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Sub: Transit of liquor in the State- escort duty of the consignments- instructions issued- reg

Ref: Lr No. G6- 72579/2019/SB dated 09/12/2020 of ADGP (Intelligence), Kerala Police Department.

ADGP (Intelligence), Kerala Police, has informed that detailing of Excise officials to escort the liquor consignments passing through the State is inadequate at present and hence may lead to adulteration of liquor and hooch tragedy. In this regard, the following corrective or precautionary measures are to be taken by all officers concerned for facilitating the safe transit of liquor under licenses/permits in the State.

1) Whenever a liquor consignment arrives at the entry checkpost, the Excise officer in charge of the Check Post shall inform the concerned Deputy Excise Commissioner of the division through which the consignment enters the State, who should depute sufficient Excise officials from his division to the Check Post as and when required solely for escorting the liquor consignment to the destination. Deputy Excise Commissioner should ensure that escort duty by the regular officials posted in the Check Posts should be done away with immediately as this may lead to shortage of man power in the Check Post whereby adversely affecting the effective functioning of the Check Post. Transit of the liquor shall not be made until Excise escort is provided and Deputy Excise Commissioner will ensure that the transit is not unduly delayed.

2) Since the escort duty should not affect the smooth functioning of the field offices, the Excise escort shall be on the following scale, namely-

i) Two Civil Excise Officer for each vehicle carrying liquor.

ii) Two Civil Excise Officer and One Preventive Officer if the number of vehicles used for the transport is more than two, irrespective of the number of vehicles. Such vehicles should proceed as a convoy.

3) The particulars of vehicle with the registration number and the names of the drivers of the vehicles, other persons accompanying the consignment and the officials escorting the vehicle

shall be got entered in a register maintained at the entry check post before proceeding further.

4) As soon as the consignment reaches the destination/exit check post, the Excise officer in charge of the destination/exit check post should check the consignment in all respect and immediately pass an email/whatsapp confirmation on the successful arrival of the consignment to the officer in charge of the entry check post who will then make sufficient entries regarding the same in his register.

5) The Excise officer in charge of the destination/exit check post should ensure that sufficient Excise officials were accompanying the consignment. He shall forward an electronic confirmation with the names of the officials who accompanied the consignment to the officer in charge of the entry check post.

6) The High way patrol team and Control room parties of every division should randomly verify such consignments passing through their jurisdiction areas and ensure that the escorting team of Excise officials are present along with the consignment throughout the transit.

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Excise Commissioner

To,

- 1) Joint Excise Commissioners (All Zones)**
- 2) Deputy Excise Commissioners (All Divisions)-** for strict compliance and circulating among all sub-offices

Copy to:

- 1) All Assistant Excise Commissioners (Enforcement)
- 2) Circle Inspector of Excise (All Circles, Check Posts, Distilleries and Warehouses)
- 3) Excise Inspectors (All Range Offices, Distilleries, Breweries)
- 4) CA to Excise Commissioner
- 5) CA to Additional Excise Commissioner (Enforcement)
- 6) CA to Additional Excise Commissioner (Administration)
- 7) Excise IT Cell (For publishing in the website)