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 If port officials enforce an expediting fee of $200 on you, for the transporting kiwis to Haiti on time, it would be unethical if you delay the process. The reason is that you are responsible for the container of kiwis and especially, when the species is endangered, a delay of a month can cause a heavy loss. However, the fee seems a little too much from the customs side but there are possible conditions on which this fee is justified.

 The customs has to look for market strategy for running their business. They have to generate their market competitive salaries for their employees and adhere to all the company expenses as well. Moreover, if you calculate all the taxes, then you may be able to accept the fact that it is fine to pay $200 because they had to generate money to pay taxes for your shipment. Furthermore, they will have to pay a good amount of money to the animal keepers who will take care of kiwis. It also depends upon the goods and their value. If the value is above the tax threshold then, in that case, you have to pay the fee (*Easyship, 2017).*All these rationales indicate that custom is justified in their place to charge expediting fee.

 Now let us take a look at the customs office part that whether they are genuine in asking for the fee or not? On their part, it is their negligence that delay comes in the clearing of your container. They must have told you earlier about the delay and the fee. In the given situation, it seems that the delay is intentional. If initially there was a problem in exporting the container, why did they not inform you immediately? In any case, you will be held accountable because if you fail to transport the shipment on time, the blame will be on you and it can also cause a lot of trouble as well. (Peng, 2014).

Discussion questions

Is it ethical or unethical on the part of customs to ask for expediting fee to clear the shipment?

Can we say that this is a form of corruption committed by customs? If yes, then provide reasoning for your answer.

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