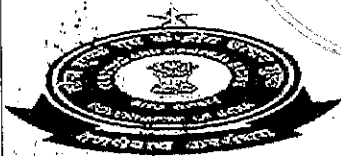


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F.No. S.Misc.42/2019-Appg.Main (Ch-IV)

Date: 19.11.2019

**MINUTES OF THE PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON 08.11.2019 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. Sekar R. N., CCBA
2. S. Natraja, CCBA
3. Allemuddin A.S CCBA
4. Leeladharam CHENSAA
5. Marichamy R Kattupalli Port/CFS
6. Bujangaraam C. B., CCBA
7. Kumar, CCBA
8. Raghu, CHENSAA
9. Hari, CHENSAA

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

S/Shri/Smt.

1. Goldi Sharma, Dy. Commissioner
2. C. Mohan Gopu, Dy. Commissioner
3. D. Srinivas, Asst. Commissioner
4. Parmahanda Jha, Superintendent

4.0 As there were no pending points from earlier PTFC meeting, the following fresh points sponsored by CCBA were taken up for discussion.

4.1: When exports are completed inadvertently declaring 'N' instead of 'Y' for reward item, the exporters loose the MEIS incentive. Those who apply for NOC as this change cannot be effected in the system, this is being rejected.

As per Section 149 of Customs Act, 1962, if documentary evidence is available / is in existence at the time of export of goods. Already exporters are facing crunch situation and by not allowing the incentives they suffer further.

When sufficient documents are available, we request to consider issue of NOC.

Reply:

1. As per the DGFT Public Notice No. 40/2015-2020 dated 09.10.2015, the following procedure is to be followed in respect of exports made between 01.04.2015 and 31.05.2015 and where the exporter has inadvertently marked N in the reward item box :

“Exporters shall submit physical copies of free shipping bills after electronic filing of application to RA at the time of submission of application for MEIS rewards in these cases. RA shall grant MEIS rewards after examination of such shipping Bills in accordance with other provisions of FTP/HBP”.

2. As per the DGFT Public Notice No. 47/2015-2020 dated 08.12.2015 the following procedure to be followed in respect of exports made between 01.06.2015 and 30.09.2015 and where the exporter has inadvertently marked N in reward box but has declared his intention in the affirmative in the shipping bill :-

(a) Item level details for Shipping Bills related to exports from 01.06.2015 to 30.09.2015 that were not transmitted to DGFT (due to declaring 'N' at item level and thus showing negative intent for the Reward scheme) shall be identified and transmitted by Director General (Systems) to Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT). This would enable exporters to file reward applications electronically with DGFT in such cases. Physical Export Promotion (EP) copy of each Shipping Bill will be submitted by the exporters to concerned Regional Authority

(RA) (in all cases of 'N' declaration) to verify that the declaration of intent was made by exporter as provided in Para 3.14 of Handbook of Procedure (HBP) 2015-2020 before allowing reward, subject to other provisions of FTP/HBP.

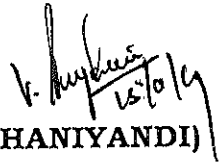
(b) Where Shipping Bills for exports from 01.06.2015 to 30.09.2015 have been other transmitted to DGFT (being Advance Authorisation (AA) / Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) / Duty Free Import Authorisation (DFIA) Scheme Shipping Bills) but 'N' has been declared in the 'Reward item' field, the exporter shall submit EP copy of the shipping bills and reward may be issued by the concerned RA after confirming declaration of intent on physical EP copy of the shipping bills as provided in Para 3.14 of HBP 2015-2020.

3. As per the DGFT Public Notice No. 09/2015-2020 dated 16.05.2016 Paragraph 3.14 : Procedure for Declaration of Intent on EDI and Non EDI shipping bills for claiming rewards under MEIS including export of goods through courier or foreign post offices using e-Commerce (a) (i) EDI Shipping Bills: Marking/ ticking of "Y" (for Yes) in "Reward" column of shipping bills against each item, which is mandatory, would be sufficient to declare intent to claim rewards under the scheme. In case the exporter does not intend to claim the benefit of reward under Chapter 3 of FTP exporter shall tick "N" (for No). Such marking/ticking shall be required even for export shipments under any of the schemes of Chapter 4 (including drawback), Chapter 5 or Chapter 6 of FTP.

No provision was made for the shipping bills filed after 30.09.2015, where the exporter has marked 'N' in the reward column.

4. Unless a PN on the lines of 40/2015-20 & 47/2015-20 is issued by DGFT, the request cannot be considered. It is reiterated that marking Yes or No w.r.t. reward Scheme is mandatory for EDI Shipping Bills and no manual intervention can be made through issue of NOC.
5. The Commissioner has also informed the CCBA about PN 93/2019 dt: 08.11.2019 on the subject of Amendment in the export policy of Onions and Draft Facility Circular dt: 08.11.2019 regarding Extension of Direct Port Entry (DPE) for Export Containers of AEO Tier-I Clients in Chennai Port on 24X7 basis.
6. With the above discussions, the meeting was concluded by the Commissioner thanking all the members who were present in the meeting.

7. PTFC meeting for the month of December, 2019 is due on **13.12.2019 at 03.30 PM** in Commissioner's Conference Hall, 5th Floor, Krishna Block, Custom House, Chennai-600 001.
8. The Points if any for the PTFC Meeting of December, 2019 may be furnished on or before 30.11.2019 to the Mail ID commrchiv@gmail.com and Coordcellchnseaexp@gmail.com.
9. This issues with the approval of Commissioner of Customs, Chennai-IV.


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JOINT COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS
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To,

All Trade Associations.

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