LETTER OF INDEMNITY

To,
CMA CGM SA
4 QUAI D’ARENCE
CEDEX-2 13002
MARSEILLES
FRANCE

RE : FACTORY DESTUFFING INDEMNITY BOND FOR ALL CONTAINERS FOR A PERIOD FROM JAN/01/2019 TO DEC/31/2019

Bond/Carrier Reference : APL

Location : PAN INDIA.

Whereas for the purpose of destuffing the cargo we the importer/consignee wish to remove the import laden Container/s from Inland container Depot/Nominated area/Port premises to our factory/warehouse. We as receivers/Consignees are executing this indemnity bond in favor of “APL” to ensure safe return of the containers within stipulated period of time.

Now therefore in consideration of your allowing us to take container out for destuffing at our site, and also in consideration of your having executed a Bond with for undertaking the re-export of the containers within the period stipulated by Customs, we, the undersigned hereby undertake and guarantee the following.

(We the importer/consignee agree and undertake for ourselves, our successors and assignees to indemnify you, your servants and agents and to hold all of you harmless in respect of any liability, loss or damage, demands and costs of whatsoever nature whether direct or indirect which you may sustain while containers are in our custody)

This indemnity in force in addition to standard terms and conditions of bill of lading and its contractual obligations, responsibilities and liabilities bind on merchant including shipper and consignee.

We hereby agree and confirm to abide by the following terms and conditions:

1. We, the importer/consignee shall take all responsibilities and care to ensure that the container/s are handled and returned in safe, sound and seaworthy condition by all whose acts of omission and commission, the importer/consignee are solely liable.

2. We the importer/consignee undertake to indemnify the carrier and/or their agents above named against all damages / loses / liability/ third party liability cost or
expenditure suffered or incurred by the movement of container while in possession of the importer, including injury or death of person or loss or damage to property or other person in the process of such movement and destuffing operation.

3. We shall return the container in good/sound condition at the Line’s nominated Empty Return Location mentioned on Delivery Order / Empty off-loading letter or any other similar document within validity period. For this purpose survey conducted by your authorized surveyor and their reports and findings and their fees thereof shall be binding on us. For any kind of damages caused to the containers while in our possession due to any willful act, negligence by us/our appointed agency or by any third party, other than natural wear and tear, the Repair Cost estimate or the Debit given by you in case of total loss, will be accepted as final and binding on us and paid and reimbursed by us instantly.

4. The importer/consignee indemnify the carrier or the agent for any claim by you/Shipping Line and/or Customs to the extent of container value Rs. 2,75,000 per Twenty feet container, Rs. 5,44,000 per Forty feet container, Rs. ‘10,00,000 per 20’ Reefer container and Rs. 18,00,000 per 40’ Reefer container and Rs. 7,50,000 (Rupees seven lakh fifty thousand only) for any other type of container which includes Open Top/Flat Rack. This will also cover cases where consignee or his appointed CHA or transporter fail to return the container to the Line’s nominated Empty Return Location within Delivery Order validity.

5. The importer shall be liable for container detention as per tariff or as mentioned in the Service Contract, from the day the laden import container arrived at the Inland Container Depot / Port premises till the day the empty container/s returned back to Inland container depot / empty storage yard after factory de-stuffing, as per the applicable Line tariff at the time of discharge.

6. The Importer/Consignee agrees to return the container in good order and Sound condition at the storage yard designated by “SHIPPING LINE” within the period as mentioned on the Delivery Order / Empty Offloading Letter. The importer is liable to pay detention in case of any delay, then till the date the container/s are returned to inland container depot/nominated area/empty storage yard.

7. For any charges becoming due to you on account of damage to containers, loss, third party liability or detention on container, we authorize you to debit our account and adjust against any security amount or any other amount lying with you in any other capacity or impose lien over any cargo or material in your possession belonging to us till such time the amount due to you is realized completely.

8. The Importer will ensure that any claims made towards outstanding detention will be paid within 7 days of claim made by the Line according to the published tariff. Similarly any damage claims made will be settled next working day on provision of reports and photographs.
9. The importer/consignee hereby confirm that the import cargo does not contain any contraband and articles in terms of Indian Customs Regulations and that the shippers have not tampered with the cargo for the purpose of concealment of any contraband cargo and would be responsible for all costs and consequences for the same.

10. To the extent of the Undertaking and declarations herein and to the extent of the loss and/or damage caused arising out of breach thereof or any consequential or indirect losses/damages caused in respect or furtherance thereof and to the extent of any claims, litigations, damages, expenses and costs as suffered or may be suffered by the carrier/agents by way of non compliance of any of the undertakings covenants herein or generally any other acts/care/cautions as should have been done and have not been done or cautions as should we been observed and has not been observed or arising out of any of our act or failure to act as a prudent person would do we, subject to the monetary limitation herein agree to indemnify and keep the carrier/agent indemnified.

11. Disputes, if any, will be subject to jurisdiction of courts having territorial jurisdiction over your principal working office.

12. This document is valid up to aforementioned validity date from the date of the agreement and shall be automatically extended till the date of the return of the last container to the carrier’s nominated CY/ICD facility.

Executor/Executants
(Name of authorized person signing with designation, name & address of the firm)
DATED: _____________________
PLACE: _____________________

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(Signature attestation by bank)
LOI from the consignee for factory de-stuffing 2019

Procedure:

- The consignees appearing on MB/L as well as HB/L (in case of Forwarder’s B/L involved) will have to submit **one time LOI**.
- The LOI must contain for annual validity i.e. 31st December of current year, irrespective the day of submission.
- The LOI either must be endorsed by the consignee’s bank for signature verification. OR
  - The Consignee can take a ‘one-time’ letter from the Bank for signature verification and submit along with LOI.
- When taking DO for next shipments till the validity of the original LOI, the consignees have to submit
  a) the photocopy of the original LOI duly endorsed by the consignee’s bank OR
  b) photocopies of the LOI and bank verification letter (in case original LOI is not endorsed by the bank; but supported by the bank verification letter)
- When LOI validity is over, the consignees must submit fresh LOI.