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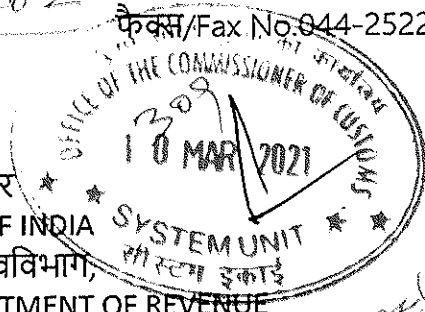
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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

The 70<sup>th</sup> Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC) meeting was held on 25.02.2021 (Thursday) at 5.00 P.M. through Video Conference. Shri M.V.S.Choudary, Chief Commissioner of Customs, Chennai has chaired the meeting.

2. The following officials from Customs Department, PGAs and other Stakeholders attended the meeting:

S/Shri/Smt

1. M.M.Parthiban, Principal Commissioner of Customs (Preventive & General)
2. R.Srinivasa Naik, Commissioner of Customs (Import)
3. Sudha Koka, Commissioner of Customs (Export)
4. N.Padmasri, Commissioner of Customs (Audit & ACC)
5. T. Samaya Murali, Addl. Commissioner, CCO & Preventive
6. K.Ramesh, Assistant Commissioner (CCO)
7. Anand Kumar Savalam, Assistant Commissioner (CCO)
8. B.Vimal, Traffic Manager, Chennai Port Trust
9. Dr.Subhash Kumar, Joint Director, Plant Quarantine
10. Dr.P.Manavalan, Asst. Drug Controller
11. J.Raghupathy, Asst. Drug Controller (Airport)
12. K.K.Jitha, Deputy Director (SZ), FSSAI
13. Kirupasankar, WCCB
14. G.R.Seshagiri Rao, CGM, CONCOR
15. K.P.Saseedharan, AGM (Cargo), AAICLAS
16. R.Rajkumar, Associate GM, Adani Kattupalli Port Ltd.
17. Capt. Avinash Iyer, Chairman, NACFS, Chennai Chapter
18. Capt. R.Venkatesh, CEO, DP World
19. S. Nataraja, President, CCBA
20. R.N.Sekar, Secretary, CCBA
21. R. Kumar, EC Member, CCBA
22. P.Srinivasan, Asst. Manager, Chennai International Terminals Pvt. Ltd

3. Members of the following organizations did not participate in the Video Conference.

1. Bureau of Immigration
2. Central Leather Research Institute
3. Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board
4. Fertiliser Control
5. Wireless Adviser

6. CWC
7. Animal Quarantine
8. Port Health Office
9. Wild Life Inspector
10. Kamarajar Port Ltd.
11. Textile Committee
12. Bureau of Indian Standards
13. Chennai & Ennore Ports Steamer Agents Association

4. Shri M.M.Parthiban, Principal Commissioner of Customs welcomed all the stakeholders who were present for the meeting online. With the permission of the Chairman, points raised were taken up for discussion.

**Point No.MAA135:-Late Filing Fees**

5. Shri R.N.Sekar, Secretary, CCBA stated that maximum Levy of Late filing charges as per notification No.36/2018(NT) to be automated to avoid manual intervention. Shri Sekar further stated that this issue had already been raised in the CCFC Meeting held in December 2020 but still this has not been automated and once automation is done, it will be a great relief to the Exim trade.

5.1 Shri T.Samaya Murali, Additional Commissioner stated that the issue had already been taken up with DG(Systems.)

(Point Closed)

**FRESH POINTS DISCUSSED IN THE CCFC MEETING**

**Point No.MAA139:- Regularisation of Advance / Prior BEs at Kattupalli / Ennore Port**

6. Shri R.N.Sekar, Secretary, CCBA , stated that Advance/Prior B/E filed for the Vessel berthing at Kattupalli/Ennore Port are not regularized automatically as and when entry inwards granted. For those bills, they have to approach Customs to regularize the BEs and due to this, there is delay in issuance of OOC. This has to be automated similar to that of Vessel berthed in Chennai Port. Shri Sekar further stated that earlier, they used to approach the Examiner posted in Export Commissionerate for regularization , that the Export Commissionerate has introduced a Google Form which has to be filled and sent to DC(Docks Admn.) who allocates the Bill to the Examiner. Shri Sekar further stated that those Examiners who are allocated the work of regularization of BEs may be posted at a dedicated Section so that they can be easily approached in case of delay. Shri Nataraja, President, CCBA stated that the Examiner attends to the work of regularization of BEs at his own will and this results in delay.

6.1 Shri T.Samaya Murali, Additional Commissioner stated that there are three Ports under Chennai Customs Zone, namely Chennai, Kattupalli and Ennore with unique Port Codes, that each CFS is attached to a particular Port. He further informed that the issue which had already been raised by Kattupalli Port is taken up with the Board. The Additional Commissioner further stated that the issue will be resolved after full fledged implementation of SCMTR.

6.2 Smt. Sudha Koka, Commissioner (Export) assured that the matter will be looked into and steps will be taken to ensure that there is no delay. Commissioner

further informed that Google Form will continue and it will be ensured that BEs are regularized seamlessly.

**(Point Closed)**

**Point No.MAA140:- e-Office**

7. Shri R.N.Sekar, Secretary, CCBA stated that e-Office had been introduced for all file movement in place of manual mode for Amendment, Re-Call and Re-Assessment etc. As movement of file is not known to the CB who has submitted the documents for such a request, some mechanism has to be found similar to that of ICEGATE to track the status of process and approval of file to enable the CB to plan the clearance of goods without any delay. Shri Nataraja, President, CCBA stated that in e-Office, the file takes more than 2 days to go to the Officer's screen.

7.1 Shri R.Srinivasa Naik, Commissioner (Import) stated that there is no mechanism to track the movement of file by external agencies and there may be delays due to shortage of staff or staff being on training. Commissioner further stated that 5 Data Entry Operators have been engaged to scan the documents and initiate the file in e-Office and all the DC/ACs have been directed to ensure that there is no delay in addressing the issues and processing of files.

**(Point Closed)**

**Point No.MAA141:-Faceless Assessment**

8. Shri R.N.Sekar, Secretary, CCBA stated that in the Inspection Order for the Bills which are having more than two containers, the Assessing Officers are not mentioning the specific Number of Containers to be opened, but provide only %, which leads to opening of all containers, resulting in delay as well as additional cost of destuffing etc, Therefore it is suggested that such BEs have to be inspected with selected containers instead of opening all the containers

8.1 Shri R.Srinivasa Naik, Commissioner (Import), stated that the observations are genuine and the issue had been flagged with different NACs and that when the standardized examination orders are operationalised, these issues will get resolved. Further, it was suggested that in case of open orders for 100% examination of commodities of fragile nature viz., TV, Glass, etc., the issue can be taken up with AC (Docks) for suitable modification of open orders.

8.2 As regards the practice followed in Export Commissionerate, Smt. Sudha Koka, Commissioner (Export) stated that in respect of AEO T-2 and AEO T-3 clients, waiver of examination is recommended. Further, Export Commissionerate is in the process of issuing a Trade Facilitation Circular for waiver of 100% examination of consignments of Unshredded Metal Scrap of AEO manufacturer. It was also assured that in the above scenario involving incomplete open orders, necessary system will be put in place for adhering to the examination norms.

**(Point Closed)**

**Other Unlisted Issues discussed with the permission of the Chair**

9. Shri R.N.Sekar, Secretary, CCBA stated that in previous CCFC Meeting, it was informed that in spite of issuing Advisory by Customs, only a few Liners are working

on par with Customs on Saturdays & Sundays. CCBA further stated that Liners are charging for Detention & Demurrage for Saturdays & Sundays even though Liners does not work on those days.

9.1. Shri T.Samaya Murali, Additional Commissioner asked CCBA to come out with specific instance so that it can be taken up effectively.

**(Point Closed)**

10. Shri M.M.Parthiban, Principal Commissioner briefed about SCMTR and stated that a Help Desk has been created in Custom House with S/Shri Deena Dayal Singh, Superintendent (SCMTR) and Badal Panigrahi, AC (SCMTR), and they can be approached in case of any difficulties or clarifications on SCMTR related issues. To a query from CCBA on whether CBs have to get themselves registered under SCMTR, Principal Commissioner clarified that CBs who also function as Freight Forwarders have to get themselves registered and CBs who function exclusively as Custom Brokers, need not get registered. Principal Commissioner further stated that automation of Filing of Entry Inwards, Stuffing Report, Sailing Report, etc. in on the anvil and DG(Systems) will be issuing necessary Advisories.

11. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

This issues with the approval of the Chief Commissioner of Customs, Chennai.

  
(T. SAMAYA MURALI)

Additional Commissioner of Customs (CCO)

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(With a request to upload the minutes of the meeting in the Chennai Custom House website)