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**MINUTES OF THE PTFC MEETING HELD ON 08.03.2022 AT 04.30 PM**

A meeting of the Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee (PTFC) was held on 08.03.2022 at 4.30PM through video conference. Shri S.A. Usmani, Commissioner of Customs, Chennai - IV (Exports) chaired the meeting.

2. The following officers of Export Commissionerate and members of the trade attended the meeting:

S/Shri/Ms

- i) C. Thiyagarajan, Additional Commissioner
- ii) K. Aravind, Joint Commissioner
- iii) Karthik Raj Sundararajan, Deputy Commissioner
- iv) Harsha Rangaswamy, Deputy Commissioner
- v) Magimai Arockiaraj A., Deputy Commissioner
- vi) P.K. Saravanan, Deputy Commissioner
- vii) Y. Leeladharan, CHENSAA
- viii) Divakaran P. Nair, CCBA
- ix) Shri. Natarjan, CCBA
- x) Shri R.N. Sekar, CCBA
- xi) Selvanayagi, FIEO
- xii) Ruban Hobday, PLEXCONCIL
- xiii) Shri. Padmanabhan, Sattva CFS, Representative

welcomed all the members of the Trade who were present for the meeting online. Thereafter, he requested Shri R.N. Sekar, CCBA President to explain the points submitted by the CCBA. Each agenda point was explained by Sri R.N. Sekar, CCBA and the same was followed by discussion on the same.

**4. Agenda point 1 of CCBA:**

Queries are being raised at Deface cell of RMS-FCA for the FTA which has "Retroactive effect Stamp". Department insists to get a fresh FTA. This leads to delay in clearance and attracts huge detention demurrage charges. Therefore, it is suggested that FTA which has Retroactive stamp need not to be stopped and may be allowed for clearance since it is nothing but added value to the respective FTA.

**Reply:** The Commissioner stated that mandatory verification has to be done by the RMS officers and there cannot be a blanket waiver in all the cases as in majority of cases, this issue does not arise. However, genuine cases may be brought to the notice of concerned AC/DC for analysis and accordingly waiver can be granted on case to case basis. Trade may approach supervisory officer in case they feel that the concerned officer is taking a narrow view.

**(Point closed)**

**5. Agenda point 2 of CCBA:**

At the time of issuance of OOC, there are bills stuck or to be sent back to group on account of any dispute. These types of bills are not sent back to group by OOC officers and they insist us to approach the group to recall the same by group officers. This leads to delay in clearance and there is an option already available with the OOC officers that if at all any dispute after raising query, OOC officer can forward the same to group upon approval from DC/JC. Therefore to avoid delay in clearance, this procedure has to be restored like in the past.

**Reply:** The Commissioner stated that in cases where OOC officers find any deficiency in Bill of Entry, the officers send back the Bill of Entry to the Group with proper comments. However, in cases where the Customs Brokers/Importers themselves request for any amendment in Bill of Entry

on account of issues such as deletion of Bank Guarantee, addition of Bond etc., the Bill of Entry shall be recalled by the Group with the approval of JC/ADC.

**(Point closed)**

**6. Agenda point 3 of CCBA:**

Previously, Customs authorized only Indian Bank to receive the Drawback amount for exporters. Accordingly, exporters opened a/c with Indian Bank exclusively for receiving drawback. Now as a trade facilitation measure, Customs allowed and enabled that exporters can prefer any bank to receive the Drawback according to their choice and now most of the exporters started using their regular bank. Now, when exporters approach Indian Bank for closure of bank account, bank insists on NOC from Customs, which is not required. Therefore, it is suggested that an advisory to the Indian Bank may be issued that NOC from Customs is not required for closure of bank accounts.

**Reply:** The Commissioner stated that the matter will be discussed with Indian Bank Officers and accordingly, the outcome will be communicated.

**(Action: Drawback)**

**7. Agenda point 4 of CCBA:**

Presently Officers are posted at Ennore Port on a day basis similar to CFS posting. Volume of Import/Export cargo has increased at the Port. Weekly 4 container vessels are getting berthed apart from bulk vessels. Therefore, it is suggested that officers may be posted on two shift basis to enable the trade to clear the goods without any delay. Previously, Officers were posted on two shift basis, later it was withdrawn and therefore restoring posting of officers in shift basis will give maximum relief to the Exim Trade.

**Reply:** The Commissioner stated the decision will be communicated after analysis of volume and timing of consignments at Ennore Port of the last two weeks and it shall be ensured that the Officers are available to attend the consignment.

**(Action: Docks Admin)**

**8. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.**

 12/3/2022

**Magimai Arockairaj A.**

**Deputy Commissioner of Customs  
Export Commissionerate**

To,

All Trade associations

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