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**Minutes of the Trade Facilitation Committee Meeting (TFC) held on
22.07.2020 at 16:00 Hrs through web conference.**

The Trade Facilitation Committee Meeting was held on 22.07.2020 at 12.30 PM through web conference. The meeting was presided over by the Principal Commissioner of Customs (Port).

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

A. Points Submitted by Association of Shipping Interests in Calcutta (ASIC)

1. ETP

a) With regards to ETP, bond status (both for debit & credit) cannot be seen by the Carriers.

b) As a matter of procedural steps ETP can only be done once "LEO" is given in system. In case "LEO" is given on Friday, CHA/Shipper can only process the ETP on next working day and by that time coastal vessel may have reached the next port of call. In between further loading of containers in subsequent mainline from gateway port will be on hold since 'Allow Shipment' cannot be fed in system by Customs at Gateway Port in absence of 'ETP' and it might miss the mainline connection as well. Therefore, it was suggested to open up a helpdesk & Service Centre at Dock Customs enabling the CHA to process the ETP at Port itself as a Trade facilitation measure.

Response/Direction: It was informed during the meeting that there is no such option available in the EDI System to see the bond status. The matter has been brought to the notice of Saksham Seva by EDI Section. Steps will be taken as soon as any solution is received.

For Help Desk and Service Centre at Dock, it was informed that the matter will be examined and decision taken in this regard will be informed accordingly.

[Action: AC/DC (EDI)]

2. Re crediting of CO Bond at Customs

Response/Direction: It was informed by the 'Container Cell' that after implementation of CFS & Gate Module under ICES Version 1.5, re-crediting of CO Bonds cannot be performed automatically on the basis of EDI Shipping Bills/EGMs. The same has been mentioned in Para-9 of the Public Notice 07/2018 dated. 23.01.2018. However, DG System may be requested to enable the auto re-credit of CO Bond in ICES System on the basis of EGMs/EDI Shipping Bills.

As such SCP/PO posted in the Container Cell verifies the details given by MLO from SB Enquiry option in ICES, whether stuffing is made for the Shipping Bills and then recommend the re-crediting of CO-Bonds to AC/DC of Customs (Transshipment).

Regarding submitting the export details in the e-mail, Container Cell is processing to re-credit the CO bonds and accordingly issuing certificates of re-export of containers.

Principal Commissioner directed that Container Cell to examine the issue and suggest remedial measures in consultation with EDI Section.

[Action: AC/DC (Container Cell)]

3. Re-shipment procedure of unclaimed & uncleared cargo – Public Notice to simplify the process.

Response/Direction: It was informed that Section 23 of Customs Act, 1962 governs abandonment cases. Ownership of imported cargo is a complex and legal issue, determination of which depends upon specific circumstances. Hence, procedure for re-shipment of unclaimed & uncleared cargo, arising out of commercial dispute between importer and exporter depends on case to case basis. Depending on the type of cargo (restricted/prohibited or free etc.), parties involved, country of origin, specific intelligence etc, it may require detailed examination by SIB/DRI, no objection may also be required from various sections of Custom House. Moreover, Custodian may also have a say if cargo is abandoned (Section 48 of Customs Act, 1962). In view of above, it is seen that no uniform procedure can be evolved and the matter is handled only on case to case as per provisions of various sections of the Customs Act, 1962.

4. SCMT Helpdesk at Kolkata Customs – As SCMTR is going to be launched from 1st August, 2020 while continuing with current IGM filing systems, it was requested for a local Help desk to address any matter of immediate concern to keep the manifest filing and cargo delivery smooth.

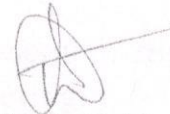
Response/Direction: It was informed during the meeting that EDI Helpdesk (Port), available at 1st Floor in Custom House, Kolkata may be contacted for any kind of technical issues faced by the stakeholders for Sea Cargo Manifest Regulations (SCMTR). It was also brought to notice of stakeholders that a Public Notice 11/2020 dated 05.02.2020 has already been issued regarding registration and application process under SCMTR.

Moreover, as requested a SCMT Helpdesk with the name, phone no. email-ID of Official(s) will be made available soon.

[Action: AC/DC (EDI)]

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

This issues with the approval of the Pr. Commissioner of Customs (Port), Kolkata.



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7. All participants.

[Action: AC/DC (EDI)]