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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS (CHENNAI - IV)

सीमाशुल्कअवन, 60, राजाजीसालै, चेन्नै-600 001.

CUSTOM HOUSE, 60, RAJAJI SALAI, CHENNAI-600 001.

F.NoS.Misc 118/2018-Docks Admin

Date: 03.02.2020

MINUTES OF MEETING

Minutes of meeting held on 24.01.2020 at 3:00 PM with various stakeholders i.e., major importers, Terminal Operators, Freight Forwarders and CCBA, regarding the infrastructural changes to be done for the implementation of the Public Notice 04/2020 dated 17.1.2020. The following members from the trade attended the meeting:

Importers:

- 1) Mr. Mohana Sundaram, GM, Hyundai Motors.
- 2) Mr. Vincent.T, Manager-Export Finance, MRF Tyres.
- 3) Mr. Martin Arun Kumar, Manager-Inbound Logistics, BMW Motors
- 4) Mr. MG Aravindan, Manager, Avvashya CCI Logistics, representing TVS Motors
- 5) Mr. M.N.Pavan Kumar, Manager-Logistics, Flextronics
- 6) Mr. Sankaralingam, Manager, Caterpillar India Pvt. Ltd.
- 7) Mr. Ramesh, Manager, Samsung Electronics
- 8) Mr. Muthu Kumar, Manager, Hetero Labs

Custom Brokers and Freight Forwarders :

- 1) Mr. Natarajan, President, CCBA, Chennai.

- 2) Other Members of CCBA, Chennai
- 3) Mr. Anand Kumar, Country Manager, K.S.R freight.
- 4) Mr. Purushothaman, Manager, Fairmacs Shipping.
- 5) Ms. Maria Martin, Manager Pan India, Ligi Logistics

Terminal Operators:

- 1) Captain R.Venkatesh, CEO, DP World
- 2) Mr. Krishna Kumar, CFS, DP World
- 3) Mr. Prasad, Manager, O-Yard CFS
- 4) MD, Kamarajar Port Ltd.
- 5) P. Srinivasan, Assistant Manager, CITPL

Department:

- 1) V. Pazhaniyandi, Joint Commissioner of Customs, Chennai - IV,
Custom House, Chennai.
- 2) Shyam Sundhar S.P, Deputy Commissioner of Customs, Chennai-IV,
Custom House, Chennai.
- 3) R. Ramesh, Superintendent of Customs, Docks-Administration.

The importers and exporters informed that there is a lack of transparency in the Terminal Handling Charges being collected and hence the circular 04/2020 dated 17.01.2020 is a welcome step to bring down the logistics cost for the trade.

2. It is decided that the facility of paying terminal handling charges directly to the terminals shall be provided initially to the AEO clients availing DPD facility and other interested importers/exporters who are holding PD account with the terminals. The operational changes shall be done by the terminals immediately for implementation of the PN 04/2020.

3. DP World conveyed that a common PD code may be issued to the importers/exporters for the smooth implementation. There are four terminals in the jurisdiction of the Chennai Customs Zone. The same vessel can call at multiple terminals. Multiple PD accounts for the same IEC code creates confusion both to the terminals and to the importers. DP world also expressed the concern that terminals can not extend the credit to the

importers for the terminal handling charges. Importers need to maintain sufficient balance in the PD account for the clearance failing which the delivery of the container gets delayed.

4. CITPL conveyed that E-DO issued by the shipping lines is the primary document for initiating delivery to the importers. Hence, the agreement of the terminals with the shipping lines needs to be revised.

5. CCBA conveyed that the Custom Brokers are already having PD accounts with all the terminals and Custom Brokers are ready to maintain the sufficient balance on behalf of the importers/exporters. CCBA also mentioned that the invoice for the terminal handling charges may be raised in the name of importer and Custom Brokers PD account may be debited for the same.

6. CITPL conveyed that Custom Brokers do not have PD account with their terminal and will be opened shortly.

7. CCBA also expressed a concern that Kattupalli port is giving upto 21 free days for selected customers. As per the TAMP rules 3 free days (72 hours) are allowed at the port. But as per the Facility Circular 22/2017, DPDDPD delivery should be taken in 48 hours failing which containers will be moved to the preferred CFS. CCBA requested to revise the Facility Circular 22/2017.

8. CCTL and CITPL expressed concern that 3 free days at INMAA port will cause more shifting of the container and will cause additional billing to the importers which will increase the logistics cost. CCBA's request for 3 free days for DPD delivery will also increase the dwell time. Currently, 3 free days are allowed by both CCTL and CITPL excluding Sundays and holidays falling in between.

9. Hyundai Motors conveyed that they already hold a PD account with the terminals and hence, Terminal Handling charges can be debited directly. However, they want few credit days for the charges.

10. Commissioner of Customs, Chennai-IV stated that the facility circular 22/2017 will be revised to allow 48 hours (excluding public holidays and Sunday falling in between) for DPDDPD delivery from the terminals. A common code for all the importers will be provided in the same lines based

on the practices followed in JNPT. An addendum to the Public Notice 04/2020 will be issued shortly based on the inputs from all the stakeholders, stating the procedures to be followed for directly paying the terminal handling charges to the terminals by the importers.

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

V. Pazhaniyandi
08/2/2020

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Copy submitted to:

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2. The Principal Commissioner / Commissioner of Customs (Chennai I/II/III/Audit/VII and VIII)

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1. JC/ DC/ACs in Chennai - IV Commissionerate.
2. The Assistant Commissioner of Customs, EDI....for uploading in Chennai Customs Website / Intranet of the Zone.
3. The President, Chennai Customs Broker's Association, Chennai.