CIRCULAR

Mumbai and Nhava Sheva Ship Agents’ Association
Brihanmumbai Custom House Agents’ Association
All India Importers/Exporters Association

Dear Sirs,

Sub: Franking/recovery of stamp duty at
O.S.C., Mumbai Port Trust – Detection of cases of fake franking.

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Vide circular No.TM/D/4-5/13 of 1994-95 dated 03.06.13, you were informed about fake franking of stamp duty of documents and that a case has been registered by the Kala Chowkie Police Station and police had recovered stamp duty franked documents showing franked stamp duty allegedly recovered at stamp duty counter, O.S.C., MbPT.

2. The Additional Controller of Stamps, Mumbai had also informed that their office has come across some fake frankings and two banks have filed complaints with the Police Station. The details of the case are also being examined by the Additional Controller of Stamps, Mumbai.

3. During the investigations carried out by the Vigilance Department of the Port and on receipt of communication from few banks, it is observed that some unscrupulous elements have opened fictitious accounts in the name of “The Board of Trustees of the Port of Mumbai” and “Traffic Manager” in few banks and...
also attempted to open fictitious accounts in some other banks. It is further understood that transaction of large amounts through Demand Drafts have been reported to be made in these banks. It is apprehended that the Demand Drafts deposited in these banks relate to the stamp duty amount of cargoes cleared from JNPT by importer/consignees.

4. In view of the above, you are requested to inform your members operating in and around JNPT to physically examine the documents of franking of stamp duty for its authenticity, and ensure that stamp duty is paid at authorized stamp duty agencies and take necessary precautions to ensure that unscrupulous elements do not indulge in fake franking of stamp duty on documents of cargoes cleared through JNPT. They may also be advised to opt for payment of stamp duty through on-line mode of payment.

Yours faithfully,

( R.N. SHAIKH )
DY. TRAFFIC MANAGER (GEN.)

Copy forwarded for information to:

All Dy. Traffic Managers
All Sr. Dy. Traffic Managers
Financial Adviser and Chief Accounts Officer
Chief Vigilance Officer

Cc: Sr. Dy. Director (EDP) – with a request to arrange to upload the circular on Ports’s website.