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F.No. CUS/AG/MTG/TFC/3/2022-A/M

Date: 12.05.22

MINUTES OF THE PTFC MEETING HELD ON 11.05.2022 AT 03.30 PM

A meeting of the Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee (PTFC) was held on 11.05.2022 at 3.30PM 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. Harsha Rangaswamy, Deputy Commissioner
- iv. Magimai Arockiaraj A., Deputy Commissioner
- v. P.K. Saravanan, Deputy Commissioner
- vi. Y. Leeladharan, CHENSAA
- vii. Divakaran P. Nair, CCBA
- viii. Shri R.N. Sekar, CCBA
- ix. Shri. Padmanabhan, Sattva CFS, Representative
- x. Shri Kannan, NACFS

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xi. Shri Karan Thakkar, NACFS

3. Shri C. Thiyagarajan, Additional Commissioner of Customs 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:

Self-Sealed Containers are being stuffed and moved to port based on their prior booking, however at times there are delay in issuance of Form-13 due to changes in vessel schedule and some of the containers are skipping the vessel, in such circumstances. Vehicle carrying self-sealed Containers are forced to wait for long period due to non-availability of Form-13 and Vessel Confirmation, to avoid halting of vehicle and safety of Cargo, it is suggested and requested that such containers may be allowed to offload at any CFS till they get vessel confirmation to move the Port.

Reply: The Commissioner stated that the point is taken on record and will be analyzed and accordingly will be looked into at the earliest.

In addition, the Joint Commissioner suggested that in the meantime, with prior permission and approval of D.C Docks, such containers may be allowed to offload at any CFS till they get vessel confirmation to move the Port.

(Action: Docks Admin)

5. Agenda point 2 of CCBA:

It is frequently noticed that Customs Examination Orders are not received after goods registration and struggle to know the documents required to be submitted at Examination Shed/CFS. Therefore, it is suggested that in such scenario CB must have option through ICEGATE portal to get the open order after login through his user ID. The matter may be escalated to DG System for necessary action.

Reply: The Commissioner stated that the issue needs to be contemplated from

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various aspects and accordingly, if needed, the matter will be taken up to DG System.

(Action: Docks Admin)

6. Agenda point 3 of CCBA:

Officers at FAG while giving open order, not specific on the number of containers to be selected for Customs Examination, CBs are approaching Concerned DC for marking the containers. Therefore, it is suggested that FAG Officers have to be sensitized to be specific on selection of containers when Bill of Entry has multiple containers to avoid delay in clearance. Any Such open orders found, Shed/CFS officers has to select/Mark the containers for examination.

Reply: The Commissioner stated that selection of containers for examination is sensitive and it shall not be given to examination officer. DG System will be proposed to implement suitable measures to enable ICES itself to select the containers for examination. In the meantime, it is advised to approach AC/DC to select/mark containers for examination.

(Point closed)

7. Agenda point 4 of CCBA (Pending from previous PTFC meeting):

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 Deputy Commissioner, Drawback informed that the point is already addressed vide this office letter dated 20.04.2022 in F.No. S.Misc 90/2019-Dbk to Indian Bank wherein it is instructed not to insist upon on NOC from Drawback, Chennai Customs for closure of Drawback Bank Account.

(Point closed)

8. Agenda point 5 of CCBA (Pending from previous PTFC meeting):

Presently Officers are posted at Ennore Port on a day basis similar to


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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 Joint Commissioner stated that on verification with Ennore port officers, it is learnt that the present Volume and Movement does not require additional officers and Officers are available to attend the consignment. However, data regarding Volume of Import/Export cargo will be further observed for a couple of months and if needed, necessary action will be taken accordingly.

(Point closed)

9. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.


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All Trade associations

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