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MINUTES OF THE TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE MEETING (TFC)
HELD ON 08.08.2023 AT 11:30 HOURS

The Trade Facilitation Committee (TFC) Meeting in August 2023 was held on 08.08.2023 (Tuesday) at 11:30 Hours in the Conference Room, Custom House Kolkata. The meeting was presided over by Shri Aaur Rahman, Commissioner of Customs (Port Commissionerate, with additional charge of A&A Commissionerate). The meeting was jointly convened for both PORT and A&A Commissionerate, with officers and stakeholders of both commissionerates taking part in the meeting.

The following attended the meeting:

DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS		
PORT COMMISSIONERATE		
Sl. No.	NAME (Sh/Smt)	DESIGNATION (of Customs)
1.	S. Devarajan	Additional Commissioner
2.	Bheem Ratna Rawat	Joint Commissioner
3.	Brajesh Kumar Singh	Joint Commissioner
4.	Abhinaw Kumar	Deputy Commissioner
5.	Sovon Kumar Mandal	Deputy Commissioner
6.	Bharati Singh	Assistant Commissioner
7.	Abhijit Dutta	Assistant Commissioner
8.	Santosh Jaiswal	Assistant Commissioner
9.	P K Joardar	Assistant Commissioner
10.	Y K Mehta	Assistant Commissioner
11.	Sumit Kumar II	Appraiser
12.	Avinash Kumar	Superintendent
13.	Kishan Shukla	Examiner

DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS		
AP&ACC COMMISSIONERATE		

Sl. No.	NAME (Shri)	DESIGNATION (of Customs)
1.	Kale Sushilkumar Gobindrao	Additional Commissioner
2.	Piyush Katiyar	Joint Commissioner
3.	Ranjit Kumar Hembram	Assistant Commissioner
4.	Bappaditya Banerjee	Assistant Commissioner
5.	R. K Sinha	Assistant Commissioner
6.	Ashwini Kumar Choudhary	Appraiser
7.	Mayukh Mukherjee	Examiner
8.	Sanuj kumar Gupta	Tax Assistant

PGA/TRADE REPRESENTATIVES		
Sl. No.	NAME (Shri)	Organization
1.	Prashanta Kumar	SMPA
2.	Tanay kr Pal	SMPA
3.	Ali Haider	CCHAA
4.	P. C. Maity	CCHAA
5.	Saroj Kumar Mehar	FSSAI
6.	Sourav Laha	NALCO
7.	G.A Lyndem	NALCO
8.	Darshan Lal Dhondiyal	MPEDA
9.	Debashish Dasgupta	AllCargo CFS
10.	Mahesh Saboo	Z.A Seafoods Pvt Ltd

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

Issues pertaining to PORT Commissionerate:

Agenda Points Sponsored by Shyama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata:

1. The Drive Through Container Scanner (DTCS) is required to be put into commission urgently.

Directions of the chair: The chair informed that once the demarcation of areas for DTCS is done by SMP, Customs will issue necessary notifications for the same. The chair further directed CSD to review the

progress in this matter.

[Action: AC-CSD]

Agenda Points Sponsored by Shyama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata:

2. During the course of day to day operation, several issues arise due to problem in transmission of data from ICEGATE to port's system through NLP portal. The NLP team has indicated that help-desk of ICEGATE is not responsive enough, resulting in delays in processing of data affecting the trade.

Directions of the chair: *The chair asked the representatives of SMPK to provide specific instances where the issues have been cropping up, so that necessary action may be taken.*

Agenda Points Sponsored by Shyama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata:

3. Scanning Lists on many occasions are not received in time.

Directions of the chair: *The chair directed CSD to bring the matter to the notice of NCTC for reducing the delay in the receipts of scanning lists.*

[Action: AC-CSD]

Agenda Points Sponsored by MPEDA

4. First of all due to the draught problem in Kolkata port most of the vessels get stuck and departure is delayed.

Discussions during the meeting: *Sr. Dy. Traffic Manager for Traffic Manager, SMP, Kolkata said that unlike other seaports, Kolkata Port is a riverine port, so the advantages of seaport are not there in riverine ports which is dependent on tides.*

Further, Kolkata port faces tides only during the day, hence night navigation of vessels is not possible at Kolkata Port. Therefore, presently there is a delay in the departure of vessels.

Directions of the chair: *The matter pertained to SMPK.*

Agenda Points Sponsored by MPEDA

5. There are congestion in the port all the time due to shortage of port equipment which hindrance the container movement. it causes unnecessary delay.

6. Most of the vessel arrived at Kolkata port are not getting berth on scheduled

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time and anchored outside the port. Automatically, it causes delay in the departure of that vessel and for this delay we have to bear the extra charges of monitoring / electricity of the container in every cases.

Discussions during the meeting: Sr. Dy. Traffic Manager For Traffic Manager, SMP, Kolkata informed that the Port is operating under 3 mobile harbor cranes. There is a further increase in the bunching of ships this year which is the prime reason for congestion. It is expected that things will get better by the end of this financial year with the coming of geared ships. A further arrangement of one (1) more crane is under process.

Directions of the chair: The matter pertained to SMPK.

Agenda Points Sponsored by MPEDA

7. From the entry time into the port to get plugged-in, there is a long time process actually and all the containers are waiting on a long queue. The process period must be decreased because our cargo contains highly perishable goods and it may get damage if not plugged-in by the time.

Discussions during the meeting: Sr. Dy. Traffic Manager for Traffic Manager, SMP, Kolkata said that there is a designated spot for reefer containers containing perishable goods. The specific cases, where these issues are being faced by trade, may be brought to the notice of SMPK authorities at terminals itself for quick remedial action.

Directions of the chair: The matter pertained to SMPK.

Agenda Points Sponsored by MPEDA

8. The system of Kolkata port is now online and many times the server / process has been collapsed and the container is not allowed to enter inside the port. Though sometimes it is done manually but most of the cases the container retains at CFS.

Discussions during the meeting: Sr. Dy. Traffic Manager For Traffic Manager, SMP, Kolkata informed that the matter of server collapse is being discussed over and may be resolved in due time.

Directions of the chair: The matter pertained to SMPK.

Agenda Points Sponsored by WCCB:

9. VPN Mapping of office Desktop Computer and Installation of Cisco Any Connect Mobility Client : One desktop computer of the WCCB,ER, Kolkata office was mapped (VPN) to perform SWIFT NOC during the start of online clearance system 5 years back. However, since 06.07.2023, the concern officers are unable to establish VPN connection in the said desktop computer. Several emails are sent to Saksham Seva and System Manager CCU1 with duly filled VPN mapping templates to resolve the issue urgently. The issue requires urgent attention and it is requested to depute one professional person for installation of Cisco AnyConnect Mobility Client at the new Desktop Computer of this office for smooth functioning please.

Discussions during the meeting: EDI port has received the VPN mapping template from WCCB ER, Kolkata and the same has been forwarded to Saksham Seva team for mapping of VPN ID. The Ticket has been raised and the communication is on with Saksham Seva. An early resolution is expected.

MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES (Port):

- 1. Agenda Points Sponsored by Sr. Dy. Traffic Manager For Traffic Manager, SMP, Kolkata :** When IGM is amended, the IGM amendment messages are not being received by NLP of SMPK. Similarly, the LEO messages are not being received too in NLP.

Directions of the chair: The chair asked the representatives of SMPK to put forward specific instances where the issues has occurred, so that the matter may be taken up with ICEGATE to investigate the matter.

- 2. Agenda Points Sponsored by FSSAI:** In cases of Bill of Entry with multiple items, it is not specified which items need NOC of FSSAI and which items have been waived from NOC of FSSAI.

Directions of the chair: The chair asked FSSAI representative to mail the specific case details on agunit-kolcusport@gov.in so that the matter may be taken up.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the presiding officer. This issues with approval of the Commissioner of Customs (Port).

Additional Commissioner of Customs

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Appraising General (Port)
Custom House, Kolkata

Date: 18-08-2023

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