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**MINUTES OF THE CUSTOMS CLEARANCE FACILITATION COMMITTEE
(CCFC) MEETING HELD ON 24.04.2024**

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The meeting of the Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC) of Kolkata Customs Zone was held on 24.04.2024 at 1500 hrs under the Chairmanship of Shri Madan Mohan Singh, Chief Commissioner of Customs, Kolkata Customs Zone. The meeting was conducted via Web Conference.

The following officers/representatives attended the meeting:-

Sl. No.	Name & Designation (Shri/Ms)	Organisation
1.	Shri Gaurav Sinha	Commissioner of Customs (Preventive), WB
2.	Shri S. Devarajan	Additional Commissioner (CCO)
3.	Shri Mayank Sharma	Additional Commissioner (Port)
4.	Shri Brajesh Kumar Singh	Additional Commissioner (Port)
5.	Shri Piyush Katiyar	Additional Commissioner (A&A)
6.	Shri L.T. Bhutia	Assistant Commissioner of Customs (Port)
7.	Shri Ranjit Kumar Hembram	Assistant Commissioner of Customs (AP & ACC)
8.	Shri Rajib Kumar Singha	Assistant Commissioner of Customs (AP & ACC)
9.	Shri Anindita Nag	Assistant Commissioner of Customs (CCO)
10.	Shri Ranjeet Kumar Prasad	Superintendent of Customs (Prev.)
11.	Shri Amarjeet Kumar	Preventive Officer
12.	Shri Tanay Kumar Pal	SMPK
13.	Shri Aviral Jain	ICD Debgram

14.	Shri Farid Jamal	President, CCHAA
15.	Shri Jayanta Sen	Member, Executive Committee & Convenor, Customs Sub Committee:
16.	Shri Sayantan Ghosh	Chairman, Airport Sub Committee
17.	Shri Ashutosh Jaiswal	Vice President, NACFS
18.	Shri Pramod Kumar Shrivastava	President, NACFS
19.	Shri Partha Chakraborty	Representative of ASIC
20.	Shri R. Raghupathi	Balmer Lawrie
21.	Shri Aloy Roy	Transworld CFS
22.	Shri Faiyaj	All Cargo CFS
23.	Shri Subhadip Das	Arseno Exim
24.	Shri Atanu Ghosh	MSC
25.	Shri Arnab Bose	Ralson CFS
Some other officials of various Organizations were also present.		

The Chairman welcomed all the members and opened the conference . The Agenda Points discussed are as follows:

Agenda points sponsored by Shri Sayantan Kr Ghosh, Chairman, Customs Sub Committee:

1. Scanning charges of containers by CFS has not been reduced even after request from CC (Port) in January 2024 to NACFS representative to reduce the same for facilitation of Trade.

Discussion during the Meeting: Taking up the first Agenda point, Shri Mayank Sharma, ADC, Port, informed that the matter has already been discussed in the TFC meeting and all the stakeholders were requested to resolve the issue through mutual consultation as the role of Customs in this regard is limited. Finally, the Chair directed that the stakeholder responsible for such transportation may be spoken to in the matter.

Mr. Pramod Kr. Shrivastava, President of NACFS, informed that very soon a meeting in the matter would be arranged between the stakeholders to look into the matter for further resolution of the problem.

2. The DTCS Scanner is lying ready at Port for past 3 months but not mobilized & only one Scanner is working & there is delay and pendency in scanning.

Discussion during the Meeting: Mr. Pramod Kr. Shrivastava stated that almost 30% containers are being selected for scanning at Kolkata Port, and the present scanning capacity is not enough.

Mr. Mayank Sharma, ADC, Port, informed that a recent visit to the NSD and Container Container Scanning Division shows that there is back log of approx 870 containers to be scanned due to recent increased in containers for scanning by NCTC.

He further informed that the office has written regarding this issue to NCTC requesting reduction in number of containers being ordered for scanning and that the same number is getting reduced. He also stated that discussion on the possibility of increasing the scanning period from 8 AM to 8 PM is on until the second DTCS scanner becomes functional to check the scanning problem. He further informed that in case of urgency, instructions have been issued to field formations to release the containers after 100% examination.

Observation of the Chair: The Chair stated that the second DTCS is ready to function and waiting for the DoL certification and once it comes into operation the issue should be resolved.

3. For Nepal Shipments – Shipping Line are not charging GST but their representative empty Yards are charging GST on return of empty containers whereas GST should not be applicable at all for Nepal Cargo. Further for all Imports in or through India where DO issuance is necessary– its requested that Shipping Lines should charge empty return charges in their DO bills to avoid any problems.

Discussion during the Meeting: Speaking on this Shri Shyantana Ghosh, CCHAA stated that for Nepal shipment no GST is applicable hence, Shipping line is not applying any GST on the bill (on Delivery/Drop off order) against the Nepal Transit shipment (under CTD), but the empty yard affiliated to shipping line is charging GST on return empty container.

On this ASIC representative, Mr. Partha Chakrabarty, stated that Shipping line when issuing DO letter clearly mentions that no GST is to be levied on the Nepal return empty container by the Empty Yard but there has been some cases where this incidence has happened. Further he stated that the issue would be taken up with respective shipping line and the problem would be taken care of.

Clarifying Shri Partha Chakrabarty's statement, Shri Atanu Ghosh, MSC, stated that they have two Empty Yards and when the slot letter (which contains local and Nepal shipment both) along with EXIM code certificate is produced by the respective transporter (Agent, authorized handler) to the Empty Yard, GST is not charged and this is applicable for Bhutan cargo also. Further, he stated that the importer who has been charged GST by empty yard may write to President, ASIC with the slot letter along with other requisite documents for further investigation and resolution of the matter.

4. Shipping Lines not adhering to RFID issuance guidelines as per Addendum I dated 08.04.2023 to Public Notice No. 15/2022 dated 11.04.2022 for Scanning of DPD Importers and due to this– DPD/AEO Importers are suffering and diverting to other Ports.

Discussion during the Meeting: President, CCHAA, Shri Farid Jamal stated that this point has already been discussed with the Port Authority (SMPK), and that they have an appointment with the Commissioner (Port) further stating that once the discussion in the

matter is over they would be informing to the Chair regarding the status of this Agenda issue.

Misc. Issue No.1 raised during the Meeting by Shri Partha Chakrabarty

Representative of ASIC: Representative of ASIC, Mr. Partha Chakrabarty raised the issue of empty containers being selected for scanning which adds up to the additional cost burden on Shipping line and asked for intervention in the matter.

On this, Shri Mayank Sharma, ADC Port added that as the containers are selected by NCTC for scanning and the issue may be referred to NCTC. The Chair instructed Shri S. Devarajan, ADC, CCO to refer the matter to Port Commissionerate for further resolution of the issue.

Direction of the chair:The matter to be referred to Port Commissionerate, Kolkata for resolution.

Action to be taken:- Port Commissionerate

Misc. Issue No.2 raised during the Meeting by Shri Partha Chakrabarty

Representative of ASIC: Representative of ASIC, Mr. Partha Chakrabarty stated that they have cases of containers being required to be re-exported back to Port of Origin for various reasons but the consignee at times refuses to accept the containers at the distribution port here in Kolkata, Haldia etc and that there have been cases when the Shipper wants the containers back in the port of origin. Further, he stated that such containers are lying pending in Kolkata for a long period and requested if a proper procedure could be placed for resolution of the issue.

Direction of the chair: The Chair suggested Mr. Partha Chakrabarty to take up the matter with Port Commissionerate, Kolkata for resolution.

Action to be taken:- Port Commissionerate

Misc. Issue No.3 raised during the Meeting by Shri Aviral Jain, ICD, Dabgram:

Shri Aviral Jain brought up the issue of apportionment of cost recovery charges for ICD, Dabgram which is under CCP . Further, he stated that the matter has been duly represented and that there are officers posted on additional charge at the ICD and as per the latest provision of the policy, the cost recovery charges should be apportioned between the places where the officers concerned are posted which is not being followed.

Direction of the Chair: The matter to be referred to Preventive Commissionerate, WB.

Action to be taken:- Preventive Commissionerate, WB

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

(ANINDITA NAG)
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

Chief Commissioner's Office
Kolkata Customs Zone

Dated: 29-04-2024

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Signed by Anindita Nag
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