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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The 80th Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC) meeting was held on 23.12.2021 (Thursday) at 4.00 P.M. through Video Conference. Shri Ganta Ravindranath, Principal Commissioner of Customs (General / Preventive), Chennai chaired the meeting.

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

S/Shri/Smt

1. R.Srinivasa Naik, Commissioner of Customs (Audit)
2. S.A.Usmani, Commissioner of Customs (Import / Export)
3. R.Rajasekhar, Addl. Commissioner (CCO)
4. O.M.Reena, JC (Audit)
5. K.Ramesh, Assistant Commissioner (CCO)
6. Dr.P.Manavalan, Asst. Drug Controller
7. Vimal B, Sr. Deputy Traffic Manager, Chennai Port Trust
8. A.Karupiah, Chief Manager (Traffic), Kamarajar Port Ltd.
9. Dr. D. Biswas, Regional Officer (SR), AQCS
10. Vishal Lather, CEO, DP World
11. Shakul Hameed, Operations Manager, CCTL
12. Capt. Avinash Iyer, Chairman, NACFS
13. R.N.Sekar, President, CCBA
14. R.Kumar, Vice President, CCBA
15. S.Nataraja, Secretary, CCBA
16. C.V.Karunakaran, Treasurer, CCBA
17. Ananth Sairam, PRO, CCBA
18. A.S.Aleemuddin, CCBA
19. M.Palaniappan, CCBA
20. Y.Leeladharan, Chairman, Chennai & Ennore Steamer Agents Association
21. C.R.Raghu,, Immediate Past Chairman, CHENSAA
22. Thejaswara M, Immigration Officer, BOI
23. Nazeer Basha, Joint GM, AAICLAS
24. SRSCOCHN

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

1. Adani Kattupalli Port Ltd.
2. Port Health Officer, Chennai
3. Container Corporation of India Ltd. (CONCOR)
4. Central Leather Research Institute
5. Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board
6. Fertiliser Control
7. Wireless Adviser
8. Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC)
9. Bureau of Indian Standards
10. Regional Plant Quarantine Station (RPQS)

11. FSSAI
12. WCCB
13. Textile Committee
14. CITPL

4. Shri R.Rajasekhar, Additional Commissioner of Customs (CCO) welcomed all the stakeholders who were present for the meeting online and informed that as the Chief Commissioner is pre-occupied with urgent official engagement, Shri Ganta Ravindranath, Principal Commissioner is chairing the Meeting.

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

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 and arrangements may be made for transmitting the Test Report to the importers/CBs by e-mail.

6.1 The Chairman has stated that efforts are being taken to send a copy of Report to the registered email of Importers / CBs as the issue had already been taken up with Directorate of Systems to make suitable improvements in the CRCL module for transmission of Test Reports to the importer.

(Action: Docks Admn.)

Point No.MAA159:- Faceless Assessment Group

7. Shri R.N.Sekar, President, CCBA stated that many instances have been noticed where Bs/E allotted to FAGs, have been assessed by enhancing the value arbitrarily without the consent of the importers/CBs. In terms of Board Circular 45/2020 para 2.5(ii), any impact on assessment has to be dealt by the same FAG who has done the assessment. This condition has to be changed to the effect that if any bill is assessed without consent of the importer/CB, re-assessment of such bill has to be done at PAG instead of FAG which will go a long way to mitigate the difficulties faced by importer/CB.

7.1 The Chairman clarified that u/s 17 of Customs Act, the importer is resorting to self-assessment and the Proper Officer is just verifying the assessment and if there is any under-valuation, the officer will do re-assessment. The Chairman further stated that if the importer is not agreeing for enhancement of value, he can seek Speaking Order and the Proper Officer has to pass Speaking Order within 15 days and there is no provision under law to send the Bills to another PAG.

7.2 Shri R.Rajasekhar, Additional Commissioner (CCO) stated that all the appeal cases involving live Bills have been taken out of turn and orders have been passed by Commissioner (Appeals I & II).

(Point Closed)

Point No.MAA160:- Delay in receipt of List of Containers selected for Scanning:

8. Shri R.N.Sekar, President, CCBA stated that some times, due to non-receipt of scanning list in time, the Container Terminals puts on hold the entire ship containers till the receipt of scanning list, which results in delay in clearance. The Risk Management Division (RMD) has to be suitably informed to forward the list of scanning mail well in advance, and whenever this kind of situation arises, DPD/PNR Containers are not to be stopped and have to be allowed for clearance exempting the scanning process. Shri R.Rajkumar, Associate GM, Adani Kattupalli Port Ltd. also endorsed this view.

8.1 The Chairman stated that whenever there was a delay in receiving scanning list in time due to technical issues in RMD, Mumbai, in order to avoid Terminal Congestion and as a part of Trade Facilitation, the terminals are allowed to move the cargo to the respective CFS without scanning. Recently also permission was granted for nine vessels to move the containers to respective CFS except for the sensitive cargo i.e. cargo originating from Pakistan / Dubai as well as sensitive commodity (HM scrap).

(Point Closed)

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

Point No.MAA162:- Amendment status in ICEGATE tracking

10. Shri R.N.Sekar, President, CCBA stated that they are unable to view the status of amendment, when the BOE assessed and requested for amendment, the status remain same in the tracking as pending with Officer. It is suggested that similar to Assessment tracking, amendment status also to be shown in the system.

10.1 Shri R.Rajasekhar, Additional Commissioner (CCO) stated that the issue has been taken up with the Directorate of Systems.

(Point Closed)

Point No.MAA163:- Uploading of support documents for Exports

11. Shri R.N.Sekar, President, CCBA stated after filing Bill of Entry, we are able to submit additional documents (IRN) through online for Imports without Officer's approval. But, in Exports, after SB generation, we are unable to submit (tag) Additional documents, which seeks AC's approval for such addition. It is suggested that this need to be changed for eSanchit (IRN) and additional documents of Exports should be able to be submitted without Officer's approval.

11.1 Shri R.Rajasekhar, Additional Commissioner (CCO) stated that the request for auto-approval of uploading additional supporting documents after filing the Shipping Bill has been taken up with Directorate of Systems.

(Point Closed)

Point No.MAA164:- Export Auto EGM Update from Gateway EGM

12. Shri R.N.Sekar, President, CCBA stated that for clearance being carried out at ICDs, EGM of ICD should be automatically integrated with Gateway Port / Airport EGM. For sake of transparency and Ease of Doing Business for Exporter it is suggested that when export consignments are handed over after LEO for onward transact to ICD Custodians, EGM at ICD should be automatically integrated with EGM of Gateway Port / Airport. This will result in faster disbursal of export incentives and reduction in the delay

12.1 The Chairman stated that the data fields in train summary and EGM are not same and their integration will be taken care of once SCMTR becomes operational from 01.01.2022. The Chairman further impressed upon the Association Members and other stakeholders to complete the registration process in respect of SCMTR before 01.01.2022.

(Point Closed)

Point No.MAA165:- Multi- Licence filing and error in Bond value

13. Shri R.N.Sekar, President, CCBA stated that when the Bills of Entry are filed with multiple licences under AA and EPCG, bond value is not being properly captured in the system. These bills are subjected to recall and reassessment. This delays the clearance and needs to be rectified in the system.

13.1 Shri R.Rajasekhar, Additional Commissioner (CCO) stated that the issue has been taken up with the Directorate of Systems.

(Point Closed)

Point No.MAA166:- Generation of TR6 duty payment Challan in ICEGATE for first check Bills

14. Shri R.N.Sekar, President, CCBA stated that Duty Payment TR6 Challans are normally generated after assessment is over, However, it is noticed that for First Check bills before examination and before assessment, duty payment challans are getting generated, and importers are paying duty assuming bill is ready for clearance. It is suggested that generation of Duty Payment Challan before completion of Assessment has to be stopped.

14.1 Shri R.Rajasekhar, Addl. Commissioner (CCO) stated that the problem had already been analysed and rectification patch has been sent to Directorate of Systems for implementation. Once the patch is implemented, the reported problem shall be resolved.

(Point Closed)

Point No.MAA167:-Non-referring of Bills for NOC from Animal Quarantine & Certification System

15. Shri D. Biswas, Regional Officer (SR), AQCS stated that it has come to notice that Bills of Entry (Bs/E) filed with respect to imported live animals and livestock products since 11.12.2021 are not being referred online in single window system for AQCS NOC. The said Bs/E are being given Out Of Charge (OOC) by the Customs (both Seaport and Airport) without any NOC (either online or manual) being issued by AQCS. On going through the Bill of Entry examination instructions issued by ICEGATE at the time of filing of B/E by the importer / authorized person, it is observed that in the second line of CCR Examination Instructions, it is mentioned as "in case of PGA facilitated Bills i.e. which have not been routed through PGA for NOC, Proper Officer should verify and ensure that the mandatory documents like Health Certificate & Sanitary Import Permit have been uploaded before giving OOC". This type of order cannot be given by the Customs authority in any circumstances. It must be routed through the concerned PGA. If there is any issue with the system, the Bs/E must be referred for manual NOC.

15.1 The Chairman stated that the issue of non-reference to PGAs in SWIFT system was not only noticed in Chennai but was prevalent all over the country during the period from 11.12.2021 to 21.12.2021 and that the issue got resolved from 22.12.2021 onwards.

(Point Closed)

16. The Chairman wished all the Members a very Happy New Year.

17. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

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

R. Rajasekhar
25/12/21

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