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 सीमा शुल्क भवन, नं.60, राजाजी सालै, चेन्नै 600 001.
CUSTOM HOUSE, NO.60, RAJAJI SALAI, CHENNAI 600 001.

MINUTES OF THE PTFC MEETING HELD ON 12.10.2021 AT 04.00 PM AT COMMISSIONER'S CONFERENCE ROOM (ONLINE), O/o THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS, IMPORT COMMISSIONERATE, CUSTOM HOUSE, CHENNAI.

The following members from the Trade Associations attended the meeting:

S/Shri/Ms.

S. No	Name	Association
1.	C.R. Raghu	CHENSAA
2.	R.N. Sekar	CCBA
3.	R.Kumar	CCBA
4.	S. Padmanabhan	NACFS
5.	Karan Thakkar	NACFS

The following officers of Import Commissionerate attended the meeting:

S/Shri/Ms.

S. No	Name	Designation
1.	S.A.Usmani	Commissioner
2.	T.Samay Murali	Additional Commissioner
3.	Manasa Gangotri Kata	Additional Commissioner

4.	NS Parthasarathy	Joint Commissioner
5.	Divya Mani	Deputy Commissioner
6.	H.G. Ravichandran	Deputy Commissioner
7.	Dilipan N	Deputy Commissioner
8.	B.S. Rajanikanth	Assistant Commissioner
9.	K. Vijaykumar	Assistant Commissioner
10.	G. Vikaram Reddy	Assistant Commissioner

The following agenda points submitted by trade associations were taken into cognizance and discussed in brief during the PTFC meeting under the chairmanship of Shri S.A.Usmani, Commissioner of Customs (Import).

(Agenda point 1.)

FTA VERIFICATION PENDING:

There are many consignments cleared on pending verification of FTA with regard to Genuineness, accuracy of information etc as per Board Circular. These kinds of Clearance are taken place on execution of PD with BG for the duty claimed. Due to non receipt of verification, importers money is held up at Bank. Therefore, it is suggested that all the bonds executed on this a/c has to be monitored and necessary action has to be taken to get the verification done to avoid delay in closure of PD bonds.

Reply : requests of verification of the FTA have been received in the CAROTAR Cell and the same have been referred to the Board for verification of certificate of origin at the earliest and subsequently reminder emails were sent board periodically. All PD bonds and BG are closed at the earliest by the group.

A total number of 233 cases have been received in the CAROTAR Cell so far and have been referred to Board for verification of certificate of origin. Out of 233 cases, reply/verification report has been received in respect of 124 cases and the same were forwarded to the respective Appraising Groups for further necessary action. For balance 109 cases, reply/verification report is still awaited from the Board. A reminder email was sent on 24.9.2021 to Board in respect of 102 cases pending as on 31.8.2021.

The issue was closed with assurance of regular monitoring and bond closure in consultation with CAROTAR Cell.

(Agenda point 2.)

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SEVOTTAM:

Submission and receipt of documents through SEVOTTAM are being done by the trade, However, due to shortage of man power, documents received by them are not reached to the concern department in time and there is huge delay, therefore it is suggested that more manpower to has to be in place and there has to be a mechanism to see that all the documents received are sent to the concern department periodically, timely on shift basis.

Reply : The responsibility of CRU (Central Registry Unit) i.e., of receiving / dispatch physical DAK/Tapal/IC of the Commissionerate, is assigned to Shri Naveen Kumar Yadav, Superintendent. (EMD manager).

The designated email id i.e *chennai-importoffice@gov.in* of Import Commissionerate is the single point of contact for receipt of dak in electronic mode.

It is also assured to take up the issue with Commissioner (General) for speedy dispatch of other daks.

The issue was closed with assurance of regular monitoring and intimation to Chennai General Commissionerate.

(Agenda point 3.)

FAG ASSESSMENT:

It is found that bills in other locations are pending as unattended for days together, the only source trade has to approach TSK. It is found TSK also sending mails to the respective locations, even then there is no response from other end. Therefore, it is suggested that a nodal officer has to be posted to contact other locations over phone or any other mode apart from mail correspondence exclusively for the bills identified as pending for long time and for the bills which are to be cleared urgently or emergency in nature.

Reply : "As per para 2.7 (ii) of circular No. 45/2020 - Cus dt. 12.10.2020 " Shri T. Samaya Murali (Additional Commissioner of Customs) , Import Commissionerate is designated as nodal officer to serve as a single point interface for the escalation of the grievances in such port. The details of the nodal officer and his /her contact details viz *tsamay.murali@gov.in* contact No. 8980406196, is available for the same.

Regular information exchange by mail and telephonic conversation with other port nodal officer is made to resolve the issues on real time

The issue was closed with intimation of appointment of Nodal Officer for the information exchange, and asking CCBA to forward a consolidated mail from trade on the issues to the Nodal Officer on regular basis for n/a.

(Agenda point 4.)

LATE FEE WAIVER:

In the recent days it is found that in the evening hours Icegate are functioning erratically and not getting numbered immediately upon filing and numbered next day. This resulted by generating one day late fee, when approached for claiming late fee waiver, customs has to consider waiver immediately without any delay and without any eOffice process, since it absolutely no fault on importers/Trade.

Reply :

Late fee waiver is actively considered on receipt of such application if accompanied with valid proof /screenshot of such requests. As e-office processing is Faceless with accountability such requests are processed in e-office.

The issue was closed with assurance of regular monitoring and delay if any may be brought to the notice of the concerned officers immediately.

(Agenda point 5.)

E-OFFICE:

To avoid delay in eOffice process, it is suggested that only for issues involved like adjudication, and any other process which require approval from high-up's like JC/A and Commissioner level can be adopted, other small issues like recalling for re-Assessment and amendment which are dealt by AC/DC level can be restored existing manual process.

Reply : As per board DO letter No.. 1025/03/2019 dated 20.05.2020, it is directed to implement the e-Office for speedier action.

The manual practice is phased out for the contactless and speedy action, and any difficulties faced other than implementation may be brought to the notice of the Add. Commr./Joint Commr. for n/a.

The issue was closed with assurance of regular monitoring and delay if any may be brought to the notice of the concerned JC / ADC immediately.

(Agenda point 6.)

ADVANCE LICENSES:

In the case of multiple advance licences in a single bill of entry, the value against each licence not being reflected correctly in the bill of entry. it is automatically selected with 100% BG. it needs to be recalled and correct the value against each license. The value must be picked up automatically against each item and each license. our request to kindly address this issue with the DG system or system manager for immediate modification.

Reply : The issue will be taken up with the Chennai General Commissionerate.

The issue was closed and CCBA has been asked to elaborate the system issue with technical aspect for further n/a.

The meeting ended at 05.00 PM with thanks to the Chair.

This issues with the approval of Commissioner of Customs, Import Commissionerate.

M Divya
Deputy Commissioner

APPRAISING MAIN, IMPORT COMMISSIONERATE

Date: 28/10/2021

To

All Trade Associations

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1. The Chief Commissioner of Customs, Chennai Zone for kind information.
2. The Commissioner of Customs (Chennai- Airport/Preventive/Export/ACC/ General and Audit)

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1. All ADC/JC/DC/ACs in Chennai Import Commissionerate.
2. The Assistant Commissioner of Customs, EDI – for uploading in Chennai Customs Website/Intranet of the Zone.

