehicle indicating the name of the exporter, the nature of the goods, the quantity being transported, and the route being followed.
7. The vehicle shall not halt midway once it has left the point of origin. Drivers are advised to carry packed food.
8. The Driver of the vehicle shall be screened by officials of the Health Department before entering Bangladesh and similarly on returning back to India.
9. The vehicle shall be properly sanitized before entering Bangladesh and similarly on returning back to India.
10. Unloading of the Products at the destination shall be done by the Bangladeshi counterparts and the Indian driver should strictly remain inside the vehicle.
11. Drivers of the vehicles ferrying goods to Bangladesh shall be tested once every ten (10) days by the officials of the Health and Family Welfare Department, Government of Meghalaya. All exporters must ensure that movement of their drivers is restricted from place of stay to their workplace and vice – versa.

This SOP is in addition to other Protocols already put in place or being put in place by the Health & Family Welfare Department and the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, which must be strictly complied with.

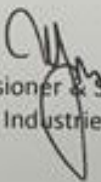

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1. P.S. to Chief Minister, Government of Meghalaya for kind information of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Meghalaya.
2. P.S. to Chief Secretary Govt. of Meghalaya for kind information of the Chief Secretary.
3. P.S. to the Director General of Police Meghalaya for kind information of the Director General of Police Meghalaya.
4. P.S. to the Addl. Chief Secretary I/c Home (Police/Political) for kind information of the Addl. Chief Secretary I/c Home (Police/Political).
5. **The Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Health & Family Welfare Department for kind information with a request to set up Health Screening Points at all Land Customs Stations. The List of all Land Customs Stations in the State is as at Annexure I.**
6. All Deputy Commissioners for kind information and necessary action. Deputy Commissioner East Jaintia Hills and Deputy Commissioner North Garo Hills
7. All Superintendents of Police for kind information and necessary action.
8. All Sub – Divisional Officers (Civil) for information and necessary action.
9. Director Commerce & Industries Department for information.
10. All General Managers District Commerce & Industries Centre for information and necessary action.


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