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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The 78th Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC) meeting was held on 28.10.2021 (Thursday) 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. R.Srinivasa Naik, Commissioner of Customs (Audit)
 4. S.A.Usmani, Commissioner of Customs (Import / Export)
 5. R.Rajasekhar, Addl. Commissioner (CCO)
 6. K.Ramesh, Assistant Commissioner (CCO)
 7. Dr.P.Manavalan, Asst. Drug Controller
 8. Santhi MS Pillai, Wildlife Inspector, WCCB
 9. Vimal B, Sr. Deputy Traffic Manager, Chennai Port Trust
 10. R.Rajkumar, Associate GM, Adani Kattupalli Port Ltd.
 11. Port Health Officer, Chennai
 12. Capt. Avinash Iyer, Chairman, NACFS, Chennai Chapter
 13. Padmanabhan, Secretary, NACFS, Chennai Chapter
 14. Vishal Lather, CEO, DP World
 15. T.G.Prasad, Manager, CCTL
 16. Shakul Hameed, Operations Manager, CCTL
 17. Geemon Joseph, CCTL
 18. R.N.Sekar, President, CCBA
 19. S.Nataraja, Secretary, CCBA
 20. Ananth Sairam, PRO, CCBA
 21. C.R.Raghu, Chairman, Chennai & Ennore Steamer Agents Association
 22. Y.Leeladharan, Immediate Past Chairman, CHENSAA
 23. Thejeswara
 24. Vijayalakshmi Shanmugam
3. Members of the following organizations did not participate in the Video Conference.
1. Kamarajar Port Ltd.
 2. Airport Authority of India Cargo Logistics & Allied Services (AAICLAS)
 3. Textile Committee
 4. Container Corporation of India Ltd. (CONCOR)
 5. Central Leather Research Institute
 6. Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board
 7. Fertiliser Control
 8. Wireless Adviser
 9. Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC)
 10. Animal Quarantine
 11. Bureau of Indian Standards

12. Food Safety & Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)
13. Regional Plant Quarantine Station (RPQS)
14. 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 and it was informed that as the action has been taken on the points raised in the previous meeting, no further action is to be taken.

5. With the permission of the Chairman, new points raised were taken up for discussion.

Point No.MAA153:- Providing copy of Lab Test Report

6. Shri R.N..Sekar, Secretary, CCBA stated that CRCL module is operational now and the officers only are having access to the uploaded Test Report and there is no mechanism in the e-sample module enabling the importers/ CBs to have access / download the contents of the Test Report.

6.1 Shri Sekar further underlined the importance of importers/CBs having access to the Test Report in view of its utility in the subsequent imports. It was further informed that previously in the manual mode, the copy of Test Report was furnished to the importers/CBs. It was requested that either the system may be enabled for the importers/CBs to have access to the Test Report or arrangements may be made for transmitting the Test Report to the importers/CBs by e-mail.

6.2 Shri R.Rajasekhar, Additional Commissioner (CCO) has informed that the issue had already been taken up with Directorate of Systems to make suitable improvements in the CRCL module.

6.3 Shri Ganta Ravindranath, Principal Commissioner (General) has informed that the Test Report may be mailed to the importers/CBs by Centralised Sampling Cell of the Commissionerate (Export).

(Point Closed)

Point No.MAA154:- Implementation of auto mechanism for ICEGATE downtime for calculation of late filing fee

7. Shri R.N.Sekar, Secretary, CCBA stated due to technical glitches in the ICEGATE portal, the filing of Bill of Entry gets delayed which results in imposition of late filing fee. It was requested to suggest for suitable improvements in ICES System so that the system takes into consideration the down time and waiver is granted automatically, instead of approaching the officers concerned for waiver.

7.1 Shri R.Rajasekhar, Additional Commissioner (CCO) has informed that the issue had already been taken up with Directorate of Systems. Further, it was informed that pending system improvement, the existing practice of granting waiver by DC/AC taking into consideration of the delay due to technical glitches in the ICEGATE portal, will continue.

(Point Closed)

Point No.155:- Restoration of receipt of Examination Order (Open Order) at the time of first print of Bill of Entry

8. Shri R.N.Sekar, Secretary, CCBA stated that the system has now discontinued printing of examination instructions in the first copy of Bill of Entry and instead they are now being sent to the Importer / CBs through e-mail after goods registration. However on many occasions, it is noticed that these open orders are not received as soon as the registration is done and the CBs have to approach officers to know the contents of the order which delays the clearance. It was requested to restore previous system of receipt of Examination Order at the time of first print of Bill of Entry (after assessment).

8.1 The Additional Commissioner (CCO) stated that issuance/printing of examination order before registration of goods has been discontinued since April 2021 in pursuance to

the Facility Circular No.26/2021 dated 21.04.2021 wherein it had been stated that printing of examination order in the first copy of BE shall be stopped. Instead, examination instructions shall be directly sent to importer or the Customs Broker by System over email after goods registration is complete.

8.2 The issue in respect of delay in getting / non-transmission of examination order has been taken up with Directorate of Systems.

(Point Closed)

Point No.156:- Extending DPD facility to Non-AEO clients (for RMS Bills)

9. Shri R.N.Sekar, Secretary, CCBA stated as per Board Circular 29/2019 dated.05.09.2019 para4(b) – Importers who are having clear track record of compliance and an import volume of 25 FCL TEUs done in a year are also eligible to have DPD facility with the condition prescribed in said circular Para 4. (i) (ii) & (III). As a Trade facilitation measure, it is requested to consider the DPD facility for those importers who fulfill the condition as per the board Circular.

9.1 In this regard, the Chairman has directed the Commissionerates to adhere to the compliance of Board's Circular 29/2019 dated 05.09.2019 for ensuring that DPD facility is conferred on non-AEO Clients also who fulfill the conditions prescribed in the above circular. Further, it was directed to issue necessary instructions / advisory to the Commissionerates.

(Point Closed)

Point No.157:- Scanning facility to be operational 24x7 at Chennai Port

10. Capt. Avinash Iyer, Chairman, NACFS stated scanning facility inside Chennai port is operational only between 0900 and 2200 hrs. Since the movement of containers out of port is a 24x7 activity and is predominantly more so in the night hours, he requested for the scanning facility to be operational 24x7 to facilitate trade and reduce dwell time.


10.1 Shri R.Rajasekhar, Additional Commissioner (CCO) stated that the scanning facility at Chennai Port is already fully operational by 24x7 hours and the Officers are deployed in two shifts i.e. day shift (from 8.00 hrs to 20.00hrs) and night shift (from 20.00 hrs to 8.00 hrs).

(Point Closed)

11. The Chairman finally explained the Trade Facilitation Measures taken by the Chennai Customs Zone, by way of deploying more number of officers in RMSFC Cell for giving Out Of Charge to all facilitated Bills of Entry on 24x7 basis, to reduce the dwell time. The stakeholders thanked the Chairman for the initiatives taken by the Chennai Customs Zone for improving 'Ease Of Doing Business'.

12. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

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


29/10/21

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

