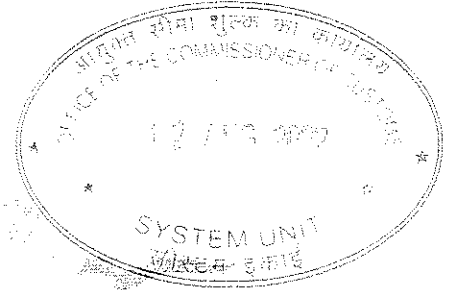


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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

The 87th Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC) meeting was held on 28.07.2022 (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. Ganta Ravindranath, Principal Commissioner (General / Preventive)
2. R.Srinivasa Naik, Commissioner (Audit)
3. S.A.Usmani, Commissioner of Customs (Import / Export)
4. P.Ananthakarishnan, Addl. Commissioner (ACC)
5. R.Rajasekhar, Addl. Commissioner (CCO)
6. R.Sri Balaji, Addl. Commissioner (ACC)
7. B.Loknatha Reddy, Joint Commissioner (Audit)
8. K.Ramesh, DC (CCO)
9. M.Ezhilarasan, AC (Drawback)
10. Vimal B, Sr. Deputy Traffic Manager, Chennai Port Trust
11. AD, Textile Committee
12. Thejaswara M, Immigration Officer, BOI
13. Muni Reddy, BOI
14. R.Marichamy, Manager, Adani Kattupalli Port Ltd.
15. K.Narendran, Assistant Drug Controller
16. Ganesh, AAICLAS
17. K.Thamizh Selvan, DGM, CONCOR

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18. T.G.Prasad, Manager, DP World
19. M.S.Shakul, DP World
20. Jaisankar, CITPL
21. Capt. Avnash Iyer, Chairman, NACFS
22. R.N.Sekar, President, CCBA
23. Divakaran P Nair, Vice President, CCBA
24. R.Kumar, Vice President, CCBA
25. S.Nataraja, Secretary, CCBA
26. C.V.Karunakaran, Treasurer, CCBA
27. Aleemuddin A.S., CCBA
28. Y.Leeladharan, Chairman, Chennai & Ennore Steamer Agents Association
29. C.R.Raghu, Immediate Past Chairman, CHENSAA

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

1. Kamarajar Port Ltd.
2. Wild Life Crime Control Bureau
3. Central Leather Research Institute
4. Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board
5. Regional Plant Quarantine Station
6. Fertiliser Control
7. Wireless Adviser
8. Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC)
9. Bureau of Indian Standards
10. Animal Quarantine
11. FSSAI

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

5. Shri R.N.Sekar, President, CCBA, thanked the Principal Commissioner (General) for resolving the issue of pendency of approval of AD Code Registration by Customs which was raised in the previous Meeting. He further stated that as and when exporters submit the application for AD Code registration, the same has been instantly approved by Customs.

6. With the permission of the Chairman, new points raised were taken up for discussion.

**Point No.MAA182:- National Bond Facility for Triple Duty Bond and SVB Bond:**

7. Shri R.N.Sekar, President, Chennai Customs Brokers Association

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(CCBA), stated that execution of National Bond facility has to be extended to Triple Duty Bond which is executed on account of Warehousing goods clearance and SVB Bond executed on account of SVB pending verification of Valuation. Shri Sekar further stated that presently this facility of execution of National Bonds are available to the goods cleared under scheme Bills such as EPCG, Advance Authorization etc. As three Ports are coming under the jurisdiction of Chennai Customs Zone, if the National Bond Facility is extended to Triple Duty Bond and SVB Bond, it will be a great trade facilitation measure for the EXIM trade.

7.1 The Chairman stated that this will be taken up with the Directorate General of Systems.

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

**Point No.MAA183:-Transmission of Online Release of NOCs from Plant Quarantine to Customs**

8. The President, CCBA, stated that Plant Quarantine Authority recently (two months ago) upgraded to a new version of software in place of existing version to deliver more facilitation, however, after implementation of new version, transmission of online PQ release to Customs has encountered some issues due to technical glitches and hence, the stakeholders are resorting to manual release from the concerned shed AC/DC on production of hard copy of NOC. The same leads to considerable delay in issuance of OOC as well as clearance. Therefore, PQ authority has to come up with early action in this regard to see that release of NOCs are transmitted to customs through online/single window to avoid delay in clearance.

8.1 The Chairman stated that during the Time Release Study conducted during the month of January, 2022, it was observed that all Bills of Entry which are going for Plant Quarantine, are taking longer time of clearance due to connectivity issue, etc. The Chairman further stated that Customs is also concerned with the issue as it impacts Dwell Time.

8.2 Shri R.Rajasekhar, Additional Commissioner (CCO) informed that the issue has been taken up with Plant Quarantine Authorities at Faridabad and at local level and that Dr.Subhash Kumar, Joint Director, Plant Quarantine, Chennai, has assured that necessary steps are being taken to rectify the issue.

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

**Point No.MAA184:- Tracking the Status of RODTEP details in the ICEGATE**

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9. The President, CCBA, stated that currently the status of Drawback, IGST and ROSL can be tracked in the ICEGATE through 'Shipping Bill Tracking' and accordingly can be represented with the concerned authorities to see that scroll numbers are generated to ensure that all the claim benefits are transmitted to the exporters. However, as this facility is not available for RODTEP, he suggested that the facility similar to that of DBK, IGST & ROSL has to be created for the RODTEP also which will benefit EXIM Trade.

9.1 Shri R.Rajasekhar, Additional Commissioner (CCO) stated that the issue had already been taken up with Directorate General of Systems.

**(Point Closed)**

10. Shri C.R.Raghu, Immediate Past Chairman, Chennai & Ennore Steamer Agents Association asked whether SEZ bound containers can be allowed to be moved to any CFS as an interim measure before being taken to SEZ, to avoid heavy charges by Terminal in cases where SEZ importer is not able to take the containers due to unforeseen circumstances.

10.1 The Chairman stated that when the container is already shown in transshipment mode destined for SEZ, it may not be possible to amend all documents and change the destination to CFS. The Chairman further stated that the entire procedure has to be studied thoroughly. The Principal Commissioner (Preventive) asked Shri Raghu to come up with Complete Problem Statement and legally sustainable solution. Shri Raghu informed that he will discuss with Terminal authorities and revert back.

11. The Stakeholders recalled their association with S/Shri K.R.Udaya Bhaskar, Principal Commissioner and S.A.Usmani, Commissioner, who are under orders of transfer, and appreciated their contribution towards Trade Facilitation.

12. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

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

Signed by Rajasekhar R  
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