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This office has registered sales contract for import of poppy seeds from Turkey in the month of May-June, 2022. Port of Exit in majority of the registration issued by this office was indicated as "Izmir, Turkey" as per past years practices.

It has come to our notice that shipments for import of poppy seeds have been kept on hold as loading port is mentioned as "Aliaga Port" in the import documents presented by importer before customs.

In this regard Turkish Embassy vide their e-mail dated 13.06.2022 addressed to Commissioner of Customs, JNPT has confirmed that "Aliaga" Port is located in Izmir province in Turkey.

Also Aegean Exporters Associations vide their letter on 09.06.2022 has clarified that Aliaga or Alsancak Port are in the city of Izmir and there is not inconsistency in the bill of loading.

It is also mentioned that in past so many years Izmir Port was indicated in Central Bureau of Narcotics(CBN) registration and import was allowed by Customs.

However to facilitate the importers, this office has issued corrigendum to several importers in this regard as per their request. Turkish Embassy also wrote a letter to Department of Revenue(DoR) and also to as this office in this regard.

In view of this, to ease the process, it is clarified that wherever in import documents, the port is indicated as "Aliaga" or "Alsancak", the same be read as "Aliaga, Izmir, Turkey/ Alsancak, Izmir, Turkey in the registration certificate issued by CBN during the month of May/June, 2022.

By Order Narcotics Commissioner