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MINISTRY OF FINANCE, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE  
आयुक्त सीमा शुल्क का कार्यालय, चेन्नै- IV  
OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS, CHENNAI- IV  
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F.No.S.Misc.65/2016-Appg.Main (Ch-IV)

Date: 27.9.2018

**MINUTES OF THE PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON 14.09.2018 AT 3.30 P.M. AT COMMISSIONER'S CHAMBER, O/o THE  
COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS, CHENNAI- IV, KRISHNA BLOCK, CUSTOM  
HOUSE, CHENNAI.**

Shri.Prakash Kr.Behera, Commissioner of Customs, Chennai – IV chaired the meeting and welcomed the members.

2. The following members from the Trade Associations attended the meeting.

S/Shri/Ms

1. R.Ananth Sairam CCBA
2. R.Kumar, CCBA
3. A.S.Aleemuddin, CCBA
4. R.N.Sekar, CCBA
5. V.Pathy, NACFS, Sattva II
6. R.Marichamy, Kattupally Port & CFS
7. Y.Leeladharan, CHENSAA
8. Kumar Devaraj, NACFS, Sattva-I

3. The following officers of Chennai-IV Commissionerate attended the meeting:

S/Shri/Smt.

1. Sidlingappa Teli, Joint Commissioner
2. M.Ramesh, Deputy Commissioner
3. S.Kumar, Asst.Commissioner

4. The following pending points submitted in the previous PTFC meeting held on 18.7.2018 were taken up for the discussion

4.1: As per facility circular No. 07/2017 dated 20.4.2017, verification of Marks and numbers/ container numbers and seal numbers on export cargo was discontinued, but it is still being insisted by preventive officers while entry of goods into CFS and it delays the movement of cargo and duplication of work by preventive officer and Examining officers.

Reply: The Dy.Commissioner (Docks-Admin) has informed that necessary feedbacks have been received from Asst.Commissioners of few CFS, based on which examined the issue. The Commissioner has informed that the existing practice of verifying the marks and numbers of the cargo and container numbers/seal numbers by the examination officers will continue, as per facility circular No.07/2017 dated 20.04.2017. Difficulties, if any should be examined and put up in file.

4.2 The present practice is that after OOC, the clearing clerk of customs broker has to approach gate preventive officer for endorsement on the hard copy of Bill of entry for taking delivery. Due to non availability of preventive officer round the clock basis at all the CFSs , delivery of containers on 24x7 basis completely affected, trade able to take delivery of goods only till availability of PO at the GATE. It is suggested that as a trade facilitation measure and on account of ease of doing business the procedure of seeking permission before taking delivery from PO has to be dispensed with. This kind of practice is not in existence in other ports such as Tuticorin, etc where custodian is verifying the OOC before delivering the goods similar practice has to be adopted in this port also, so that the dwell time in clearance will come down drastically.

Reply: In the PTFC meeting held on 18.7.2018, the Commissioner has asked the representatives of CCBA to produce any facility circular which might have been issued in any other ports regarding dispensing with Preventive officer's verification. The CCBA has not produced any facility circulars issued in any other ports. Therefore, the Commissioner has informed that the present practice will continue.

4.3: The CCBA representative has stated that the RMS facilitated Bills of entry, after OOC from customs when they approach for clearance at CFS, verification of container number /weight slip and verification of marks and numbers by the PO is taking delay in clearance and after office hours they are unable to take delivery of goods due to non availability of PO. These verification can be done at custodian level as they have PO entry report where container numbers are available for FCL and as far as LCL cargoes concerned at the time of de-stuffing Tally sheet report are being taken jointly by custodian as well as liners these copy have all the details with regard to marks and numbers.

Reply: The Dy.Commissioner (Docks-Admin) has informed that this points will be examined in the light of instructions in Appraising Manual by Docks administration.

4.4: The DPD/RMS cell, it is noticed that OOC obtained from DPD/RMS cell being held up due to delay in receipt of scanning report from the CSD department, which is badly affecting the clearance of containers particularly DPD containers . It is suggested that once entry inwards granted, OOC has to be issued irrespective of whether scanning report received or not or an alternate solution for smooth clearance without any delay.

Reply: The Dy.Commissioner (Docks-Admin) has informed that the scanning reports have been received through E-Mail and EDI system which causes delay in receiving reports. Further, informed that the practice followed in JNPT, Mumbai is that the containers are scanned after OOC has been given by the Customs officers and suggested that the same procedure can be implemented in this Commissionerate after feasibility study.

4.5 After discussion of previous pending points, the following fresh points sponsored by CCBA and Shri.Marichamy, Dy.Manager, M/s Adani Kattupalli Port Pvt Ltd were taken up for the discussion.

4.6: Due to delay in receipt of Scan List, the containers are moved to CFS without scanning. After receipt of Scan list these containers are subject to 100% examination. This results in cost and time. Hence, if there is delay in receipt of Scan list and containers are moved without scanning due to non- receipt of Scan list. Such container scanning should be waived.

Reply: The scan list is generated by RMD which is purview of Container scanning Division (CSD) in Chennai-III Commissionerate and the point is to be taken up with Chennai-III Commissionerate and necessary comments have to be offered by the concerned section.

4.7: The CCBA representative stated that the Samples drawn from various CFS have forwarded to Docks office and thereafter the said samples have been forwarded to concerned Appraising groups or to labs. It is requested the entire operations be streamlined with time frame to avoid delays on account of transit.

Reply: The Dy.Commissioner(Docks-admin) replied that the Customs officers have already been sensitized to forward the samples on the same day to Docks (Admin). For this purpose, a Tax Assistant has been posted till 9.00 PM to collect the samples. Further, the Tax Assistants at Docks (Admin) have been instructed to forward the samples to the respective Appraising Group by Noon on the next day.

4.8: Shri. R.Marichamy, Dy.Manager of M/s Adani Kattupalli Port Pvt Ltd and M/s Adani Ennore Container Terminal Pvt Ltd has informed that the DPE facility has been extended to this ports and requested the chairman to post Appraisers/Superintendents and Examiners/Preventive officers.

Reply: The Dy.commissioner (Docks-Admin) has informed that the M/s Adani Ennore Container terminal Pvt Ltd is not functional as of today, further informed that the Appraisers, Examiners and Preventive officers have already been posted to Ennore Port. The DC (Docks-admin) has requested that two more superintendents are required for

DPE, for which the chairman has stated that the superintendent posted at CFS can be utilized for the work of DPE.

4.9 Shri.Marichamy, Dy.Manager of M/s Adani Kattupalli Port Pvt Ltd and M/s Adani Ennore Container terminal Pvt Ltd has requested that Preventive officer has been posted to L&T CFS for DPE container examination at Port and requested to grant permission for stuffing during night shift also.


Reply: The Dy.Commissioner (Docks-Admin) has informed that the Permission for giving 24/7 stuffing permission to L&T CFS needs to be examined and for individual cases, where urgent stuffing is required beyond office hours, they should make a request to Docks(Admin),based on which necessary permission will be given on MOT basis (case to case basis).

5.0 PTFC meeting for the month of October, 2018 is due on 12.10.2018 at 3.30 PM in Commissioner's Conference Hall, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Krishna Block, Custom House, Chennai-1.

5.1 The Points if any for the PTFC Meeting of October 2018 may be furnished on or before 01.10.2018 to the Mail ID [commrchiv@gmail.com](mailto:commrchiv@gmail.com) and [Coordcellchnseaexp@gmail.com](mailto:Coordcellchnseaexp@gmail.com) .

5.2. With the above discussions, the meeting was concluded by the Chairperson thanking all the members who were present in the meeting.

This issues with the approval of Commissioner of Customs, Chennai-IV.

  
28/9/18  
(SIDLINGAPPA TELI)  
**JOINT COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS**  
**(APPG-MAIN, CHENNAI-IV)**

To

All Trade Associations

Copy submitted to:

1. The Chief Commissioner of Customs, Chennai Zone for kind information.
2. The Commissioner of Customs(Chennai II/III/VII and VIII)

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1. All JC/DC/ACs in Chennai IV Commissionerate.
2. The Assistant Commissioner of Customs, EDI....for uploading in Chennai Customs Website/Intranet of the Zone,
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