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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

The **41<sup>st</sup> Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC)** meeting was held on **27.09.2018 (Thursday)** at the Library Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Krishna Block, Custom House, Rajaji Salai, Chennai.

Shri Prakash Kumar Behera, Commissioner of Customs, Chennai-IV chaired the meeting.

2. The following officials attended the meeting.

Sl.No	Name (S/Shri/Smt/Kum)	Organization/Designation
<b>Madras Port Trust</b>		
1	R Prabakhar	Traffic Manager
<b>Adani Kattupalli Port</b>		
1	A. Madhu	Head – B.V.
<b>Container Corporation of India</b>		
1	R. Murugaraj	Group General Manager
2	M.P. Indira	Sr. Manager
3	W. Sateesh	Addl. Officer
<b>Drug Control</b>		
1	T. Raghupathy	Technical officer
<b>Textiles Committee</b>		
1	BS Patil	Deputy Director (Lab)
<b>Animal Quarantine</b>		
1	Anubhav Mittal	Quarantine Inspector

<b>Bureau of Immigration</b>		
1	Felix Dhas J	Immigration Officer
<b>Port Health Organisation</b>		
1	Dr. S Senthilnathan	PHO
<b>Wildlife Crime Control Bureau</b>		
1	Santhi Muthuswami Pillai	Wildlife Inspector
<b>NACFS</b>		
1	M.S. Arun	Chairman
<b>Chennai Container Terminals Limited (CCTL)</b>		
1	M. Shakul	Manager - OPS
2	F. Ebsensor	Manager - OPS
<b>Chennai International Terminals Private Limited (CITPL)</b>		
1	K Arulraj	Head - Operations
2	P. Srinivasan	Assistant Manager
<b>Chennai Steamer Agents Association (CHENSAA)</b>		
1	Y Leeladharan	Chairman
2	C.R. Raghu	Vice Chairman
<b>Chennai Customs Brokers Association (CCBA)</b>		
1	AS Aleemuddin	Treasurer
2	L. Alagu Murugappan	Vice President
3	R. Kumar	EC Member
<b>CUSTOMS OFFICIALS</b>		
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	R. Gopalsamy	Joint Commissioner of Customs, Chennai-IV
5	Sidlingappa Teli	Additional Commissioner, Chennai-IV

6	Bidhan Chandra	Additional Commissioner, CCO
7	K.K. Suja	Joint Commissioner, Chennai-VIII
8	K Ramesh	Deputy Commissioner (Docks Admn)
9	Nedumaran	Deputy Commissioner (PG)

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

1. AAI
2. CLRI
5. Conservator of Forests
6. TNPCB
7. Fertilizer Control
8. BIS
9. CWC

4. Before the commencement of the meeting, Additional Commissioner, Chief Commissioner Office informed all that the department is going to conduct a Time Release Study during 1 to 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2018 and hence requested all the stakeholders to share the relevant information and requested to cooperate towards clearance of the imported consignments.

**MAA 65 : Details of drugs required in SWIFT - for ADC NOC & Dual use items for non-medicinal purposes need not be referred:**

Asst. Drug Controller informed that the matter has been escalated to their Headquarters and a meeting is proposed to be conducted on 28.09.2018 for discussion with other Port Officers so as to adopt a uniform procedure all over the country and as soon as the list of items is finalised, the same will be informed to Customs. The issue was raised by ADC and once they have initiated necessary action from their headquarters, Chairman advised to treat the issue as Closed.

[CLOSED]

**MAA 67. Data to be obtained from Port Terminal periodically to monitor the advance DOs issued by Shipping Lines:**

It was informed by the Chennai Port Trust that they are migrating the PCS software from 1.0 version to 1.8 version all over the country and the User Acceptance Test will be conducted shortly as some issues are to be sorted out. It is expected to be ready in three months time. Further progress will be ascertained in CCFC meeting of December as CPT informed that the new software will be fully operational in December.

[CLOSED TEMPORARILY]

**MAA 68 : Closing of harbour gate :**

Chennai Port Trust informed that the meeting held on 24.08.2018 was attended by both the Terminal Operators and CCBA members and a final decision is yet to be taken. They informed that whenever there is a congestion, staff are being deployed to ease out the congestion. They are on the job of deputing the officers round the clock and have discussed the issue with the

Deputy Commissioner of Police who will in turn discuss with the field officers and the outcome will be informed in the next CCFC meeting.

[CCTL/CITPL/CPT]

**MAA 70 : Shifting Charges charged by terminals :**

CCBA stated that the different charges being collected by NACFS appear to be overlapped/repetitive and requested NACFS to clarify the terminologies/purpose or activities for covering of some charges which are not understandable. They further stated that if the tariff is notified by NACFS, they can come with the objections, if any. NACFS clarified that there may be some hazardous items in the cargo which need to be separated and kept in a safe place for which the Segregation Charges are to be paid and likewise the other charges also involve specific work and hence, these charges are being collected. Chairman observed that the nomenclatures/specific purpose of each charges need to be known to everybody and requested the NACFS to publish a Tariff in a transparent manner and then comments from other stakeholders may be obtained. NACFS replied that, the tariff alongwith detailed nomenclature will be published within a week.

[Action: CHENSAA, Terminal Operators, NACFS & CCBA]

**MAA 78 : Tagging of Trailers with RFID tag & Non usage of RFID system by CISF personnel:**

Commissioner, Chennai-IV also informed that a Facility Circular has been issued in this regard for tagging of trailers at CWC, Tiruvottiyur in connection with DPE facility. CPT replied that they need to have a combined meeting with the stakeholders and they are on the verge of issuing a Public Notice within a month to sort out the issue.

[Action : CPT]

**MAA 80 : Uncleared cargo at CCTL:**

CCTL informed that 51 UCC consignments have been auctioned recently and in respect of the remaining consignments the auction will be completed by the end of October, 2018. In respect of the UB consignments, they have been moved to the Customs area and a fresh list will be submitted to Customs for clearance. As the issue is making good progress, Commissioner advised the point to be treated as closed.

[CLOSED]

**MAA 81 : Bills of entry pending with PGA's for more than 5 days:**

FSSAI informed that they have discussed the matter with Commissioner-II and informed that the time taken for FSSAI clearance includes delay in submission of the application by the importer/CHA for NOC, delay in submission of any additional required clarifications/documents; delay in making the payment; delay in making the consignment available for inspection/sampling. FSSAI also clarified that if one imported item having different Batch Numbers, items under each Batch Number need to be tested and cannot be treated as one Batch Number. As a public Notice has to be issued by Commissionerate-II, Commissioner suggested to keep the issue alive.

[Action: Chennai- II, PGAs]

**MAA 82 : Do-Away with Manual PNR System**

As the Terminal Operators informed that the migration of software from 1.0 version to 1.8 version will be fully operational in December Chairman suggested that the issue may be temporarily closed and can be taken up in the December CCFC meeting.

[CLOSED TEMPORARILY]

**MAA 83 : Designing the System to collect Late Filing Charges**

CCBA stated that they are accepting the clarification given by Commissioner-II that duty includes the IGST amount also and the calculation of Late Filing Charges will be done on the duty + IGST amount.

[CLOSED]

**MAA 86: Tampering of ib-Track e-Seals:**

CCBA informed that the trade are moving to other vendors for e-sealing and they have no comments to offer.

(CLOSED)

**MAA 87: Working of PGAs on Saturdays:**

On this issue, the Asst. Drug Controller, PQ, AQ, Textiles Committee informed that they are working on all Saturdays except second Saturdays. When FSSAI opined that they should get the nod from their headquarters, Chairman observed that the decision to work on Saturdays was taken by this Zone only in the interest of the speedy clearance of the cargo, without seeking any approval from Headquarters and hence, advised the PGAs to decide accordingly.

(CLOSED)

**MAA 88: Insisting of COO by AQ for goods of animal origin:**

AQ informed that their clearance guidelines insist on declaration of country of origin wherefrom the goods are exported as there were some issues like spreading of Swine Flu, etc. They further informed that if the Health Certificate submitted alongwith the documents for clearance does not contain the origin country details, they will not be in a position to give NOC and they will not have any issues, if the Health Certificate carries the information of the Country of Origin.

(CLOSED)

**MAA 89: Referring of FEED to AQ NOC:**

Asst. Drug Controller has an Exemption List of items which need not be referred to ADC for NOC and hence CCBA desired that AQ should also have a similar list, for quicker clearance without referring those items to AQ for NOC. AQ replied that Feed of non-animal origin may contain chemicals like Caustic Sulphate, which may be of pig origin and hence Feed also to be referred for AQ-NOC and further advised that the importers/Customs Brokers need to approach the Ministry of Agriculture to adhere to their demand. Chairman

advised the AQ to write their observations to Commissioner-II in this regard by citing the instances which compelled the AQ for testing all Feed items. As this issue has to be decided by the Ministry of Agriculture, Chairman advised that the issue may be closed.

(CLOSED)

**MAA 90: Request from Adani Kattuppalli Port for enabling EDI Link to their container scanner with RMD Mumbai:**

Commissioner-VIII informed that the matter has been taken up with the Director General (Systems) and they are working on it and progress will be intimated during the next CCFC meeting.

(Action: Ch-VIII)

**MAA 91: Simplification of Export TP Module:**

On this issue, Adani Kattuppalli Port Pvt. Ltd stated there are some difficulties in the Export TP Module and requested to simplify the same. Commissioner-VIII informed that testing is going on and necessary rectifications will be carried out.

(CLOSED)

**Other unlisted issues discussed with the permission of the Chair**

CCBA informed that there is a delay in receiving scanning list mails from RMD, Mumbai and requested to set right the procedure for quick delivery of the containers. They have also informed that the Public Notice issued by Nhava Sheva Port provides for autogeneration of scanning lists and requested for implementation of similar provision in Chennai also.

Commissioner-IV informed that a letter has been sent to RMD Mumbai in this regard and the issue will be redressed shortly.

Commissioner-VIII also intimated that a Public Notice has been issued regarding e-Sanchit and requested all the CCBA to upload all the documents in e-Sanchit to avoid raising of objections by Audit. CCBA informed that they have already advised their clients to upload all the documents through e-Sanchit.

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



**(BIDHAN CHANDRA)**  
Additional Commissioner (CCO)

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The Deputy/Assistant Commissioner (EDI), Custom House, Chennai  
*(With a request to upload the minutes of the meeting in the Chennai Custom House website)*