

Diploma in Customs Clearing and Forwarding

CCF-01 COMMERCIAL GEOGRAPHY

BLOCK I

Definition of commercial geography and its branches - Geographical Environment and Commerce - Factors and economic activities of man - Meaning, nature & Use of Resources - Classification of Resources.

BLOCK II

Geographical factors affecting International trade - India's foreign trade of commodities - Characteristics of commodities and their origin, type of transportation used for movement to ports-Port Infrastructure for commodities.

BLOCK III

Role of Industries in Economic Development - Factors of Industrial Location - Major Industries in India - Iron & Steel Industries - Cotton, Textile Industries - Automobile Industries - Petrochemical industries.

BLOCK IV

Agricultural resources- Role of climate in agricultural production - Seasons for export of major agricultural products in India – Important world centres for export of agricultural products.

BLOCK V

Types of Ports - Geographical features of ports - Ports of the world – Important bulk terminals – Important container terminals – Major oil terminals.

BOOKS RECOMMENDED

Fundamental of Economic Geography	-	Van Royen & Bengston
Economic Geography	-	H. Robinson
Commercial Geography-		Sir Dudley Stamp

CCF-02 LEGAL ASPECTS OF SHIPPING

BLOCK I

General principles of law - Sources of Law – Common law, Case law, Statute law - Types of courts and their jurisdiction

BLOCK II

Contract law - Nature of Contract - Ingredients of a contract - Offer, Acceptance, Consideration - Capacity of parties to contract - Void agreements - voidable contracts - Performance of contract - Remedies for breach of contract.

BLOCK III

Principles of Agency law - Types of Agents - Duties and rights of Agents and principals - Relations between principals and third parties - Appointment and termination of agents - Clauses in a standard liner agency agreement.

BLOCK IV

Carriers' liability legislation - Carriage of goods by sea act - carriers liability conventions - Hague Rules, Hague Visby Rules, Hamburg Rules, Rotterdam Rules - Multimodal Transportation of Goods Act.

BLOCK V

Admiralty law - Admiralty courts and types of cases handled by them - Concept of lien - Procedure for Arrest of a ship and release of an arrested ship.

BOOKS RECOMMENDED

Business Law	- Kapoor. N. D.
Maritime Law, (6th Edition)	- Christopher Hill.
Bills of Lading: Law and Contracts	- Nicholas Gaskell, Asariotis, R & Baatz, Y.
The Hague-Visby Rules	- Richardson J.
General Average: Law & Practice	- Rose, F.D
P & I Clubs: Law & Practice	- Stephen J. Hazelwood.
Carriage of Goods by Sea, (5th Edition)	- Wilson J.

CCF-03 CUSTOMS CLEARING AND FORWARDING

BLOCK I

Customs import documentation - Types of bills of entry - Customs export documentation - bills of export, shipping bills; Arrival entry and clearance of vessels - Customs tariff classification and rates of duty - determination of value of imported and export goods - Customs exchange rate.

BLOCK II

Procedure for assessment and payment of duty - Refund of duty paid; Examination of goods at Customs stations - prohibitions and restrictions on import and export - bonding procedure and clearance from bond; re-importation and conditions for free re-entry; offences under the Customs Act.

BLOCK III

Duty drawback and export promotion schemes - SEZ, FTWZ scheme - Provisions of the allied Acts relevant to clearance of goods through customs; Procedure for appeal and revision applications under the Customs Act - filing of electronic bills of entry and shipping bills vide the ICEGATE portal & Indian Customs Electronic data Interchange System (ICES).

BLOCK IV

Sea freight forwarding products – Types of sea carriers - Containerised seafreight FCL, LCL – Conventional seafreight Breakbulk, project cargo – Terminal infrastructure - Freightling concepts – Documentation aspects of seafreight.

BLOCK V

Air freight forwarding products – Types of Aircargo carriers - Consolidation concept – Terminal infrastructure for handling aircargo - Freightling concepts for aircargo – Documentation aspects of airfreight. Value added services by International Freight Forwarders.

BOOKS RECOMMENDED

Customs Law Practice & Procedures	V.S. Datey (TAXMANN Publication)
International Freight Forwarding and Logistics Manual	Sell John
Freight Forwarding and Multimodal Transport Contracts	David Glass

CCF-04 SHIPPING BUSINESS

BLOCK I

Types of Shipping Business entities – Liner business organization – Tramp shipping– Ship Management business – Ship Agency business – Ports and Terminals – Support services to the shipping industry.

BLOCK II

Shipping market structures – Freight market – Sale and Purchase market – New Building market - Demolition market – Shipping market centres – Market reports by shipping media.

BLOCK III

Shipping industry and International Trade – International contract of Sale – INCOTERMS – Factors to consider for deciding the mode of shipment – Shipping documents and their role in International Trade Finance.

BLOCK IV

Shipping industry and economy – Maritime nations of the world – Protectionism in Shipping – International maritime conventions – Role of Director General of Shipping.

BLOCK V

International Shipping organizations – International Maritime Organization – BIMCO – International Association of Classification Societies – UNCTAD.

BOOKS RECOMMENDED

Branch's Elements of Shipping	-	Alan E. Branch & Michael Robarts
Commercial Shipping Handbook	-	Peter Brodie
Maritime Economics	-	Martin Stopford
Containerisation and Multimodal Transport in India-		Dr. K.V. Hariharan

CCF-05 LINER TRADE

BLOCK I

Characteristics of Liner shipping - Liner Service Routes - North/South East/West Trade routes - Type of Liner Trades – Break-bulk services, containerized, Ro-Ro, Refrigerated, Cruise trades.

BLOCK II

Different types of Liner ships - Terminology for measurement of tonnage, carrying capacity and dimensions of a ship - Types of Liner cargo - Liner cargo handling equipment on board ships and in port

BLOCK III

Principles of stowage of liner cargo - concept of unitization of cargo - safety of cargo - stowage plan of a general cargo liner ship - Salient features of ports handling general cargo, containers and Ro-Ro cargo.

BLOCK IV

Liner documentation - Importance of Bill of Lading - process of B/L issuance - Mates' Receipt - B/L clauses - Concept of "clean and claused" B/L - Anatomy of a Liner bill of lading - preparation of cargo manifest

BLOCK V

Principles of liner pricing - Structure of liner tariff - Concept of liner conference and its role in pricing - Calculation of liner freight - preparation of freight manifest

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Branch's Elements of Shipping - Alan E. Branch & Michael Roberts