ORDER

In order to make Food Import Clearance System more time friendly and to avoid delay in clearance of imported food consignments, following decisions are taken:

1) As regards payment of sample testing fee, on the day importer is asked to make payment, in addition to this, he will be given two more working days to make payment. If he fails to make the payment within the stipulated period, he will be charged Rs 1000/- per working day as penalty.

2) As regards visual inspection of the consignment, if importer is communicated second time to acknowledge the appointment date and time, he may respond to it with in next working day and turn up for inspection at the stipulated date and time, failing which the consignment may be inspected in the absence of importer. Authorised Officer shall make it clear in advance to importer at the time of communicating about second appointment.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

(Rakesh Chandra Sharma)
Director(Imports)

To:
1. Director (Customs), Room No. 159A, Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue, North Block, New Delhi-110001:- with a request to circulate to all officials of Customs Department working as Authorised Officers.
2. All Authorised Officers, FSSAI:- with the direction to make it known to all concerned.
3. Sh. Amit Lohani, Director, Forum of Indian Importers, PHD House, August Kranti Marg, New Delhi-110016
4. CITO, FSSAI for making required changes in FICS and uploading this order on the FSSAI Website.