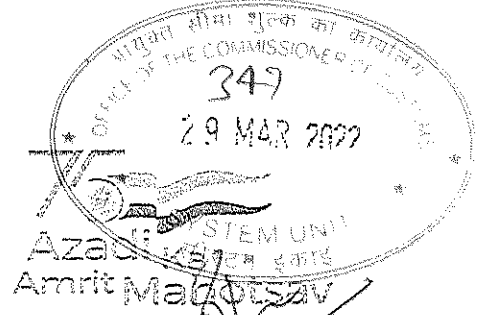


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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The 83rd Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC) meeting was held on 23.03.2022 (Wednesday) 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. Ganta Ravindranath, Principal Commissioner (General / Preventive)
2. R.Srinivasa Naik, Commissioner of Customs (Audit)
3. S.A.Usmani, Commissioner of Customs (Import / Export)
4. R.Rajasekhar, Addl. Commissioner (CCO)
5. Leo John Ilango, Addl. Commissioner (ACC)
6. K.Ramesh, Asst. Commissioner (CCO)
7. Vimal B, Sr. Deputy Traffic Manager, Chennai Port Trust
8. Dr. Kirupasankar, RDD, WCCB
9. Dr.P Manavalan, Assistant Drug Controller
10. Port Health Officer, Chennai
11. S.M.Mohan, Regional Plant Quarantine Station
12. Shahul Hameed, Manager (Operations), CCTL
13. T.G.Prasad, Manager, CCTL
14. S.Padmanabhan, Secretary, NACFS
15. R.N.Sekar, President, CCBA
16. R.Kumar, Vice President, CCBA
17. Divakaran P Nair, Vice President, CCBA
18. S.Nataraja, Secretary, CCBA
19. C.V.Karunakaran, Treasurer, CCBA
20. Ananth Sairam, PRO, CCBA
21. A.S.Aleemuddin, CCBA
22. Y.Leeladharan, Chairman, Chennai & Ennore Steamer Agents Association
23. C.R.Raghu, Immediate Past Chairman, CHENSAA
24. Thejaswara M, Immigration Officer, BOI
25. Shamim Basha, JGM, AAICLAS
26. K.Thamizhselvan, DGM, CONCOR
27. Anwar Hussain
28. SRSCOCHN

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

1. Adani Kattupalli Port Ltd.
2. Kamarajar Port Ltd.
3. Central Leather Research Institute
4. Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board
5. Textile Committee
6. Fertiliser Control

7. Wireless Adviser
8. Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC)
9. Bureau of Indian Standards
10. Animal Quarantine
11. CITPL
12. FSSAI

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.MAA173:- FAG – Insisting weighment of Break Bulk Cargo even when value or duty is not relied upon weight

6. Shri R.N.Sekar, President, CCBA, stated that Assessing Officers normally issue open orders to verify the weight when value or duty is calculated based on weight of the cargo. However, in the recent days, irrespective of whether the value or duty is related to weight, officers are insisting to weigh the goods, particularly Break Bulk Cargo. Therefore, it is suggested that an advisory to the officers may be issued to issue open orders only if the value or duty has to be decided on the basis of weight. He further stated that in the case of import of machinery where the value / duty is independent, the officers are insisting for weighment and requested for waiver of requirement of weighment.

6.1 Shri Rajasekhar, Addl. Commissioner (CCO) observed that in respect of Bulk Cargo provisional assessment is resorted to in most of the cases in Port Assessment Group. He further stated that it may have been a case of assessment order given by Faceless Assessment Group (FAG) and that the issue will taken up with National Assessment Centres (NACs).

6.2 Shri S.A.Usmani, Commissioner (Import) stated that specific instances where open order has been given by the assessment group for weighment of Break Bulk cargo may be brought to his notice and that in respect of cases other than those where weighment is warranted, waiver will be considered on a case to case basis. Further, he informed that the matter will be taken up with NACs for sensitizing the officers.

[Action:Commissioner (Import)]

Point No.MAA 174:- Providing copy of Lab Test Report

7. Shri R.N.Sekar, President, CCBA stated that CRCL module is operational through online but only Customs Officer has access to view the test report and it is requested to provide the same facility to Importer/CB either through mail or by providing hard copy.

7.1 In this regard, Principal Commissioner (General) has informed that the matter has been taken up with DG Systems to make suitable improvements in ICES so as to enable the Importers / CBs to view and download the Test Reports. Till such time, suitable arrangements will be made for scanning the copy of Test Report and transmitting the same to the Importers / CBs on specific request from the importers / CBs.

7.2 The Chairman asked the Principal Commissioner (General) to explore the possibility of providing copies of Test Report to all the concerned importers / CBs. Shri S.A.Usmani, Commissioner (Export) stated that the matter was taken up with Principal ADG (Systems) during his recent visit to Chennai and it was informed that work is in progress and till such time, possibility of enabling the existing Central Sampling Cell System (Module) for uploading the Test Reports and transmission of the same to the importers / CBs will be studied.

[Action: Principal Commissioner (Prev.) / Commissioner (Export)]

Point No.MAA 175:- FAG – Acceptance of Bonds and BG in Demat Form

8. Shri R.N.Sekar, President, CCBA stated that in the present scenario of Faceless Assessment, for the sake of transparency and digital working environment, it is suggested that all kinds of Bonds & BGs should be accepted and processed in Demat Form in ICES. These Bonds / BGs once executed, should be available for viewing on all India basis. Once a consignment is cleared, the real time ledger balance should be available for viewing by the Importer / Custom Broker. Further, a Common National Bond needs to be made operational covering various kinds of Bonds such as PD Bond, Test Bond, SVB Bond, Re-export Bond, EPCG, Advance Authorization, etc. Once such bond is registered at any location, with registration file details, that bond can be utilized at all locations for clearance purpose.

8.1 Shri R.Rajasekhar, Additional Commissioner (CCO) stated that at present, there is no provision to accept Bond/BG in Demat form. If it is to be accepted in Demat form, it may involve changes in Banking Regulations also. However, as regards the online viewing of real time ledger balance at all locations, it was informed that the matter will be taken up with DG Systems after examining its feasibility.

**[Action: Principal Commissioner (General)/Commissioner (Import)
for taking up the matter with DG (Systems)]**

Point No.MAA176:- Customs (Import of Goods at Concessional Rate of Duty) Rules, 2017

9. Shri R.N.Sekar, President, CCBA stated that due to technical glitches in the ICES System during the Implementation of automation in the Customs (Import of Goods at Concessional Rate of Duty) Rules, 2017, there were many instances of non generation of BE No., leading to delay in filing of BE attracting late fee since 13.03.2022 and requested for waiver of late fee in those cases.


9.1 Shri S.A.Usmani, Commissioner (Import) stated that if the delay is attributable to system issue, late fee charged will be waived.

(Point Closed)

9.2 The Chairman stated that in case of any difficulties, Shri C.Thiyagarajan, Additional Commissioner being the Nodal Officer for implementation of IGCR Rules, can be contacted.

10. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

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


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