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Minutes of the Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee Meeting (CCFC) held on 15.10.2018 at 04:00 P.M in the Board Room of Custom House, Kolkata

The Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee Meeting was held in the Board Room of Custom House, Kolkata on 15.10.2018. The meeting was presided over by the Chief Commissioner of Customs, Kolkata Zone, Kolkata.

The Chief Commissioner of Customs, Kolkata Zone welcomed all the members.

Following issue(s) were discussed in the CCFC meeting dated 15.10.2018:

- 1) There are some Container empty plots which do not give GST tax invoice while receiving empty containers after import delivery, even though they charge GST. These are plots nominated by shipping lines.

Response/Decision:

It was advised to the representative of CCHAA that, the matter may be brought to the notice of GST Commissionerate/Directorate General of GST Investigation for taking necessary action. The Representative of ASIC stated that major Shipping Lines and Empty plot Holders are giving the GST Tax Invoice. However, there may be small operators who don't provide GST invoice.

The Chief Commissioner also stated that the Shipping Lines and plot holders are not authorized to collect any payment as GST contribution without issue of GST Invoice. The amount of GST collected must be deposited in government account. The CCHAA representatives were also advised to provide the list of operators who are defaulters on this account.

- 2) Procedures should be laid down with regard to release of consignments related to Wild Life Authorities. The difficulties faced are as follows:
 - i) Goods are being referred to WLA manually.
 - ii) When referred to WLA, samples are taken physically to their office which is impractical.
 - iii) In case of manual NOC from WLA, the shed officer should allow online O/C and D/O without moving files.

During the meeting, representative of CCHAA, Shri Sudip Dey informed that, when the officer in charge of WLA was on leave, no other Official from the department was able to login to the system and the Importers/CHAs had to take NOC from WLA manually. He also requested the same to be communicated officially to all stakeholders regarding the manual issuance of WLA NOC.

Shri Sudip Dey also requested that the issue of taking samples to WLA head Office as Nizam palace is a tedious one and the matter needs to be addressed soon. As most of the samples are sent from Airport, a dedicated officer of WLA should be there at the Airport only.

Response/Decision:

The Chief Commissioner advised that the subject matter may be taken up with the Ministry concerned (WLA) and the CBIC on priority basis by the Commissioner (Airport & Admin.) to resolve the issue.

- 3) The CCHAA representative informed that in order to avail any export benefit for exports through the Inland Waterway routes to Bangladesh, prior permission is required from CCP. This is as per Board's circular. Since, this circular is very old, the same may be revisited so that valuable time is not spent on paperwork.

Response/Decision:

It was stated that this is policy matter and as per Board's circular. The Chief Commissioner directed the representative of CCHAA to provide details of trade volume through the Inland Waterways to the concerned Commissioner(CCP) so that the matter can be referred to Board.

- 4) The CCHAA representative informed that though the code for Hemnagar LCS has been awarded as INHND6 but total export report is incorporated in the ICEGATE at the Technical department manually and in spite of the same it is not reflecting in the EGM as such the benefit from financial institutes are getting delayed.

Response/Decision:

The Additional Commissioner of Customs (CCP) intimated that the EGMs upto the month of March 2018 have already been uploaded in iCAN but the same are not updated in ICEGATE due to some technical irregularities. Matter is being pursued by this Commissionerate with the DG (Systems) for resolving the issue on priority.

- 5) Textile Committee representative informed that:
- a) Total amount of Rs. 2,18,949/- only is due for which test reports are ready but could not be sent for nonpayment. Summary is mentioned below:
 - (i) Appraising Gr. 3- Rs. 1,00,831/-
 - (ii) Appraising Gr. 7- Rs. 49,619/-
 - (iii) Special Investigation Br. -Rs. 68,499/-

- b) Seventy-three letters along with sealed bags containing samples are lying in our office. Those bags are not opened so far as the **importer/CHA** did not turn up for the payment. Numbers of samples per bag are also not known. Details statement is enclosed.

Response/Decision:

The concerned DC/AC intimated that an amount of Rs. 1 Lakh (approx.) has been received by the Textile Committee. Letters to the respective importers have been sent with direction to pay the outstanding test charges to the Regional Office of the Textiles Committee, Kolkata at the earliest with copies to the concerned CHAs and CCHAA, so that they can pursue the matter with the concerned importers.

Further, AC/DC in charge of SIB and others should also look into the matter so that test reports are obtained and investigation pending, if any, may be completed at the earliest.

Also a letter has been sent to the System Manager for updating the list of importers, having outstanding test fees for Textile Committee (Kolkata), in the RMS instruction.

The Chief Commissioner also advised to the representative of Textile Committee as well as AC/DC in charge to get back 73 samples pending examination/test alongwith sealed bags containing the samples lying in their office, in case the same can be tested at the Central Revenues Control Laboratory, Kolkata.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the chair.

Lists of the officers/members who attended the meeting and the members who were absent in the meeting are enclosed herewith.

Annexure: Attendance list.

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7. All ACs/DCs (Port, Airport & Admin, CCP)
8. Sr. PS to Chief Commissioner, P.S to Commissioner (Port / A&A / Preventive)
9. DC (EDI), with a request to upload in the Kolkata Customs portal
10. All Participants.
11. Guard File