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Minutes of the Trade Facilitation Committee Meeting held on 29.08.2018 in the Board Room, Custom House, Kolkata.

The Trade Facilitation Committee Meeting was held in the Board Room of Custom House, Kolkata on 29.08.2018 at 04.00 P.M. The meeting was presided over by the Commissioner of Customs (Port), Kolkata.

The Chairman welcomed all the members.

Following issues were discussed in the meeting –

1. Representative of CCHAA raised the following points.

a. In respect of sudden and abrupt closure or suspension of work at Customs office, there needs to be a contingency provision from Customs department to ensure that export cargo is not held up for procedural or pending paper works. An instance of late has been closure of Kolkata Customs Office due to demise of a former Prime Minister. Some aggrieved exporters have complained that even manual issuance of LEO could not be obtained and as a result container could not be put on board and the vessel sailed off.

The Commissioner stated that this matter would be examined. He stated that the list of officers on holiday postings will be circulated and published in the website of Kolkata Customs website and Custom House Notice Board.

[Action: Appr. Genl Unit]

b. The contact details of officers need to displayed/provided for the convenience of Trade.

The Commissioner stated that list of officers posted in different Sections are being updated regularly and accordingly, P. N. No. 79/2018 dated 27.08.2018 issued.

c. RES package to file import/export document is not updated with new enhancements in ICEGATE website.

The Commissioner said that the issue needs to be brought to the notice of DG (Systems). He instructed DC, EDI to look into the issue and lend a communication.

[Action: EDI]

d. The representative of CCHAA informed that they are receiving GST bill cum receipt from Port (Service Centre) but to claim the GST input credit, the billing party name is mandatory with their GST details in the Bill cum receipt which is not printed.

The Commissioner stated that a proper invoice with all the details should be issued and Service Centre will be instructed for incorporating the same.

[Action: EDI]

2. Representative of FIEO raised the following points.

- a. Shipping Bills issued by Customs is illegible, due to poor quality of printing.

The Commissioner stated that this happens for very few numbers of cases but a reprint of the Shipping Bills should resolve the issue.

- b. P.N. no. 43/2018 dated 14.05.2018 read with P.N. – 64/2018 issued by the Office of the Commissioner of Customs Port wherein exporters have to mark packages as per requirement of Customs Authorities. This is leading to physical examination of RFID sealed containers and exporters have to reload the cargo.

The Commissioner stated that RFID sealed containers are not totally exempt from examination. RMS randomly picks up consignments for examination. There is no manual intervention for examination of the cargo.

- c. In the event of any errors while filing of Shipping Bill, exporters are facing several problems due to mismatch between Invoice & SB since there is no provision for online amendment.

There is no provision of online amendment of Shipping Bills in ICCES at present. DG (Systems), CBIC will be asked to consider such facility.

In this regard, Shri Sudip Dey informed that Shipping Bills are amended by Service Centre after permission from concerned DCs/ACS and after amendment, the DCs/ACs approve the same. He requested the Chair if the initial permission step may be skipped. The Commissioner stated that the matter would be looked into before making any decisions.

[Action: EDI]

- d. Shipping Bills which have been cancelled for some reasons at the time of export i.e. SB under which no shipment was effected are still reflecting in ICEGATE thereby also getting transmitted to RBI – EDPMS Module. However, since no Forex has been realized against such SB's, exporters are facing the risk of these showing as pending & caution listed.

In this regard, DC (EDI) informed that there are 2 menu options to cancel Shipping Bill. In the first case, after registration but before LEO vide "Back to Town" and in the second case, after LEO vide "Shutout" menu option. In both the cases AC (Shed) is the competent authority to allow/amend. However, it is the CHA/ Exporter who has to ensure that cancellation of the Shipping Bill is done in the system by approaching the Proper Officer. In most of the cases, CHA/ Exporters do not ensure updation of such cases in the EDI System. Hence, Shipping Bill is reflected in the System. AC (Export) said that exporters should ensure that S/Bills are cancelled properly from the system.

Shri Subrata Debnath, SCP of Customs informed that the CHAs don't request for the cancellation of the Shipping Bill but they request for the cancellation of LEO. Hence, the Shipping Bills, for which LEO has been cancelled, lie idle in the System. For cancellation of those Shipping Bills, CHAs and Exporters must approach AC (Export) who has the authority to cancel the Shipping Bills from the System.

- e. Merchant exporters are required to submit copy of Shipping Bills against purchase/procurement from manufacturer exporter to avail the GST rate of 0.1% as proof of exports. As the Shipping Bill contains details of the end Customer/Consignee/Buyer name & rate, this should be considered.

The Commissioner stated that if the Manufacturer asks for the Shipping Bill copy from the merchant exporter, it is an internal matter between Manufacturer and exporter and Customs has no role to play in this.

3. Participants of Haldia Petrochemicals informed that for liquid bulk shipments, LEO is issued followed by loading of the vessels. After the completion of loading and Ullage reports, GST invoice is raised. The representative asked if there is any provision for loading to be done first and LEO to be given after that.

The Commissioner stated that the matter will be examined in the light of legal provisions and then a decision will be taken.

At the end, the Commissioner stated that as per the latest Time Release Study (TRS) conducted by Kolkata Customs Port Commissionerate, the average time taken for a Bill of Entry is around 8.5 days out of which, more than 7 days are being taken by the importers/exporters and CHAs for payment of duty and registration of the goods. The Commissioner advised all concerned members/participants to sensitize all importers/exporters and CHAs so the average time taken for Imports is reduced substantially.

This issues with the approval of the Commissioner of Customs (Port)

04/9/18
(M. L. Sukhpal)

No. S106-07/2011 A(G) Pt. V
Annexure: Attendance list

Addl. Commissioner of Customs (Port)
Custom House, Kolkata

Copy to :-

1. Chief Commissioner of Customs, Kolkata.
2. Principal Commissioner of Customs (A&A)
3. Commissioner of Customs (Port)
4. Commissioner of Customs (Preventive)
5. All Additional Commissioners CCO/(A&A)/Port
6. All JCs (A&A)/Port/Preventive
7. ACs/DCs, Port/Airport/Preventive
8. D. C (EDI) – for uploading in the Kolkata Customs website
9. President, CCHAA
10. President, WBCHAS
11. Bengal National Chamber of Commerce & Industry, 23, R. N. Mukherjee Road, Kol-1
12. ICCI, ICCI Tower, 4 India Exchange Place, N. S. Road Kolkata-700 001
13. FIEO, Express Tower, 42A, Shakespeare Sarani, 6th Floor, Kolkata- 17
14. Bharat Chamber of Commerce, 9/1, Syed Amir Ali Avenue, Kolkata-17
15. Agriculture & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority, 4thFloor, Mayukh Bhavan, Bidhan Nagar, Salt Lake City, Kolkata-91.
16. Chemical & Allied Products Export Promotion Council, Vanjiya Bhavan, International Trade Facilitation Centre, 1/1, Wood Street (3rd Floor), Kol-10
17. Shellac Export Promotion Council, ITFC Building, 2nd Floor, Left, 1/1, Wood Street, Kol- 16.
18. Council for Leather Exports, 1B, 1st Floor Duckback House, 41 Shakespeare Sarani, Kol-17.
19. EEP, Vanjiya Bhavan, 2nd Floor, ITFC Build, 1/1, Wood Street, (3rd Floor), Kolkata-16
20. EPCH, 53/1, Sambhunath Pundit Street, First Floor, Kolkata, West Bengal- 25
21. MPEDA, 4B Maruti Buildings, 12 Loudon Street, Kol-17
22. Century Plyboards (I) Ltd., 4. Fairlie Place, HMP House, 2nd Floor Kol-1.
23. Balmer Lawrie and Co. Ltd., P-3/1, Transport Depot Road, Kolkata-1
24. CONCOR, Metro Rail Bhavan, 10th Floor, 33/1, J.L.Nehru Road, Kol-71.
25. CWC, CMC Building, 6thFloor, New Mkt Complex, Phase-1.15N, Nellie Sengupta Sarani, Kol-87
26. A. L. Logistics Pvt. Ltd., Rawdon Chambers, 1st Floor, 13A, Rawdon Street, Kol-17.
27. Association of Shipping Interests in Kolkata, Shipping House, 13, Strand Road, Kol-1
28. NACFS, 2, N. C. Dutta Sarani, Sagar Estate, 4th Floor, Kolkata-700001

The following Officers / members were present during the meeting.

Sl. No.	Name of the Officer(s)/representatives S/Shri	Designation & Department/Organisation
01.	Manish Chandra	Commissioner of Customs (Port)
02.	Basant Kumar	Dy. Commissioner of Customs
03.	L. P. Singh	Dy. Commissioner of Customs
04.	Jitendra Singh	Dy. Commissioner of Customs
05.	P. Ngaihte	Dy. Commissioner of Customs
06.	Vivekananda Maurya	Dy. Commissioner of Customs
07.	Upendra Dhruv	Dy. Commissioner of Customs
08.	Subrata Mukherjee	Asst. Commissioner of Customs
09.	Kaushik Das	Asst. Commissioner of Customs
10.	Chandra Nath Das	Asst. Commissioner of Customs
11.	Aloke Mallick	Asst. Commissioner of Customs
12.	Subrata De	Asst. Commissioner of Customs
13.	Debasish Majumdar	Asst. Commissioner of Customs
14.	Manoj Kumar	Appraiser
15.	Subrata Debnath	SCP
16.	Harakamal Chakraborty	Sr. GM, Haldia Petrochem
17.	Tapasi Sarkar	Sr. Mgr F&A, Haldia Petrochem
18.	Dibyendu Kar	Sr. Mgr F&A, Haldia Petrochem
19.	Siddhartha Sethia	Mgr, Eastern Carriers
20.	Rohit Kumar	Mgr, Eastern Carriers
21.	Farid Zamal	Hony. Secretary, CCHAA
22.	Sudip Dey	Vice President, CCHAA
23.	Arnab Chakraborty	EA, FIEO
24.	Richard Gaurab Sarkar	M.E., FIEO
25.	Faiyaz Shamim	Asst. Mgr, AI Cargo CFS
26.	Arun Sharma	AGM, AI Cargo CFS