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**Minutes of "Trade Facilitation Committee" Meeting held in
the Board Room, Custom House, Kolkata on 22.05.2019 at 16:00 hours**

The Trade Facilitation Committee (TFC) Meeting was held on 22.05.2019 at 16:00 hours in the Board Room, Custom House, Kolkata. The meeting was presided over by Shri Manish Chandra, Commissioner of Customs (Airport & Administration).

Following agenda points were discussed in the meeting :

Agenda Points submitted by the Air Cargo Agents Association of India, Eastern Region

1. Service Centre / XEAM personnel are not available at Air Cargo Complex for giving Prints of BE / SB (i) in Morning till 11:30 hours, (ii) in Night after 22:00 hrs. and (iii) on holidays.

[Service Centre / XEAM]

Decision : Service Centre / XEAM representative present in the meeting was directed by the Commissioner to implement fortnightly/weekly roster system with contact details of XEAM personnel mentioned. Copy of such fortnightly/weekly roster has to be given to Customs for display on the ACC Customs Notice board and wide circulation among Trade w.e.f. June 2019.

2. As per the Notice issued by RDD, WCCB (WLA) samples and applications are required to be submitted at Nizam Palace, Kolkata by the CHA holding valid F/G/H Customs passes only. It is difficult for CHA/CBs to depute a Custom F/G/H - Pass holder person at WCCB office to obtain NOC keeping their day-to-day and time bound work pending at Airport Custom station. Earlier, WLA Inspector was posted at Airport Cargo Complex to give NOC instantly. Presently, CB/CHA representatives are bringing samples along with an application to obtain NOC from WCCB. This process causes inordinate delays in the export thereby incurring demurrage at Kolkata Airport.

[WLA / WCCB]

Comments / Decision : Under SWIFT, officials of WCCB/WLA are duty-bound to draw samples for testing in cases where NOC is required from WCCB/WLA. However, no representative of

WLA/WCCB Kolkata has attended TFC Meetings at ACC for more than 12 months despite notices and reminders. Customs shall take up the matter with WCCB Headquarters, New Delhi. DC, ACC has been directed to take action accordingly.

3. In case of SEZ export shipments, for more than one year it has been noticed that very frequently, data does not get transmitted from NSDL to ICEGATE. The fact that data has not transmitted becomes known to the SEZ exporter only after entering the shipment inside Air Cargo Complex. Exporters need to write to DC, ACC for allowing manual export clearance. DC forwards the file to ADC and the entire process of obtaining approval consumes minimum 7 to 10 days. SEZ export shipments are incurring storage charges for these reasons as well. If Customs can allow for some flexibility, the process can be expedited.

[Export Shed, D.G. Systems]

Comments / Decision : Office of the D.G. Systems has to be informed in such cases. Trade informed that Chennai Customs has issued a Public Notice for such cases (Pilot Project, 2015), where AC/DC can allow manual export clearance. EDI Section was asked to study and prepare a similar Public Notice.

4. E-sanchit has already started in Import. In spite of that Import Shed Customs officials are insisting for hard copy of import documents at the time of giving Out of Charge / clearance.

[Import Shed]

Comments / Decision : DC, Import Shed submitted that this is being done only in some cases for practical reasons. Very soon, Hand-held devices for shed officials are expected. Trade is advised to meet AC/DC, whenever such problems are faced in clearance.

Agenda Points submitted by the Gem and Jewellery Export Promotion Council

5. In the TFC meeting dated 29.04.2019 held at Air Cargo Complex, NSCBI Airport GJEPC were assured that in case of gold jewellery Shipping Bills, the misdeclaration “this consignment was not opened for physical examination by Customs” will be discontinued forthwith. But the practice is still continuing. They request that this practice of misdeclaration should be stopped immediately.

[Export Shed]

Comments / Decision : In the last TFC Meeting held on 29.04.2019, a decision had been taken and the Commissioner had directed Export Shed officials to endorse the examination report mentioning all factual findings w.e.f. 03.05.2019. DC, Export Shed was directed to ensure that

henceforth, an endorsement declaring the fact of the consignment having being physically checked shall be made manually on such Shipping Bills before export clearance.

6. For past two weeks, GJEPC exporter members are being directed by Customs to bring their own weighing balance because the weighing machine/balance at Export Shed is no longer functioning. Their members have been directed to bring their own weighing balance in future also because Customs may take several months before a new one is purchased after fulfilling all laid down procedure. [Export Shed]

Comments / Decision : DC, Export Shed was directed to follow up on the issue and arrange for procurement of a new weighing machine/balance for Export Shed, ACC. Exporters should not be asked to bring weighing machine.

7. In spite of the fact that a Gold testing XRF Machine is there at the Air Cargo Complex, still members are directed to bring certificate of purity issued by BIS authorized Hall Marking Centres along with a self-declaration by the exporters ? This is nothing but duplication of the same job. This practice should be stopped forthwith. [Export Shed]

Comments / Decision : Since gold jewellery is a sensitive item, the requirement of a Certificate of Purity issued by BIS authorized Hall Marking Centres can not be done away with suddenly. DC, Export Shed was directed to find out the practice being followed at other airports and arrange for procurement of a new back up Gold testing XRF Machine for Export Shed, ACC.

Agenda Points submitted by the West Bengal Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Exporters Welfare Association

8. Shipping Bills of some exporters are not showing in DGFT server and due to that, exporters are unable to get MEIS benefits. [D.G. Systems]

Comments : If Shipping Bill data is not transmitted from ICEGATE to DGFT server, Customs can not resolve this issue on its own. Exporters should take up the matter with ICEGATE Helpdesk Team / D. G. Systems through email to saksham.seva@icegate.gov.in, si.ices@icegate.gov.in, icegatehelpdesk@icegate.gov.in

9. When Shipping Bill print is not properly/clearly visible, a number of times, field officials of banks refuse to process such Export documents in EDPMS server. Although the Government of

India has omitted the hard copy of S/B submission at bank to support the environment, but banks always insist on photo-copy of S/B to process such Export documents in EDPMS server. [Banks] Comments / Decision : The Commissioner directed DC, Export Group to take action for issuing a Public Notice in this regard. Banks can not insist upon photocopy of Shipping Bills in view of the directive from the Government of India and message exchange.

10. Exporters have to follow the "import regulations" of destination port countries, so they need to provide certain certificate like Phyto-Sanitary Certificate / Lab Test Report or Country of Origin Certificate, etc along with the vegetables consignment as required by importing countries/importers. But as per E.U. guidelines, certain fresh produce (36 in number) does not require any kind of Phyto-Sanitary Certificate for importation in EU region. But they are being asked by Customs to produce such certificates at the time of export clearance at ACC Kolkata. As per the CHA, Customs do not allow export clearance without Phyto-Sanitary Certificate. In case such certificates are not required by the importing country / importer, why must it be required by Indian Customs ?

This issue was raised by them on 28.09.2016, when it was discussed in TFC meetings by FIEO. After that the issue was resolved to their satisfaction by Mr. KAYIO KAYINA T.H., the then Deputy Commissioner of Customs, at ACC Kolkata. But suddenly in the beginning of 2018, ACC Customs stopped allowing export clearance without Phyto-Sanitary Certificate. Please resolve this issue to facilitate the vegetable exporters of Kolkata airport.

[Export Group, Export Shed]

Comments / Decision : In Export Customs clearance, the prevalent practice is that Phyto-Sanitary Certificate/Fumigation Certificate/Lab Test Reports are checked before allowing LEO so that goods are not rejected at the destination port. DC, Export Shed was directed to find out the practice being followed at other airports in this regard.

11. 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 : DC, Export Group was directed to take action for taking up this issue with the concerned department/ministry.

12. Members of Trade Associations were told that they are most welcome to approach AEO helpdesk or EDI Section and meet AC / DC / 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 given in the website www.kolkatacustoms.gov.in).

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

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Date : 11.06.2019

Mini Chowdhary
11/6/19

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11. Regional Plant Quarantine Authority
12. Regional Animal Quarantine Authority
13. WCCB Eastern Region, Kolkata
14. GJEPC Eastern Region, Kolkata
15. APEDA
16. Trade Bodies

Following officers/members were present in the TFC meeting on 22.05.2019 :

Sl. No.	Name of the Officer / Member (Shri/Smt)	Designation / Organisation
1	Manish Chandra	Commissioner of Customs (A&A)
2	Amrendra Narayan	Additional Commissioner of Customs (A&A)
3	Rahul Mahato	Joint Commissioner of Customs (A&A)
4	Jitendra Singh	Joint Commissioner of Customs (Port)
5	Dr. Tanisha Dutta	Deputy Commissioner, Export Shed & Import Group
6	Basant Kumar	Deputy Commissioner of Customs, A-1 (Port)
7	Pauzakham Ngaihte	Deputy Commissioner of Customs, SIB (Port)
8	Santosh Sharan	Deputy Commissioner of Customs, Haldia Port
9	Upendra Dhruv	Deputy Commissioner of Customs, Port
10	Mini Chowdhary	Deputy Commissioner, Import Shed & Export Group
11	Subrata De	Assistant Commissioner, Drawback & PAD (Port)
12	S Mukherjee	Assistant Commissioner, NSD & CFS (Port)
13	Kaushik Das	Assistant Commissioner, KPD & CFS (Port)
14	Aloke Mallick	Assistant Commissioner of Customs, Port
15	Pradeep Jena	Assistant Commissioner of Customs, Port
16	Vishal Kumar	Appraiser General, Airport
17	Manoj Kumar	Appraiser General, Port
18	R N Mishra	Superintendent, Transshipment & EGM/IGM
19	Jawahar Lal Choudhary	Superintendent, Shipping (Port)
20	Xavier Tigga	Appraiser, License Verification (Port)
21	Yogendra Kumar	Superintendent, Export Self Sealing (Port)
22	N K Sarkar	Superintendent, Haldia (Port)
23	M Alok	Superintendent, EDI System (Port)
24	Rahul Nandy	Deputy General Manager (Cargo), AAICLAS
25	Samidha Gupta	Regional In-Charge, APEDA
26	Prakash Ch. Pincha	Regional Chairman, GJEPC (Eastern Region)

27	Kaushik Ghosh	GJEPC (Eastern Region)
28	Sudip Dey	Vice-President, CCHAA
29	P Patel	FSSAI
30	Amit Koley	Regional Secretary, ACCAI
31	Akshay Daga	CCHAA, ACAAI (Daga Shipping Agents Pvt Ltd)
32	S K Kaley	President, WBCHAS
33	Debolina Mukherjee	EEPCI
34	Soukat Ghosh	Service Centre / XEAM
35	Ankush Saha	WBFFV Export Welfare Association
36	Shrilata Ghosh	EEPCI
37	Jaideep Raha	Regional Co-conveyor, AMTOI (Multimodal Transport)
38	Arnab Chakraborty	Management Executive, FIEO