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**Minutes of “Trade Facilitation Committee” Meeting held on 29.04.2019 in the  
Customs Board Room at Air Cargo Complex, NSCBI Airport, Kolkata**

The Trade Facilitation Committee (TFC) Meeting was held on 29.04.2019 at 12:00 hours in the Customs Board Room at Air Cargo Complex, NSCBI Airport, Kolkata. The meeting was presided over by Shri Manish Chandra, Commissioner of Customs (Airport & Administration).

Following agenda points were discussed in the meeting :

**Agenda Point submitted by FSSAI**

1. Commissioning of P.G.A. Room at ACC Kolkata has not been completed. [AAICLAS]

Comments : AAICLAS informed that except provision of system connectivity, the P.G.A. Room is ready. BSNL has been requested by AAICLAS to provide the link and it is expected to get completed in the month of May 2019.

**Agenda Points submitted by AAICLAS**

2. Request for transferring the existing Custodianship of International Cargo at NSCBI Airport, Kolkata from AAI to AAICLAS. [EDI Section]

Comments : On 27.04.2019, a letter has been sent by Customs asking AAICLAS to submit relevant documents and information about the transfer/settlement of assets and liabilities between AAI and AAICLAS. Reply from AAICLAS is awaited in this regard.

**Agenda Points submitted by GJEPC, Eastern Region**

3. In the TFC meeting held on 27.02.2018 at Air Cargo Complex, NSCBI Airport GJEPC had raised issues pertaining to Shipping Bills filed against gold jewellery export shipments. At the time of export, each and every piece of Jewellery is examined by Customs irrespective of the fact whether the exporter is a Status Holder or not (each consignment is chosen for group appraisal). But this does not get reflected in Shipping Bills (Shipping Bills read “This consignment was not

opened for physical examination by Customs”). In the last TFC meeting held on 27.02.2018, GJEPC had requested Customs to ensure declaration of true facts on Shipping Bills (because it is not appreciable that a government department should give an untrue declaration). At that meeting it was informed by Customs officials that the aforesaid declaration is system generated. Further, on the request of Shri Prakash Chandra Pincha, Regional Chairman, GJEPC, it was approved by the DC himself that henceforth an endorsement declaring the fact of the consignment having being physically checked before export shall be made manually on the shipping bills and signed by the proper authority under his/her seal. [Export Shed, Export group]

**Agenda Points submitted by the Calcutta Customs House Agents Association**

4. On Sunday/Holiday/Night Shift, problems are being faced in getting “Back to Town” permission for perishable export shipments due to non-availability of A.C. /D.C. (Export) in ACC. After physically verifying such perishable shipments in Export Shed, the Appraiser on Sunday/Holiday/Night Shift duty should give permission for “Back to Town” in case of perishable export shipments. Post-facto approval from A.C./D.C. (Export) can be taken the next working day and the Shipping Bill can be cancelled by A.C./D.C. (Export) in system.

[Export Shed, Export Group]

Comments : The Commissioner welcomed this suggestion. A decision on this issue shall be communicated in due course.

5. Recently, the office of the Regional Animal Quarantine Authority has shifted from Airport premises to Narayanpur (more than 6 KM). This is resulting in logistics problems, increased costs and delay in clearance of consignments requiring NOC from A.Q. authorities. It is suggested to take up the matter with the office of Regional Animal Quarantine Authority that if possible, the original position may be restored. [Regional Animal Quarantine Authority]

Comments : It was decided to take up the matter with the concerned ministry/department.

**Agenda Points submitted by M/s DHL Express (I) Pvt. Ltd.**

6. Presently, it is taking 90 to 180 days for processing Post-Shipment amendments of Export Documents. Earlier, such amendments were being allowed by Export Group after verifying details in export documents (Shipping Bill, Invoice, Packing List, Purchase Order and Airway Bill). However, now-a-days Export Group is asking Banks to provide confirmation on Bank Remittance status, even though the same can be seen in system (e-BRC). Normally banks do not respond to



such letters from Customs and this further results in prolonged delay in post-shipment amendment process. Six (06) cases of post-shipment amendments of export documents (Shipping Bills) handled by M/s DHL Express (I) Pvt. Ltd. during the period 2018-19 are still pending at ACC Kolkata. [Export Group]

Comments : The Commissioner directed M/s DHL Express (I) Pvt. Ltd. to submit details of relevant Shipping Bills with supporting documents (Invoice, Packing List, Purchase Order, Airway Bill) and follow it up with the concerned Bank & Export Group.

**Agenda Points submitted by MPEDA**

7. Export of perishable shipments reaches its peak during June to November. However, the Old X-ray machine installed in Export Shed is not functioning and occupies a lot of space leaving very less space for palletisation of export shipments. It needs to be replaced with a new X-ray machine. [Export Shed]

Comments : AAICLAS assured that the process of installation of three new X-ray machines is under progress and this work shall be completed by June 2019.

**Agenda Points submitted by AIATSL (Air India)**

8. Kolkata Customs is requested to give permission for transshipment of Bangladesh Export shipments arriving at Kolkata to other foreign destinations via Delhi / Mumbai hub (other Customs Airports in India). [EDI Section]

Comments : The procedure for international transshipment of cargo from one Customs Station to other Customs Stations has been clarified in CBEC Circular No. 08/2011-Customs dated 28.01.2011, which provides the following : “In case of international transhipped cargo (Foreign to Foreign), for the pre-sorted containers, wherein Cargo does not need segregation, ramp to ramp or tail to tail transfer of cargo can be effected, provided the same is carried out under preventive supervision on payment of MOT and Observation of Cargo Transfer Manifest (CTM) procedure. Such cases of transshipment cargo (meant for destination abroad) need not be sent to cargo warehouses. In case of other than pre-sorted containers, the procedure for transshipment, as provided in CBEC Circular No. 06/2007-Customs dated 22.01.2007, would continue to apply”.

Till date, there is no Export T.P. module/menu in EDI system. The representative of AIATSL (Air India) was advised to obtain details of international transshipment documentation and

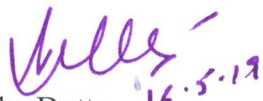
practice/procedure(s) being followed at other Customs locations in this regard. An SOP shall be brought out by EDI section to cover various aspects of this issue (Cargo Transfer Manifest procedure).

9. Members of Trade Associations were told that they are welcome to meet senior officials with details of problems, if any, faced by them in cargo clearance at ACC Kolkata. They can also send email communications (All contact details are given in website [www.kolkatacustoms.gov.in](http://www.kolkatacustoms.gov.in)).

This issues with the approval of the Commissioner of Customs (A&A).

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Date : 16.05.2019

  
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10. FSSAI, Kolkata
11. Regional Plant Quarantine Authority
12. Regional Animal Quarantine Authority
13. Trade

Following officers/members were present in the TFC meeting on 29.04.2019 :

Sl. No.	Name of Officer / Member	Designation / Organisation
1	Manish Chandra	Commissioner of Customs (A&A)
2	M A Ansari	Additional Commissioner of Customs (A&A)
3	Mini Chowdhary	Deputy Commissioner, Import Shed & Export Group
4	Neeharika Inti	Assistant Commissioner, SIB & TFC
5	Vishal Kumar	Appraiser General
6	R N Mishra	Superintendent, Transshipment & EGM/IGM
7	K C Mallick	Superintendent, EDI Section & U.B.
8	Bijay Kumar Shaw	Appraiser, Export Group
9	Aloke Mahto	Appraiser, Export Shed
10	Suwendu Dutta	Appraiser, Drawback & IGST Refund
11	Pradeep Kumar Singh	Senior Manager (Cargo), AAICLAS
12	Z A Ahmed	Senior Manager (Cargo), AAICLAS
13	P. C. Maity	Chairman, CCHAA Airport Committee
14	Samidha Gupta	Regional In-Charge, APEDA
15	Sanjay Singh	Director, GJEPC (Eastern Region)
16	Partha Pratim Kajli	GJEPC (Eastern Region)
17	P Patel	FSSAI
18	Chandan Das	CCHAA
19	Swapan Goswami	ACCAI
20	Soumen Kayal	Clearance Supervisor, DHL Express
21	Sachin Verma	Gateway Supervisor, DHL Express
22	Soumya Chowdhury	AIATSL (Air India)
23	Tanay Karmakar	AIATSL (Air India)
24	Biswajit Bandyopadhyay	AIATSL (Air India)