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MINUTES OF THE PTFC MEETING HELD ON 14.06.2022 AT 03.00 PM

A meeting of the Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee (PTFC) was held on 14.06.2022 at 3.00 PM through Virtual Mode. Shri S. A. Usmani Commissioner of Customs, Chennai –II Import chaired the meeting.

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

S/Shri/Ms

1. Manasa Gangotri Kata, Additional Commissioner
2. B.C.Srinivas, Joint Commissioner
3. K.P.jeyakar, Joint Commissioner
4. Divya Mani, Deputy Commissioner
5. S.Vandana Raj, Deputy Commissioner
6. P.K.Saravanan, Deputy Commissioner
7. J.X. Terrance Rodrigo, Assistant Commissioner
8. G. Vikaram Reddy, Assistant Commissioner
9. K. Vijay Kumar, Assistant Commissioner
10. B.S Rajanikanth, Assistant Commissioner
11. Nataraj, Secretary CCBA
12. R.N. Sekar, CCBA
13. R.Kumar, CCBA
14. Capt. Avinash Ayyar, NACFS
15. Y. Leeladharan, CHENSAA
16. Selvanayagi, FIEO

3. Ms. S. Vandana Raj, Deputy Commissioner of Customs welcomed all including the members of the Trade who were present for the meeting online.

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Thereafter, She requested Ms. Manasa Gangortri Kata, Additional Commissioner for moderation of the meeting. Shri R.N. Sekar, Secretary CCBA was then requested to explain the points submitted by the CCBA to be taken for discussion.

4. Agenda point 1 :

Bank Guarantees executed with customs for the purpose of FTA Genuinely verification. As per CAROTAR Rules such verification has to be done timely as prescribed in the rules of CAROTAR, however it is noticed that Bank Guarantees executed on this account are pending for a long time for cancellation, Such BGs have to be cancelled and returned the same to the importers.

Reply :

Requests for the verification of the FTAs which have been received in the CAROTAR Cell been referred to the Board for verification of certificate of origin at the earliest and subsequently reminder emails were also sent to the board periodically as and when required. It was reaffirmed that all the PD bonds and BG are closed by the respective group/TSK on priority. And in case of delay if any, may be brought to the notice of the concerned JC/ADC immediately through proper channel to address the same.

(Point Closed)

5. Agenda point 2 :

Currently any FTA selected for genuinely, Verifications are done after execution of BG and after completion of Provisional Assessment, this leads to considerable delay in sending FTA for verification, therefore it is suggested that as and when FTA selected for verification has to be sent immediately without waiting for the BG and Provisional Assessment. This will have fruitful results in receiving the verification report faster and to see that B/Gs are cancelled timely.

Reply :

It was informed that, for sending the verification of FTAs for the concerned Bill of Entry is decided by the designated committee and it is independent of the Assessment by the respective group. Henceforth delay, if any, may be brought to the notice of the concerned JC/ADC immediately through proper channel to address the same.

(Point Closed)

6. Agenda point 3 :

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Under project import, utilization of MEIS script for BCD is not possible in the EDI System at the time of filing BOE and assessment, it is being done manually after assessment. This may be escalated to the DG System and activate the same.

Reply :

Project import module was introduced in the ICES system and since, project import license was enabled in the system as EP scheme license and one item cannot have more than one license in a BE, use on any other debit license like SHIS, MEIS etc was restricted for Project imports.

Accordingly, as per the Facility circular No 24/2020 dated 12.03.2020(Copy enclosed), Once importer approaches the Group after filing and assessment of BE under project import for MEIS debit, the same is forwarded to LRC section for manual debiting of MEIS license.

(Point Closed)

7. Agenda point 4 :

Option for claiming PD assessment at the time of filing bill of entry not available except SVB clearance. The provisional assessment request from importer/CB for pending test report, pending valuation or any other such cases may be provided in the system.

Reply :

Message communication through ICEGATE is put in place by DG Systems. It has already been communicated to EDI for taking it up to DG Systems to look into the specific issue.

(Point Closed)

8. Agenda point 5 :

Delay in RE bond Cancellation_

Reply :

It was directed to contact respective Gr. AC/DC for closure of the pending RE bonds, subject to fulfillment of the bond criterion. And in case of delay if any may be brought to the notice of the concerned JC/ADC immediately through proper channel to address the same.

(Point Closed)

9. Agenda point 6 :

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Delay in issuance of SIMS cert results in late filing charges levied by customs, requested to take a lenient view for these types of imports.

Reply :

Late filing charges are levied under Bill of Entry (Forms) Amendment Regulations, 2017 (Customs Notification No. 27 of 2017-Customs (N.T.) dated 31st March, 2017. And being statutory in nature any deviation is not maintainable. Therefore it was suggested to take up the issue with the Ministry of Commerce and DGFT to verify and rectify the same.

(Point Closed)

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

Signed by S. Vandana Raj

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(S. VANDANA RAJ)

**DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS
APPRAISING MAIN, IMPORT COMMISSIONERATE**

Date: 07-07-2022

To,

All Trade Associations

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1. The Chief Commissioner of Customs, Chennai Zone for kind information.
2. The Commissioner of Customs (Chennai Airport/Preventive/Export/ACC/ General and Audit)
3. All ADC/JC/DC/ACs in Chennai Import Commissionerate.
4. The Deputy Commissioner of Customs, EDI – for uploading in Chennai Customs Website/Intranet of the Zone.