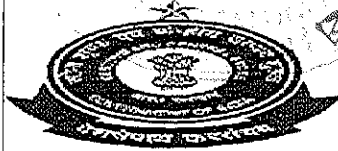


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MINUTES OF THE PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21.12.2018 AT 3.30 P.M. AT COMMISSIONER'S CHAMBER, O/o THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS, CHENNAI- IV, KRISHNA BLOCK, CUSTOM HOUSE, CHENNAI.

At the outset, Smt.Sudha Koka, Commissioner of Customs, Chennai- IV who chaired the meeting, welcomed the members of Trade Association.

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

S/Shri/Smt

1. R.N.Sekar, CCBA
2. A.S.Aleemuddin, CCBA
3. Y.Leeladharan, CHENSAA
4. C.R.Raghu, CHENSAA
5. R.Kumar, CCBA
6. R.Marichamy, Kattupalli Port

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

S/Shri/Smt.

1. Sidlingappa Teli, Jt.Commissioner
2. R.Ramesh, Dy.Commissioner
3. C.MohanGopu, Dy.Commissioner.
4. S.Kannan, Asst.Commissioner
5. C.R.Rajah, Superintendent.
6. Ramesh, Superintendent

4.0 The following points which were presented in the previous PTFC meeting held on 13.11.2018 were taken up for the discussion.

4.1 The DPD/RMS cell, it is noticed that OOC obtained from DPD/RMS cell is being held up due to delay in receipt of scanning report from the CSD department. Sometimes, the scanning reports are received after 3 days, which is severely affecting the clearance of containers particularly DPD containers. Instead of waiting for scanning report, based on entry inward the OOC can be given,

later if any containers are selected for scanning, the preventive officer can open and examine the 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.

Reply: The Commissioner informed that all the containers are not selected for examination in the scanning and only where there is a mismatch, the particular containers are selected for examination and remaining consignments are cleared without any reexamination. Hence, the Commissioner stated that the same procedure will continue.

4.2 The Commissioner has asked the CCBA that the delay in assessment of Shipping Bill is improved or still the same delay is continuing. The CCBA representative has stated that the dwell time of assessment has come down.

4.3. The Commissioner has asked the CCBA regarding loading of two 20 ft containers in a trailer before scanning of the container. The CCBA representative has stated that the loading of two containers in a trailer is completely stopped before scanning.

4.4. The CCBA representative has stated that the OOC officers who have posted in INMAA 1 cannot process the OOC of DPD containers lying at Kattupalli Port and Ennore Port. The clearing clerk of CCB has to get manual examination report from concerned officers of Kattupalli Port, Ennore Port and the manual examination report has been entered in the system to get the OOC. They have requested to provide user ID to mark attendance to all Ports to process the DPD cargo.

4.5. The Commissioner has stated that the issue will be taken with RMD through EDI for assigning role of OOC officer of DPD facility to all the Ports.

5.0 After discussion of previous pending points, the following fresh points sponsored by CCBA were taken up for discussion.

5.1: As present only two officers (Superintendent) are working at RMS facilitation Cell. Out of two officers, one officer is processing OOC of 'O' yard Bills of Entry in addition to RMS Bills of Entry. Due to shortage of sufficient OOC officers, if more number of Bills of Entry presented for OOC, the same could not be completed on the same day, which leads to delay in clearance. Therefore it is suggested that one more officer has to be posted to clear the goods without any delay.

Reply: It is informed by the Commissioner that even before receipt of representation from CCBA, in order to facilitate trade, three officers were already posted and are giving OOC.

The CCBA representatives have thanked the Commissioner for posting of three officers at RMS facilitation cell.

5.2: At present OOC has been issued at RMSFC without trade interference. However, after issuance of OOC, traders are forced to approach the concerned officer to get the B/E signed. It defeats the purpose of OOC without interference of the trade. Therefore, it is suggested that 'OOO" issued at this cell need not to be insisted to get signature of the particular officer and those bills have to be allowed for clearance on priority basis.

Reply: The Commissioner informed that to facilitate the scanning, different procedures are followed in respect of RMS Bills, DPD Bills and the Bills processed in CFS. It was clarified that it is not required to take signature from particular officer giving OOC. But it can be taken from any officer in RMSFC and it is required to differentiate RMS bills from normal bills as the procedure followed for clearance of RMS.

5.3: The CCBA informed that a new procedure has been introduced in the EDC Section that a new file is opened for every export of section 74 cargo. After approval from concerned Asst.Commissioner, shipments are allowed for exports and this creates huge delay (3-7 days) to complete the export. The exports under section 74 has been done online in Kolkatta Port, and a public notice has been issued in this regard at Kolkatta port. Therefore, it is suggested that creation of file for this purpose may be dispensed with.

Reply (i): In this point AC (Exports) clarified that the EDC section has been receiving various types of re-export requests viz.,

- (a) return of rejected goods
- (b) re-export of goods /machinery imported for projects
- (c) re-export of imported goods not according to the specifications
- (d) re-export under section 69 and Section 74 of the Customs Act, 1962;
- (e) re-export of mis-landed goods
- (f) re-export of goods imported under any of Export Promotion schemes

A new system has been introduced since August 2018 for granting permission to re-export of goods whereby the request of the exporter will be processed on file by the concerned EO/PO and put-up to the Asst.Commissioner (EDC) along with the recommendation of the AO/supdt (EDC). Most of the re-exports involves complying with the conditions of exemption notification availed at the time of original import. Further, verification of payment of duty, nature of re-export, prohibitions in export policy, etc are to be examined before granting of re-export permission, so as to ensure no unauthorized re-export takes place. The new system of obtaining re-export permission by creating a file for each re-export request is for ensuring through examination of requests received from the

exporters and make it a foolproof system. This will save the burden of verification by the C.O. officers at the time of allowing re-export shipment and return of shipping bill to EDC section in the event of exporter failing to comply with relevant provisions.

The Commissioner directed that the requirement of obtaining prior permission for filing Shipping Bill under section 74 shall be dispensed with immediately. The exporter shall file section 74 export shipping Bill with relevant documents which shall be assessed by the AC (EDC) and the AO/Superintendent (EDC) as the case may be and the Shipping Bill shall be sent for Examination for further necessary action.

(ii): The Commissioner informed that the shipping bills for exports under section 69 can be filed online and insisted the CCBA to follow the procedure of online in respect of exports under section 69.

5.4: The CCBA representative stated that the self sealed export containers and export containers stuffed at CFS have been stopped at the time of entry into port for the reason that the latches are fitted with bolts and not with rivets and those containers are reexamined. This causes delay and even missing vessel connections.

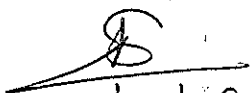
Reply: The Commissioner informed that the self sealed containers availing DPE facility at Thiruvottiyur need not be opened in all cases, and the other type of exports which are fitted with bolt and nut, re-examined only under suspicious conditions and also with the prior approval of Jt.Commissioner.

6. PTFC meeting for the month of January, 2019 is due on **11.01.2019 at 3.30 PM** in Commissioner's Conference Hall, 5th Floor, Krishna Block, Custom House, Chennai-1.

7. The Points if any for the PTFC Meeting of January 2019 may be furnished on or before **04.01.2019** to the Mail ID commrchiv@gmail.com and CoordcellchNSEAexp@gmail.com.

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

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


 03/01/19
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JT.COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS
CHENNAI-IV

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All Trade Associations

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