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**CUSTOM HOUSE, NO.60, RAJAJI SALAI, CHENNAI 600 001.**

10-05-2023

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

The 96<sup>th</sup> Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC) meeting was held on 28.04.2023 (Friday) at 12.00 Noon through Video Conference. Shri K.S.V.V.Prasad, Commissioner of Customs (Import/Export) 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. S.Kesava Narayana Reddy, Addl. Commissioner (Import)
4. Manasa Gangotri Kata, Addl. Commissioner (Export)
5. R.Rajasekhar, Addl. Commissioner (CCO)
6. C.Thiyagarajan, Addl. Commissioner (ACC)
7. V.Pandiraja, Addl. Commissioner (Import)
8. Shivaprakash Veeresh Baddi, Addl. Commissioner (Import)
9. R.Sri Balaji, Addl. Commissioner (Export)
10. Dr.S.Periyannan Addl. Commissioner (Prev.)
11. B.Loknatha Reddy, Addl. Commissioner (Import)
12. B.C.Srinivas, Joint Commissioner (Prev.)
13. RA Mahendiravarmaa, Joint Commissioner (ACC)
14. Thampula Rajiv, Joint Commissioner (Audit)
15. R.Dhasarathan, Joint Director, CRCL
16. Dr.K.Balaji, DC (EDI)
17. Anand Kumar Savalam, DC (Docks)

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18. Bibash Sharan, AC(CCO)
19. Vimal B, Sr. Deputy Traffic Manager, Chennai Port Authority
20. A.Karuppiah, Deputy Manager (Traffic), Kamarajar Port Ltd.
21. K.Thamizh Selvan, DGM, CONCOR
22. Ameer, Adani Kattupalli Port Ltd.
23. Kiran J Raja, Immigration Officer, Bureau Of Immigration
24. M.S.Shakul, Sr. Manager, DP World
25. T.G.Prasad, Sr.Manager, DP World
26. Jaisankar.E, Asst.Manager, PSA
27. Venkatraman, Sr.Executive, PSA
28. Dr.D.Biswas, RO-SR, Animal Quarantine & Certificate Services
29. Dr.Subhash Kumar, JD, Regional Plant Quarantine Station (RPQS)
30. Dr.Kirupasankar, RDD, WCCB(SR)
31. Dr.M.Kannan, AO, FSSAI, Chennai
32. K., Poornima, AD, Textiles Committee
33. K.Bhaskaran, Quality Assurance Officer (Lab), Textiles Committee
34. Nazeer AS Basha, JGM, AAICLAS
35. R.Rajakumari, Manager, CWC-TVT
36. S.Padmanabhan, Secretary, NACFS-National Chapter
37. R.N.Sekar, President, CCBA
38. Divakaran P Nair, Vice President, CCBA
39. S.Nataraja, Secretary, CCBA
40. C.V.Karunakaran, Treasurer, CCBA
41. Y.Leeladharan, Chairman, Chennai & Ennore Ports Steamer Agents Association
42. Thomas Antony, Secretary, CHENSAA

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

1. Bureau of Indian Standards
2. Central Leather Research Institute
3. Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board
4. Fertiliser Control
5. Wireless Adviser

4. Shri R.Rajasekhar, Addl. Commissioner of Customs (CCO), welcomed all the participants and informed that as the Principal Chief Commissioner of Customs is pre-occupied with urgent official engagement, Shri K.S.V.V.Prasad, Commissioner, is chairing the Meeting. The Addl. Commissioner (CCO) briefly outlined the schedule for the session and welcomed the Chairman to deliver the opening remarks.

4.1 Shri K.S.V.V.Prasad, Chairman, welcomed all and expressed his happiness that from the last CCFC Meeting, a new initiative has been started by way of presentation by one of the stakeholders. This time, being the second in series, Dr.Subhash Kumar, Joint Director, Regional Plant Quarantine Station, would be making the presentation. The Chairman further stated that this presentation will give a lot of understanding to other stakeholders particularly about the working pattern and issues involved in the

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organization. The Chairman stated that this practice should continue and in the next meeting one of the stakeholders should come forward to make a presentation. The Chairman asked Shri R.Rajasekhar, Addl. Commissioner (CCO) to make a presentation on the latest Notifications, Circulars, Public Notices and Instructions issued during the last one month. Accordingly, Shri R.Rajasekhar made a brief presentation.

5. With the permission of the Chairman, Shri R.Rajasekhar, Addl. Commissioner (CCO) invited Dr.Subhash Kumar, Joint Director, Regional Plant Quarantine Station (RPQS), to make a presentation. Dr.Subhash Kumar made a detailed presentation on various provisions, procedures and applicability of Plant Quarantine Regulations. The Chairman appreciated the presentation of Dr.Subhash Kumar, Joint Director, RPQS.

6. The Chairman enquired whether FSSAI can make a presentation in the next CCFC Meeting which was agreed to by Dr.M.Kannan, Authorised Officer, FSSAI (Chennai Sea Port).

**(Action: Authorised Officer, FSSAI)**

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

8. Dr.M.Kannan, Authorised Officer, FSSAI, stated that as this is peak season for fruits import, they are receiving 40 to 50 samples per day at Kamarajar Port. Even if FSSAI staff reach by 2.00 PM, they are made to wait till 4.00 PM for the Open Order and it takes till 08.30 PM to complete the sampling process and they are returning to Office at 10.00 PM and as a result the Laboratory Staff are also waiting till 10.00 PM and then the samples are sent for Lab. He further stated that every season this problem continues and they are trying to resolve this issue by meeting the concerned authorities at Kamaraj Port & Customs but no permanent solution is found. He further stated that on 27.04.2023, he had a meeting with the concerned fruit importers & their CHAs and it was suggested that let Customs give Open Order in the evening hours also with the validity till next day morning and FSSAI is ready to send the staff for drawing sample on next day morning at 09.00 am also.

8.1 The Chairman stated that the issue will be examined.

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

9. Shri B.Vimal, Sr.DTM, Chennai Port Authority, stated that Remote Entry Inward was introduced in Chennai in 2017. He further stated that Cargo operations are permitted only after Entry Inwards is given by the Inspector (PO). In the Remote Entry Inwards procedure, the last leg of communication that the vessel has arrived at Port anchorage has to go from Chennai Port Signal Station to Preventive Commissionerate. He requested that the receiving end (Preventive Commissionerate)'s email id or phone number be shared with the Chennai Port Authority.

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9.1. The Chairman assured that it shall be shared.

**[(Action: Pr.Commissioner (Preventive))]**

10. Shri Y.Leeladharan, President, CHENSAA, stated that since the Entry Inward details are already shared with the Customs Main Gate Officer, the cargo operations can commence immediately while carrying out the Customs and Immigration procedures simultaneously which will help in reduction of dwell time.

10.1 The Chairman stated that the issue will be examined.

**[(Action: Pr.Commissioner (Preventive))]**

11. Shri B.Vimal, Sr.DTM, Chennai Port Authority, stated that till 2014, Transshipment, DPD and ICD Containers were cleared electronically through connectivity from Customs to the two Terminals located inside the Chennai Port. He further stated that once the list of all the containers which are eligible for CFS movement is generated in EDI, the same is transmitted to the Terminals directly and the Terminals in turn upload the list and generate Form 13. He further stated that the present procedure is that the CFS Operator has to take the list of containers landed to the CMFC. He further informed that though there is no delay on the part of CMFC except when there are continuous holidays, which in turn reflects on dwell time also and requested for resorting to old system of electronic transmission of list.

11.1 The Chairman stated that the issue will be examined.

**[Action: Pr. Commissioner (Prev. ) / Pr. Commissioner (General)]**

12. Shri R.N.Sekar, President, CCBA, stated that only 12 Banks are enabled for deposit into Electronic Cash Ledger (ECL) and even those 12 Banks are not major banks and other 15 Banks which are major Banks should also be enabled for deposit into ECL.

12.1 The Chairman asked CCBA to give a detailed letter so that the same can be taken up with the Directorate of Systems.

**(Point Closed)**

13. Shri R.N.Sekar, President, CCBA, stated that through Customs (Waiver of Interest) Order, 2023 issued on 6.4.2023 & 11.4.2023, waiver of interest granted for 13 days have been integrated in the System itself and no interest has been attracted, but in the case of Third Order issued on 17.4.2023, the waiver has not been integrated in the System and through refund mechanism only the importers can claim refund of interest. Shri Sekar further requested that these refund applications may be dealt with on priority by Sea Port Commissionerate and refund sanctioned immediately.

13.1 The Chairman stated that it will be taken care of.

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

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14. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

14.1 This issues with the approval of the Commissioner of Customs (Import/Export), Chennai Customs Zone.

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**(R. RAJASEKHAR)**

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**ADDL. COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS (CCO)**

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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)