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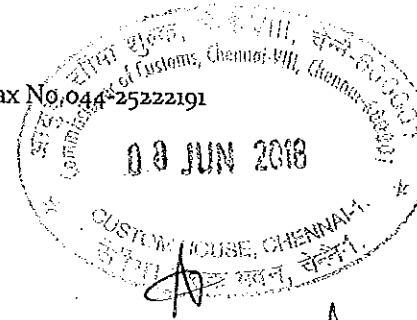
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The minutes of the 37th Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC) meeting held on 24.05.2018 (Thursday) at the Conference Hall, 6th Floor, Chennai Custom House, Rajaji Salai, Chennai.

Shri. M. AJIT KUMAR, IRS., Chief Commissioner of Customs chaired the meeting.

2. The following officials attended the meeting.

Sl.No	Name S/Shri/Smt/Kum	Organization/Designation
Madras Port Trust		
1	M S Balani	Traffic Manager
Ennore Kamarajar Port		
1	A Karuppiah	Chief Manager (Traffic)
Adani Kattupalli Port		
1	R Rajkumar	Deputy General Manager (MKTG)
2	Marichamy	Manager
Textiles Committee		
1	M Vasanthakumar	Deputy Director
Animal Quarantine		
1	Dr. T K Sahu	Quarantine Inspector
2	Anubhav Mittal	Quarantine Inspector

Drug Control		
1	Dr. P. Manavalan	Assistant Drug Controller
2	Raghupathy J	Technical Officer
Bureau of Immigration		
1	Felix Dhas J	Immigration Officer
NACFS		
1	M S Arun	Chairman, NACFS
2	Padmanabhan	Director, SATTVA
Chennai Container Terminals Limited (CCTL)		
1	Dipin Kayyath	General (Commercial)
2	M S Shakul	Manager - OPS
Chennai International Terminals Private Limited (CITPL)		
1	K Arulraj	Head - Operations
Chennai Steamer Agents Association (CHENSAA)		
1	Y Leeladharan	Chairman
Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)		
1	Narasimhan	Dy. Superintending Archaeologist
Southern Handicrafts Industry Association (SHIA)		
1	P. Subramanyam	President
Chennai Customs Brokers Association (CCBA)		
1	S Nataraja	President
2	RN Sekar	Secretary
3	AS Aleemuddin	Treasurer
4	R Kumar	EC Member
CUSTOMS OFFICIALS		
1	Prakash Kumar Behera	Commissioner of Customs - Chennai IV
2	Rajan Choudhary	Commissioner of Customs - Chennai I & III
3	Dr. Anil Kumar Nigam	Commissioner of Customs - Chennai VIII
4	Ramavath Srinivasa Naik	Commissioner of Customs - Chennai - II

5	N Padmasri	Commissioner of Customs - Audit Commissionerate
6	R. Gopalsamy	Joint Commissioner of Customs, Chennai-IV
7	T Prabakar	Deputy Commissioner - CCO
8	M.Ramesh	Deputy Commissioner - Docks Admin, Ch-IV
9	Nalina Sofia	Deputy Commissioner - EDI, Chennai-VIII
10	PG Prabakaran	Assistant Commissioner, Chennai-VIII
11	V. Govindan	DEO - Grade D, Chennai-VIII

3. Members of the following organizations did not attend the CCFC Meeting:

1. CLRI
2. TNPCB
3. Conservator of Forests
4. Fertiliser Control
5. Wireless Adviser (RLC)
6. Port Health Organisation
7. Airport Authority of India
8. CONCOR
9. Plant Quarantine
10. FSSAI
11. Wildlife Crime Control Bureau
12. Bureau of Indian Standards

4. Southern Handicrafts Industries Association (SHIA) were a part of the CCFC meeting to resolve the issues flagged by them.

5. Chief Commissioner of Customs welcomed the participants of the CCFC meeting.

The following agenda points were taken up for discussion:-

Point 1 : Export of handicrafts through Air Cargo Complex :

Chief Commissioner had directed the ASI authorities to give a written reply in the last meeting on the grievance raised by SHIA. The representative from ASI informed that they have flagged the issue to Director (Antiquity) and that the reply is awaited. Chief Commissioner called for expeditious response from ASI as the same is pending for a long time so that grievance of SHIA can be resolved.

[Action - ASI]

Point 2 : Shipping lines filing IGM to instruct Freight forwarders to file destination code of DPD clients as blank and not CFS except for LCL:

Chennai Steamer Agents Association (CHENSAA) representative informed that freight forwarders have been apprised of the same and ensured compliance. Prior information will be given in future. In case Customs notices lack of destination code, the same may be brought to the notice of CHENSAA.

[Action : CHENSAA]

Point 3 : Details of drugs required in SWIFT - for ADC NOC & Dual use items for non-medicinal purposes need not be referred:

3.1 CCBA stated that they will impress their member importers to upload necessary documents in SWIFT for expeditious issuance of NOC. It was proposed to conduct an awareness programme for the trade to sensitize them on the need and benefits of uploading necessary documents in SWIFT.

[Action: CCBA]

3.2 ADC handed over the list of "out of Scope items" and testing fees for samples drawn by ADC. In addition to this, ADC requested for space for setting-up laboratory in airport for testing of samples. Chennai-VIII to refer the "out of scope" items to Single Window and integrate the same in Single Window.

[Action : Chennai-VIII]

Points 4. Problem in provisional clearance of goods by AQCS :

AQCS had sought for SOP to be followed in cases where test results turn positive. It was informed to AQ that there are enough provisions in Customs Act, 1962 to safeguard the same and that "No-use bond" can easily serve the purpose.

Representative from AQ requested for destruction of some consignments which had not taken place yet. Chief Commissioner sought AQ to highlight such specific instances and that the same shall be examined.

[CLOSED]

Points 5 : Requirement of original official health / sanitary certificate for prior acceptance of application :

It was decided to process the NOC formalities based on the available documents. However NOC to be given after submission of originals. This could save a lot of time.

[CLOSED]

Points 6 : Request for eSMTP procedure to be followed at Chennai Customs :

CITPL was informed that the issue has been escalated to DG (Systems), New Delhi and reply is awaited.

[CLOSED]

Points 7 : Data to be obtained from Port Terminal periodically to monitor the advance DOs issued by shipping lines:

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Monitoring of preferred CFS for ENBLOCK movement:

Chief Commissioner directed the terminals to forward a copy of advance DOs to DC (Docks-Admn) as it is already forwarded to CMFC.

Point 8 : CITPL closing the terminal gate arbitrarily making DPD trailer wait for hours :

CITPL stated that any delay of 20-30 minutes is being considered favorably by them. CITPL was informed that some instances of Auto majors waiting at Gates have come to light. CCBA informed that the waiting is due to non-acceptance of delivery of containers during discharge from ship and not due to Gate issues.

CITPL informed that they have been issuing e-DOs before arrival of vessel.

Point 9 : Shifting charges being collected by shipping lines on DO / Advance DO on assumption, without knowing how many times shifting charges are actually charged by the terminals:

In the last meeting the stakeholders were asked to convene a meeting and come up with a amicable solution that shall benefit "ease of doing business".

CCBA informed that terminal and liners had convened a meeting on the same without their knowledge and the issue of non-uniformity of charges still persists. CHENSAA stated that terminals have agreed to directly charge from Customers. CCBA contended that since they represent the Customers there is no point in charging the customers as it will lead to delays and add to further costs.

Chief Commissioner directed the stakeholders to hold a collective meeting and come up with a solution.

On the issue of debiting account from CCBA's members, it was suggested to that code given by DPD portal may be used by all concerned to have uniformity in methodology of charging.

CCBA suggested that as CHA's already maintain account with terminals, it will be easy to debit in CHA's account by the terminals.

[Action : CHENSAA, CCBA, CITPL, CCTI.]

Point 10 : Issue of Export Sea to Sea transshipment module (PN 158/2016) :

Representative from Adani Kattupalli Port informed that the matter has been discussed with concerned Commissionerates and EDI and that the process is on hold unless uniformity at par with Chennai Port is attained. They further requested for allocation of Kamarajar port site (INENR1) Login credentials for Chennai & Kattupalli CFS Customs officers for movement of Exports.

EDI has examined the matter and informed that for export of goods through Ennore Port, it is advised either to file shipping bill in Ennore Port or process through export transshipment module by filing the shipping bill either in Chennai Port or Kattupalli Port as per the procedure for export transshipment laid down vide PN 158/2016 dated 13.07.2016 has to be complied with.

Further DC, EDI insisted that for security of movement, the usage of module is necessary and that the entry of stuffing report in ICES for the export goods either through Chennai Port or through any other gateway port is mandatory for the process of drawback /RoSL and IGST refund claims.

On the issue of using CFS area by Adani kattupalli Port, it was stated that explicit demarcation of CFS area is needed to be used as CFS at two different ports. With regard to data entry of ETP application, EDI has already taken up the matter and flagged to DG(systems) .

Any deviations in the procedure laid down vide PN has to be done only after approval from the Board or DG(Systems).

[CLOSED]

Point 11 : Issues pertaining to PGAs:

ADT In the preceding CCFC meeting, CCBA was asked to tie-up with the respective PGAs for finalisation of "Out of scope" list so that the same may be taken up with SWIFT for integrating in the system.

ADC furnished the said lists (as discussed in Point 3). AQ stated items pertaining to them is "feed additive" only for which they have written to their Ministry and the same is slated to be discussed with their Department's Secretary on 08.06.2018.

[Action : AQ]

Point 12 : CFS charging for scanners:

NACFS informed that the issue has been discussed with CFSs and informed that no CFS will charge in future. Any deviation in future may be brought to their notice.

[CLOSED]

Point 13 : Examination of DPD containers selected for Sampling / Examination :

DC (Docks-Admn) stated that sampling has to be done in terminals and not in CFS. CCBA added by stating that since only few containers are held for such sampling, terminals may provide space for the same. CCBA has been advised to inform their members to do sampling in Port terminals for DPD/CFS containers.

Chief Commissioner observed that all the processes combined together should be such that cost incurred by trade is not enhanced.

[Action : Terminals]

Point 14: Issues pertaining to RFID :

(i) Creation of Universal RFID reader: Issue has been flagged with the Ministry.

[CLOSED]

(ii) 100% tagging of all trailers with RFID tag:

Representative from Chennai Port Trust stated that they are looking into the issue of equipping all gates with RFID readers.

This issues with the approval of the Chief Commissioner of Customs.



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