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चेन्नै सीमा शुल्क क्षेत्र

CHENNAI CUSTOMS ZONE

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CUSTOM HOUSE, NO.60, RAJAJI SALAI, CHENNAI 600 001.

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दिनांक/Dated: 01.10.2021

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The 77th Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC) meeting was held on 24.09.2021 (Friday) at 4.00 P.M. through Video Conference. Shri M.V.S.Choudary, Chief Commissioner of Customs, Chennai chaired the meeting.

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

S/Shri/Smt

1. K.R.Uday Bhaskar, Principal Commissioner (ACC/Airport)
2. Ganta Ravindranath, Principal Commissioner (General / Preventive)
3. S.A.Usmani, Commissioner of Customs (Import / Export)
4. Leo John Ilango, Addl. Commissioner (ACC)
5. R.Rajasekhar, Addl. Commissioner (CCO)
6. Meghaa Gupta, DC (EDI)
7. K.Ramesh, Assistant Commissioner (CCO)
8. Dr.P.Manavalan, Asst. Drug Controller
9. Kirupasankar, CCD, WCCB
10. AO, Food Safety & Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)
11. Muni Reddy, Immigration
12. Capt. Avinash Iyer, Chairman, NACFS, Chennai Chapter
13. Padmanabhan, Secretary, NACFS, Chennai Chapter
14. T.G.Prasad, Manager, CCTL
15. Shahul Hameed, Operations Manager, CCTL
16. K.P.Saseedharan, AGM (Cargo), AAICLAS
17. Ganesh, AAICLAS
18. R.N.Sekar, President, CCBA
19. Divakaran P Nair, Vice President, CCBA
20. S.Nataraja, Secretary, CCBA
21. C.R.Raghu, Chairman, Chennai & Ennore Steamer Agents Association
22. Y.Leeladharan, Immediate Past Chairman, CHENSAA
23. SRSCOCHN
24. Balaji Shankar
25. Girish Thomas
26. R.Shekar

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

1. Chennai Port Trust
2. Kamarajar Port Ltd.
3. Adani Kattupalli Port Ltd.
4. Textile Committee
5. Container Corporation of India Ltd. (CONCOR)
6. Central Leather Research Institute
7. Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board
8. Fertiliser Control
9. Wireless Adviser

10. Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC)
11. Animal Quarantine
12. Port Health Office
13. Bureau of Indian Standards
14. Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO)
15. Regional Plant Quarantine Station (RPQS)
16. Chennai International Terminals Pvt. Ltd. (CITPL)

4. Shri R.Rajasekhar, Additional Commissioner of Customs (CCO) welcomed all the stakeholders who were present for the meeting online.

5. With the permission of the Chairman, pending points raised in the previous meeting were taken up for discussion first.

Point No.MAA148:- Restoration of viewing of Queries / Replies on ICEGATE

6. Shri R.N.Sekar, Secretary, CCBA stated that earlier the queries and replies were available in Icegate public enquiry. Now this has been masked and only the Queries counts are displayed. i.e., no. of queries raised and replied are displayed in Icegate. He further stated that there is a message displayed in the ICEGATE website which reads as "Disclaimer - For reasons of sensitivity and confidentiality, Query details are available only in the importer's/Custom Broker's login". He also added that even after login, these queries and replies are NOT displayed. i.e., in case two or more queries raised in a particular B/E, they are able to see the last Query only and the previous queries and related replies are not displayed. Therefore, he suggested to restore the Query/Reply as it was earlier or at least the page with all queries and replies should be available under login.

6.1 The General Commissionerate (Chennai-VIII) has informed that the issue had already been taken up with Directorate of Systems.

(Point Closed)

Point No.MAA149:- Integrating the ICES & the results of scanning of containers

7. Shri R.N.Sekar, Secretary, CCBA stated inter alia that the Containers are selected for scanning and after scanning of containers, these details must automatically be captured by ICES and the bill should be processed; that currently, they have to contact Terminal in case of Direct Port Delivery (DPD) or Container Freight Station (CFS) in case of PNR containers to get the Equipment Interchange Receipt (EIR) Copy and on receipt of EIR copy, the same has to be scanned and uploaded through eSanchit and only upon verification of EIR, Bills of Entry are either given Out Of Charge (OOC) or marked for 100% examination, which causes delay in clearance. Therefore, it was suggested that this uploading of scanning details by the Trade should be dispensed with and ICES system should be suitably integrated with Container Scanning Division (CSD) module to capture the scanning report and the Bill of Entry has to be processed, obviating the need for physical uploading.

7.1 The Preventive Commissionerate (Chennai-III) stated that as Directorate of Systems has called for certain details for implementation of new API based EDI solution for existing container scanners, the same will be forwarded to them and await the outcome.

(Point Closed)

Point No.152:- Discontinuation of Document Management System for Export Shipments (Sea)

8. Shri R.N.Sekar, Secretary, CCBA stated that this point had already been discussed in the earlier CCFC Meetings (64th, 66th & 67th) and it was decided to continue the system for some time and further stated that the DMS has been discontinued for import transactions. It was requested to dispense with the requirement of handing over the hard copies of Shipping Bill documents through DMS since the Shipping Bill documents are already uploaded through e-Sanchit.

8.1 In this regard, the Export Commissionerate stated that since uploading of all supporting documents submitted subsequent to filing of Shipping Bill using e-Sanchit facility has been made mandatory by the Board, the Document Management System (DMS) with

regard to uploading of export docket has been discontinued and suitable instructions have been given to all OOC/LEO/Examining/ Stuffing Officers not to insist on submission of documents to DMS.

(Point Closed)

9. With the permission of the Chairman, the participants were invited to raise points.

10. Shri R.N.Sekar, President, CCBA, interalia stated that at the time of Assessment of Ex-Bond Bills of Entry, the Assessing Officers sometimes resort to giving "instructions" to be carried out at the time of ex-bonding of the goods and the same results in delay in clearances. Further, it was suggested that all the ex-bond Bills of Entry have to be RMS facilitated at all FAG locations and in case of instructions by Assessing Officers (at FAG), the Department has to consider the request of Customs Brokers (CBs) for dispensing with the requirement of implementation of the instructions.

10.1 In this regard, the Chairman replied that though the request for dispensing with the requirement of instructions in the ex-bond Bills of Entry is genuine one and the request can be considered on case to case basis. Further, it was informed to specify specific instances so that the issue can be taken up appropriately.

(Point Closed)

11. Shri S.Nataraja, Secretary, CCBA stated that the Single Window System does not have mechanism to incorporate appellate orders passed by FSSAI Appellate Authorities in cases where at the first stage, rejection order in respect of imported cargo due to non-compliance of FSSAI regulations was passed and on appeal, the original rejection order was overruled by the Appellate Authorities.

11.1 The Chairman informed that those instances are very rare and even in those cases, AC/DC (Shed) has an option to give suitable entries in the ICES System so that OOC can be given by Shed Officers.

11.2 Further, the Chairman informed that specific instances may be brought to the notice of Customs so that the matter can be taken up with Directorate of Systems.

(Point Closed)

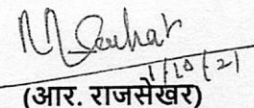
12. Shri C.R.Raghu, Chairman, Chennai and Ennore Steamer Agents Association (CHENSAA) informed that they are facing difficulties while filing IGMs due to technical glitches (errors). Shri R.Rajasekhar, Additional Commissioner (CCO) asked the CHENSAA members to bring to the notice of the issues faced by them so that the matter will be taken up with the concerned.

(Point Closed)

13. The Chairman congratulated the newly elected office bearers of Chennai Customs Brokers Association and wished them all the best.

14. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

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


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