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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The 89th Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC) meeting was held on 22.09.2022 (Thursday) at 2.45 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. M.Sreedhar Reddy, Principal Commissioner (Preventive)
2. Ganta Ravindranath, Principal Commissioner (General)
3. M.Mathew Jolly, Principal Commissioner (ACC/Airport)
4. R.Srinivasa Naik, Commissioner (Audit)
5. K.S.V.V.Prasad, Commissioner of Customs (Import / Export)
6. B.Senthil Velavan, Addl. Commissioner (Prev.)
7. S.Kesava Narayana Reddy, Addl. Commissioner (Import)
8. Manasa Gangotri Kata, Addl. Commissioner (Import)
9. C.Thiyagarajan, Addl. Commissioner (Export)
10. V.Pandiraja, Addl. Commissioner (Import)
11. R.Rajasekhar, Addl. Commissioner (CCO)
12. Leo John Ilango, Addl. Commissioner (ACC)
13. Chan Basha, Addl. Commissioner (ACC)
14. R.Sri Balaji, Addl. Commissioner (ACC)
15. Shivaprakash Veeresh Baddi, Addl. Commissioner (Import)
16. K.P.Jeyakar, Joint Commissioner (Export)
17. Dr.S.Periyannan, Joint Commissioner (Preventive)

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18. K.Ramesh, DC (CCO)
19. Bibash Sharan, AC (CCO)
20. Vimal B, Sr. Deputy Traffic Manager, Chennai Port Trust
21. R.Marichamy, Deputy Manager, Adani Kattupalli Port Ltd.
22. A.Karuppiah, Chief Manager (Traffic), Kamarajar Port Ltd.
23. Muni Reddy, BOI
24. AD, Textile Committee
25. AO, FSSAI
26. Dr.Kirupasankar, RDD, WCCB, SR
27. K.Narendran, Assistant Drug Controller
28. P.Indira, Assistant Drug Controller
29. T.S.Sudheesh, AAICLAS
30. K.Thamizh Selvan, DGM, CONCOR
31. T.G.Prasad, Manager, DP World
32. M.S.Shakul, DP World
33. Jaisankar, PSA
34. Capt. Avnash Iyer, Chairman, NACFS
35. S.Padmanabhan, Secretary, NACFS
36. R.N.Sekar, President, CCBA
37. R.Kumar, Vice President, CCBA
38. S.Nataraja, Secretary, CCBA
39. C.V.Karunakaran, Treasurer, CCBA
40. Ananth Sairam, PRO, CCBA
41. Aleemuddin A.S., CCBA
42. M.Palaniappan, CCBA
43. Y.Leeladharan, Chairman, Chennai & Ennore Steamer Agents Association

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

1. Regional Plant Quarantine Station
2. CITPL
3. Central Leather Research Institute
4. Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board
5. Fertiliser Control
6. Wireless Adviser
7. Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC)
8. Bureau of Indian Standards
9. Animal Quarantine

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, new points raised were taken up for discussion first.

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

6. Shri R.N.Sekar, President, CCBA, interalia stated that Plant Quarantine Authority recently 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; that the same leads to considerable delay in issuance of OOC as well as clearance. Therefore, he requested that the PQ authority has to come up with an early action in this regard to see that release of NOCs are transmitted to customs through online/single window to avoid delay in clearance.

6.1 Shri Rajasekhar, Additional Commissioner (CCO) informed that the issue had already been taken up with Plant Quarantine authorities. Further, it was stated that the Principal ADG (Systems) during his visit to Chennai on 20.09.2022 has assured that the issue will be resolved shortly. The Chairman stated that this issue will be taken up with Board also.

(Point Closed)

Point No.MAA184:- FTA

7. Shri R.N.Sekar, President, CCBA, stated that the FAG officers during the course of assessment of Bills of Entry wherein FTA benefit is claimed, are calling for the documents namely Form I to verify the FTA benefit. It is also seen that in respect of such Bills of Entry, for which no examination is prescribed (facilitated), the FAG officers are entering special instructions in the system to verify the COO/Form-1/De-face before OOC. Hence, the Bills are sent back to Group PAG for verification of documents in compliance with the instructions which causes delay in clearance. He further requested that these instructions by the FAG officers have to be stopped.

7.1 Shri R.Rajasekhar, Addl. Commissioner (CCO) stated that no such instructions have been given by FAG officers working at INMAA1. He further stated that the COO has to be mandatorily defaced before OOC at the Port of Import but certificates, etc. have to be verified at the time of assessment only. Additional Commissioner(CCO) asked CCBA to bring out specific instances so that the same may be taken up with concerned FAGs.

(Point Closed)

7.2 Shri Sekar further stated that ex-Bond bills assessed by FAG are also sent back to group by the bond department as FAG Officers had given instructions to verify CCR, and Target instruction, freight, insurance BIS etc which is totally irrelevant for ex-bond bill of entry.

7.3 Shri R.Rajasekhar, Additional Commissioner (CCO) stated that

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generally all the above aspects are verified at the time of into-bond itself except issues like claim of benefit of notification etc., which need to be verified at the time of ex-bond. He further stated that even though RMS carries certain instructions in the System, the Bond Officer while verifying the above aspects, can always view the corresponding into-bond BE and if the said parameters have already been verified at the time of into-bond BE stage, the same need not be verified again and the goods can be given OOC recording the same, if otherwise in order.

(Point Closed)

Point No.185:-Uploading of subsequent documents through eSanchit for Shipping Bills:

8. President, CCBA, stated that in case of Imports, uploading of additional documents after filing are getting integrated automatically, whereas for exports, uploading of additional documents are not getting automatically linked upon uploading and such documents have to be approved by the AC/DC. Therefore, it is suggested that similar like imports, exports also has to be linked automatically.

8.1 Shri R.Rajasekhar, Additional Commissioner(CCO) stated that there must be a considered reason for not allowing uploading of additional documents after goods registration. He further stated that this issue was brought to the notice of Principal ADG (Systems) during his visit to Chennai on 20.09.2022.

(Point Closed)

Other Unlisted Issues discussed with the permission of the Chair

9. Shri A.Karuppiah, Chief Manager (Traffic), Kamarajar Port Ltd. stated that after commissioning of Container Scanner Yard, the open examination facility was recently inaugurated and official communication will be forwarded to Chennai Customs. He further stated that at General Cargo Berth, they are handling the Over Dimensional Cargo (like machineries) using wheeled platforms (mafi platform) and that even empty wheeled platforms are selected for scanning purpose under RMS which can be avoided as it is causing disturbance in the operations. He further requested for permanent or yearly approval for Container Truck Parking Yard situated at Kamarajar Port Ltd. instead of according approval for every three months. Shri R.Rajasekhar, Additional Commissioner (CCO) asked Shri Karuppiah to give suitable inputs so that the issue can be examined.

10. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

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

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Signed by Rajasekhar R

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The Deputy/Assistant Commissioner (EDI), Custom House, Chennai

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