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**Minutes of the Trade Facilitation Committee Meeting (TFC) held on
21.01.2020 at 11:00 Hrs in the Board Room of Custom House, Kolkata**

The Trade Facilitation Committee (TFC) Meeting was held in the Board Room of Custom House, Kolkata on 21.01.2020. The meeting was presided over by the Commissioner of Customs (Port). List of Members present in the meeting is annexed.

At the outset, the Chair welcomed all the members present in the meeting and thereafter following issues were discussed.

A.Points Submitted by Calcutta Customs House Agents' Association (CCHAA)

1) There is ICEGATE system problem in assessing B/E pertaining to CTH 2710:

Upon filing the Bill of Entry for import of Naphtha (RITC no. 27101990) in EDI system /RES package, a notification bearing no. **190/78-Customs dated 22.09.1978** gets incorrectly incorporated resulting in jump to higher than actual applicable amount.

In the case of Bill of Entry under MEIS Licence, because of the automatic inclusion of the aforesaid Notfn., the duty involvement become higher than Debit amount in the MEIS Licence and as such stopping the B/E generation in the system.

For both the cases, the notification is then manually deleted by the Group Appraiser on portal each and every time by amending the bill of entry.

Response/Direction: It was informed that the issue has been referred to Directorate General of System vide email dated 20.01.2020. Further, details will be intimated if any reply is received from their end.

The Commissioner of Customs (Port) instructed all the stakeholders to submit a list of all the system /technical issues to the EDI(Port). Based on this list, a meeting will be convened with the officials of Directorate General of

System at local level. The issues which remain unresolved will then be referred to DG System, Delhi or Board.

2) Shifting of import cargo in open truck in case of LCL shipment and Break bulk to Bonded ware house for storage under section 59- of Customs act 1962.

As per present practice for warehousing of LCL shipment covered body vehicle are availed otherwise customs seals cannot be put and getting covered vehicle for LCL Shipment is expensive and less available.

Response/Direction: *Kind attention was drawn towards the Warehoused Goods (Removal) Regulations, 2016 notified vide Notification No. 67/2016- Customs (N.T.). Point 4 of this regulation states “Conditions for transport of goods -Where the goods are removed from the customs station of import to a warehouse or from one warehouse to another warehouse or from the warehouse to a customs station for export, the transport of the goods shall be under one-time lock, affixed by the proper officer or the licensee or the bond officer, as the case may be: Provided that the Principal Commissioner of Customs or Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be, may having regard to the nature of goods or manner of transport, permit transport of the goods without affixing the one-time-lock.”*

Concerns were raised on the time needed to take the permission of Commissioner of Customs for transportation of the goods without affixing the one-time-lock. At this, the Commissioner of Customs stated that permission would be given within one working day i.e. 24 hours.

3) Submission of docket with hard copy of documents in shed whereas all the B/Es getting filed with E-Sanchit, since other Ports are already started without file/hard copy document in Import Shed.

Response/Direction: *Kind attention is drawn towards Kolkata Customs PN No. 11/2018 dated 16.02.2018 on “Pilot implementation of paperless processing under SWIFT- Uploading of Supporting Documents”. As per para 2.3.2 of this PN, some types of supporting documents are required to be presented in original for verification of seal/signature etc. for defacement and for the debit of quantities/value. Trade should present hardcopy of such relevant documents at the time of registration of goods at the Docks/Haldia/CFSs. It may however be noted that all supporting documents shall be uploaded digitally, including those documents that must be presented in hardcopy.*

The Commissioner of Customs (Port) further instructed to prepare a list of documents which are mandatorily required to be presented in original. Moreover, it was clarified that all supporting documents, including those that

must be presented in original /hardcopy must be uploaded digitally, failing which, no waiver will be considered in this regard for a period of at least one month.

With no other points in the agenda to be discussed, the following issues were allowed to be discussed:

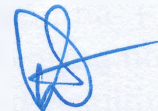
4. Terminal Handling charges for clearance of containers at Kolkata/Haldia Port.

Response/Direction: It was informed by the Commissioner of Customs (Port) that a Public Notice no. 05/2020 dated 16.01.2020 has already been issued in this regard. Moreover, it was also pointed out that the PN is based on the circular and clarification of Directorate General of Shipping.

5. Examination of consignment at Netaji Subhash Dock (NSD).

Concerns were raised regarding movement of container from NSD to CFS whenever RMS/Group prescribes examination.

Response/Direction: It was instructed by the Commissioner of Customs (Port) not to conduct any "examination on wheels". He further instructed that examination of consignments is to be done in NSD itself at the designated areas earmarked for examination purpose only, as confirmed by KoPT.



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F. No. S106 (Misc)-07/2011 A (G) Pt-VI Joint Commissioner of Customs (Port)
Dated: 23.01.2020 Custom House, Kolkata

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7. All participants.