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**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS**  
 चेन्नै सीमा शुल्क क्षेत्र  
**CHENNAI CUSTOMS ZONE**  
 सीमा शुल्क भवन, नं.60, राजाजी साली, चेन्नै 600 001.  
**CUSTOM HOUSE, NO.60, RAJAJI SALAI, CHENNAI 600 001.**

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दिनांक/Dated: 4.07.2022

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

The 86th Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC) meeting was held on 23.06.2022 (Thursday) 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. K.R.Uday Bhaskar, Principal Commissioner (ACC/Airport)
2. Ganta Ravindranath, Principal Commissioner (General / Preventive)
3. R.Srinivasa Naik, Commissioner (Audit)
4. S.A.Usmani, Commissioner of Customs (Import / Export)
5. B.Senthilvelavan, Addl. Commissioner (ACC)
6. R.Rajasekhar, Addl. Commissioner (CCO)
7. Leo John Ilango, Addl. Commissioner (ACC)
8. S.P.Shyam Sundhar, Joint Commissioner (CCO)
9. K.Ramesh, DC (CCO)
10. Vimal B, Sr. Deputy Traffic Manager, Chennai Port Trust
11. AD, Textile Committee
12. P.Indira, Assistant Drug Controller
13. K.Narendran, Assistant Drug Controller
14. Ganesh, AAICLAS
15. K.Thamizh Selvan, DGM, CONCOR
16. T.G.Prasad, Manager, CCTL
17. Geemon Joseph, CCTL
18. P.Srinivasan, Assistant Manager, CITPL
19. Jaisankar, CITPL
20. Capt. Avnash Iyer, Chairman, NACFS
21. R.N.Sekar, President, CCBA
22. S.Nataraja, Secretary, CCBA
23. Divakaran P Nair, Joint Secretary, CCBA
24. R.Kumar, EC Member, CCBA
25. Y.Leeladharan, Chairman, Chennai & Ennore Steamer Agents Association
26. C.R.Raghu, Immediate Past Chairman, CHENSAA

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

1. Adani Kattupalli Port Ltd.
2. Kamarajar Port Ltd.
3. Wild Life Crime Control Bureau
4. Bureau of Immigration
5. Central Leather Research Institute
6. Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board
7. Regional Plant Quarantine Station
8. Fertiliser Control

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

4. Shri R.Rajasekhar, Additional Commissioner of Customs (CCO) welcomed all the stakeholders who were present for the meeting online.

5. With the permission of the Chairman, the pending point raised in the previous meeting was taken up for discussion.

**Point No.MAA177:- ISSUANCE OF ADVANCE DELIVERY ORDER:**

6. Shri R.N.Sekar, President, Chennai Customs Brokers Association (CCBA), stated that at present, Advance Delivery Orders are issued by Liners to DPD Containers only. He requested Chennai & Ennore Steamer Agents Association (CHENSAA) to extend this facility for the containers moved to CFS under PNR / TSA. He further stated that the current practice adopted by CHENSAA is that they are waiting for the container to reach CFS even for generating invoice for payment of DO charges. If Advance DO facility is extended for Containers moved to CFS also, the Trade will be benefitted as it will drastically reduce the dwell time and the containers can be taken delivery from CFS itself.

6.1 Shri R.N.Sekar, President, CCBA, stated that as directed by Chairman in the CCFC meeting held on 28.04.2022, a meeting was chaired by Shri K.Arvind, Joint Commissioner (Export) with the stakeholders on 21.06.2022 where a conclusion was arrived at and CHENSAA agreed to go ahead with the issuance of advance Delivery Order for CFS bound containers and that the Customs Department had assured to issue the SOP governing the issuance of Advance Delivery Order. The President, CCBA thanked Chief Commissioner, Commissioner (Export), Joint Commissioner (Export), DC (Docks-Admn.), CHENSAA & NACFS for taking necessary steps in resolving this issue.

6.2 Shri R.Rajasekhar, Additional Commissioner (CCO), stated that as this issue had been resolved, the point may be treated as closed. Further, the Commissioner (Export) was requested to expedite the issuance of SOP.

**(Point Closed)**

7. As no points were received for the agenda, with the permission of the Chairman, Shri Rajasekhar, Additional Commissioner, invited participants to raise points.

8. The President, CCBA, stated that DGFT has come out with a Notification 17/2015-20 dated 05.09.2019 amended by 33/2015-20 dated 28.09.2020 relating to Steel Import Monitoring System (SIMS) which inter-alia prescribe importers to submit an advance information in an online system for import of items and obtain an automatic Registration by paying registration fee and that the importer can apply for registration not earlier than 60<sup>th</sup> day and not later than 15<sup>th</sup> day before the **expected date of arrival** of import consignment.

8.1 Shri Sekar further stated that the importers are registering steel import and declaring the same at the time of filing of Bill of Entry as the Bill of Entry has to accompany SIMS registration; that sometimes the importers have not been able to register for SIMS within the time limit prescribed in the DGFT Notification since the expected date of the vessel is not known with certainty; that the Commissioner (Import) also directed the officers to follow simplified procedures and not to cause any delay in adjudicating the case due to non-compliance of conditions of the DGFT Notification for not obtaining the SIMS registration within the time line; that vessels from Malaysia, Singapore and other Asian countries arrive at Chennai Sea Port in 5 days and taking SIMS registration before 15 days from the date of arrival of vessel which is indefinite, is causing hardship to Trade and this need not be treated as a major violation and requested the Chairman to take up this issue with the Board. Shri Sekar further stated that as the DGFT Notification is not clear, the non-compliance of the DGFT Notification with respect to registration within the prescribed time limit may be condoned and goods can be allowed for clearance.

8.2 Shri S.A.Usmani, Commissioner (Import) stated that when there is clear cut violation of the Notification / Policy provisions, the goods are liable for confiscation and penalty will

be imposed. The Commissioner further inter-alia stated that in cases where SIMS/NFIMS registration is not available even at the time of importation, the goods are liable for confiscation and penalty under section 112 of Customs Act, 1962, since, there is a violation of DGFT Notification; that in cases, where registration in SIMS/NFIMS is available and presented at the time of import, though the importer has not applied for the SIMS/NFIMS registration within the time line prescribed in the DGFT Notification, penalty u/s 117 of Customs Act, 1962, is imposable; that mechanism has been put in place in allowing the clearance expeditiously immediately after payment of penalty. The Commissioner has suggested that the matter may be taken up by CCBA in getting a clarification from Ministry of Commerce or modification of the Notification by them. Further, Chairman stated that the Department can also seek clarification from the Board.

**[Action: Commissioner (Import)]**

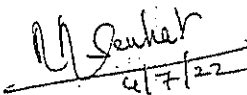
9. Shri Sekar, President, CCBA, stated that as per ICES Advisory, the AD Code Registration by Exporters has been made online and after submission of documents, the Customs Department has to approve the Registration after verification of required documents uploaded in the System. Shri Sekar further stated that in some cases, the approval is pending from Customs which causes delay in filing the Shipping Bills and suggested that a suitable monitoring mechanism has to be put in place to accord approval immediately. The Chairman directed the Principal Commissioner, General Commissionerate, to look into the issues of pendency in according approval of AD Code Registration and resolve the same.

**[Action: Principal Commissioner (General)]**

10. Shri Sekar, President, CCBA, thanked the Chief Commissioner, Principal Commissioner (General) and the team of officers for conducting 'G' Card Examination for 765 candidates successfully for which the Chairman complimented the efforts of DC (CB Section) and the officers in co-ordinating for successful and smooth conduct of 'G' Card Exam.

11. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

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

  
4/7/22

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ADDL. COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS (CCO)

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

