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**Minutes of the Trade Facilitation Committee Meeting (TFC) held on
28.08.2020 at 16:00 Hrs through web conference.**

The Trade Facilitation Committee (TFC) Meeting for Port Commissionerate was held on 28.08.2020 at 1600 Hours through web conference. The meeting was presided over by the Pr. 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 "Calcutta Custom House Agent's Association (CCHAA)"

1. Modification of PN 6/2018 was requested whereby time slots were notified for import goods registration of RMS facilitated consignments and examination consignments at CFSs and Dock. This had also ensured that work at the CFS & Docks started early. Now that import registration can be done online, modification of the PN was requested.

Response/Direction:

It was informed that the option of online registration by the importer/CHA is available. However, still a number of RMS facilitated consignments come for registration by Customs at Dock and CFSs. The Public Notice 06/2018 prescribes time slots for registration and examination for ease of trade. This was based on the traffic regulations issued by Kolkata Police Commissionerate. If any change is suggested, that will be considered on merits and feasibility.

Moreover, the Chair also instructed all officers posted at Dock to emphasise on registration of RMS facilitated consignments in the first time slot rather than in the second time slot.

[Action: AC/DC (NS Dock)]

2. It is now experienced that export Cart-In orders are delayed. In such cases RFID sealed DPE containers have to wait for effecting shipments, as entry into Port requires a Cart-In order from the Shipping Lines. It was requested that RFID readers be made available the CFS so that LEO can be done immediately.

Response/Direction:

It was informed that the Direct Port Entry (DPE) facility is extended to all RFID self-sealed containers of exporters. In this regard, attention was drawn towards relevant Board's Circulars are 37/2017, Para 5.2 & 5.3 of 41/2017 and 44/2017. On the basis of above Circulars, a Public Notice No. 72/2017 has already been issued by Kolkata Port Commissionerate. It was brought to the notice that there is no mention of CFSs in the above mentioned Circulars for RFID self-sealed Direct Port Entry containers, only Port and ICDs have been referred.

However, the Chair opined that a reference can be made to the Board for extending such facility to CFSs also.

[Action: AC/DC (AG Unit (Port))]

3. As per the TFC meeting held on 21.08.2019 matter related to ETP, Principal Commissioner stated that the facility of Service Centre at Balmer Lawrie CFS can be availed and instructed CMC representative that the Service should be availed on Sundays and Holidays also. Still, our representative needs to go to Custom House Service Centre to file the ETP then again carry the Hardcopy to their respective place where the consignment is and then get formalities done. Our request to the chair is to expedite and arrange for ETP to be done at the place of Export consignments.

Response/Direction:

It was informed that an email has been sent to XEAM Ventures and Balmer Lawrie CFS informing them about the concern/issue raised by CCHAA and accordingly they have been asked to examine the issue and to take necessary action.

The Chair opined that it was a genuine problem and the issue would be taken up again for its early resolution.

[Action: AC/DC (EDI (Port) and AC/DC (CFS- Balmer Lawrie)]

4) **Ship Store- Issue**

As per the TFC meeting held on 21.08.2019, in the matter related to Ship Store, the Principal Commissioner of Customs accepted that for all perishable goods supplied as Ship Stores, filing of Manual Shipping

Bill will be permitted. After manual Filing, data must be captured in the EDI system within two days of such manual Shipping Bills.

It was requested to allow manual filing of shipping bills for ship stores. Supply to ships at Budge Budge, Diamond Harbour & Sagar Port requires the ship handler to get the LEO from the Custom House, Strand Road a distance of around 30 to 50 Kilometers. The other Ports in India are working in manual mode for both perishable and other goods supplied for Ship stores.

So, it was requested to allow Manual filing of Shipping Bills for perishable as well as for other goods since turnaround time of the Vessel at the ports is very short. Data may be captured in the EDI system within two working days after the consignment is completed of such manual Shipping bills.

Response/Direction:

It was informed that filing of Shipping Bill in the EDI System for supply of ship stores is followed in other major Indian Ports including Nava Sheva, Mumbai. Moreover, a Public Notice No. 100/2018 based on similar P.N of JNCH has already been issued by Kolkata Customs. Hence, blanket permission for manual filing of Shipping Bill, when everything is on ICES, is not desirable at this stage. However, in case of any problem, matter may be resolved in consultation with AC/DC Export on case to case basis.

5. Linking of Duty Exemption Certificates to Bills of Entry

Ministry - Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas

Directorate - Directorate General of Hydrocarbon (DGH)

Certificate: Essentiality Certificate

Duty Exempt Not: 050/2017 SL 404(a)

Uploaded by - DGH thru E-sanchit in Ice gate & generates IRN, DRN, etc

Certificate copy is not given to CHA for e-sanchit. We only get Certificate No & date which we put in BE. This IRN, DRN upload details from DGH cannot be tracked by Port/CFS Customs while searching using IRN & hence is not linked with BE filed by us. So again we have to go to the service center and link this IRN, DRN details with BE - only after which it is linked and cargo can be released. Annually minimum 300+ Imports only in Kolkata.

Response/Direction:

It was informed that an email has been sent to Saksham Seva and Icegate for examining the issue and to take necessary action.

(Action: AC/DC (EDI (Port)

6. Creation of DPD/RMS facilitation Centre at Custom House Kolkata

It was requested to create a DPD/RMS facilitation Centre at Custom House Kolkata in light of Circular No 28/2020 dated 05.06.2020 and Instruction No 09-2020customs dated 05.06.2020 for FACELESS Assessment under Turant Customs.

Response/Direction:

It was informed that a Public Notice No. 46/2020 dated 14.07.2020 regarding "Turant Customs- Turant Suvidha Kendra and other initiatives for Contactless Customs" has already been issued. "Turant Suvidha Kendra" will start functioning when the faceless assessment is introduced in Kolkata. Two "Suvidha Kendras" one each at Kolkata and Haldia are proposed to be operated.

It was also informed that one DPD cell is also being created. In Chennai Customs House, DPD cell located at Customs House is registering and giving out of charge RMS facilitated Bills of Entry. Such system cannot be created here. RMS facilitated Bills of Entry also require checking container no. and seal no.. Further various RMS instructions have to be complied with. One set of officers sitting at Customs House should not and cannot handle 70% documents, for which adequate officers are posted at different CFSs and NSD. Further, it will lead to crowding of Customs House which will be in violation of Covid pandemic guidelines.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

This issues with the approval of the Pr. Commissioner of Customs, Port Commissionerate.



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Custom House, Kolkata

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